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Fire Chief David R. Mohr Retires After Serving Mayfield Village for 33 Years

Current and former members of the Mayfield Village Fire Department gathered at the Fire Station to say goodbye to Fire Chief Dave Mohr.

Pictured Top Row: Luke Williams, Don Bear, Jason Brothers, Mike Kalinowski. *Middle Row:* Nick Lanzara, Ron Francioso, Ken Shrefler, Rick Teckmyer, Paul Byrne, Gino Carcioppolo, Mike Santilli, Bob Jamieson, Chief Dave Mohr, Pat Guhde, Chuck Sedgley, Jeff Lanhan, Al Taddeo. *Bottom Row:* John Lisy, Mike Girbino, Bruce Sundman, John Panzero.

Right: Chief Mohr with long-time Fire Department Executive Assistant, Cheryl Garinger.

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Civic Center / 440-461-2210

Lyndhurst Municipal Court / 440-461-6500

Parkview Pool / 440-446-1688

Mayfield City Schools / 440-995-6800

Mayfield Library / 440-473-0350

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HAR Radio (public service announcements) / 1640 AM

Twenty Years (But Who's Counting?)

Memo from the Mayor / Bruce G. Rinker

Mayor Bruce G. Rinker

February 2013 marks my twentieth year as the Mayor of Mayfield Village. No matter how many projects are completed or how many improvements are made, I continue to have more ideas and goals for the coming year! But first, a glimpse back at 2012:

Communications

In 2012 we continued to utilize the Mayfield Village website, e-mail blasts, Facebook and Twitter to provide real-time information to residents. Last January, we implemented "CodeRed", our emergency notification system which has grown to include over 6,000 phone numbers. I recently mailed out a Village-wide reminder urging all of you to subscribe to this excellent service. Check the website or call the Police Dept. at 440-461-1234 to add your home, business and/or cell number.

Enhanced Senior Services

The mailing also included information about our membership in the *Community Partnership on Aging* and described its diverse offerings to our seniors. This consortium is an excellent example of the value of regionalism that transcends municipal boundaries. (We joined long-time members Lyndhurst, South Euclid and Highland Hts. and two-year member Mayfield Hts.). We are able to provide programs and services at a fraction of what it would cost each community individually. I hope our seniors will take note and utilize all that the Partnership offers.

The Library broke ground in May of 2012 and construction of the new facility has progressed very quickly. We look forward to attending a grand opening sometime in April 2013. Here are some recent photos:

Future Library main entrance.

Interior curved glass wall overlooking Greenway Trail.

Northwest corner with natural stone siding.

Capital Projects

We completed several large capital improvement projects in 2012:

- In furtherance of our methodical plan to repave all the streets in the Village, we resurfaced all of the Aintree North neighborhood.

- We installed a sidewalk on Highland Road, from I-271 to the trail underpass, including storm water management enhancements.

- The old Village Hall and Police Station were razed and the Community Room parking lot was reduced, redesigned and resurfaced. With the cooperation of the Mayfield School District, we closed two curb cuts and can now utilize the bus drive to allow access to the Community Room from Wilson Mills. The changes to ingress/egress points have improved traffic movements in the busy SOM/Wilson Mills intersection.

  We were also able to use available dirt to create gentle mounding on this property. Some adjustments must yet be made to the mounding north of the gazebo and we intend to enhance the landscaping, but the work at this site is virtually complete.

- We have neared the completion of design and engineering plans for the Greenway Trail. As our costs increased due to the need for additional boardwalk to avoid wetland areas, we prevailed upon NOACA to add almost a quarter of a million dollars for a total grant of $866,000. The business and property owners on Beta Drive who have recognized the value of this project to the community and to their property, deserve our thanks. Collectively, they have contributed an additional quarter of a million dollars' worth of land on which the all-purpose paved route will run. Without their participation, the Greenway Trail simply would not be possible. These are valuable public/private partnerships. Our current schedule is to bid this project in April, begin construction in June and complete the trail this year.

Future Projects

Now, on to 2013:

- Septic-to-sewer conversion on Eastgate Drive and Meadowood Road. We have applied to DOPWIC for a grant as well as a 0% interest loan for this project. We expect to know by July if our application will be successful. This project has a total cost of over $2.5 million and, even with grant and loan dollars, the Village's share of the cost will be $1.5 million. For the past few years, we have gradually set aside over $1.2 million in anticipation of this project, including a $600,000 estate tax settlement that we received in 2012.

- Continued repaving of streets: This year, the Kenwood neighborhood.
- Installation of full-service restrooms at both the Parkview Softball and Soccer Field venues.
- Continuation of the Highland Road sidewalk to SOM Center Road.
- Landscaping the Aintree Park cul-de-sacs.
- Basic infrastructure improvements to The Grove for programming anticipated to begin in 2014.

Except for the potential 0% loan for the Eastgate/Meadowood sewer conversion, which will be repaid through the assessments to the homeowners being connected, we continue to fund all these projects without incurring additional debt. (And note, too, that such individual assessments are both highly discounted and set at virtually the same price historically borne by every home that has undergone this conversion). In furtherance of the 5-point plan we implemented in 2010, managed under the watchful eye of Finance Director Ron Wynne, we continue to reduce our long-term debt even as we increase our reserves.

I will provide my annual State of the Village report in the April issue of the *Voice of the Village* and Ron and I will host a **Town Hall Meeting on April 29 at 7:00 p.m.** to review Mayfield Village's finances with you in detail.

FAIRMOUNT CENTER for the Arts

Fairmount's Cabaret Extravaganza

Featuring local talent from Fairmount Performing Arts Conservatory, Fairmount Dance Theatre and Fairmount Spanish Dancers. Join us as they perform some of the greatest musical selections, dance numbers, comedy routines & more from on and off Broadway. Presented at Reserve Hall in the Mayfield Village Civic Center for three nights only!

Friday, February 22 at 7:30 pm

Saturday, February 23 at 7:30 pm

Sunday, February 24 at 2:00 pm

Be sure to get tickets for the Fairmount Benefit Reception prior to Saturday's performance (February 23) to see some one night only performances and help support the Fairmount Center for the Arts!

Admission: $10 for the *Cabaret* / $25 for the *Cabaret* and Reception

To purchase tickets visit www.fairmountcenter.org or call 440-338-3171 for more information.

Senior Services Offered Through Community Partnership on Aging

Services Offered to Mayfield Village Seniors:

- 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

Call for more information!

Tom Marrie / Council at Large

Thomas J. Marrie
Council at Large

I hope all of you and your families had a Merry Christmas and a Happy Holiday and may all of you have a very happy, safe and healthy New Year!

Our very best wishes to three of our long time and loyal associates who retired from our Village at the end of the year:

- Chief Dave Mohr after 33 years in our Fire Dept.
- Terry Skomrock after 26 years in our Police Dept.
- Jim Dolatowski after 17 years in our Service Dept.

They all served our Village with tremendous loyalty and dedication. We truly owe them a debt of gratitude and wish them a very happy retirement filled with good health and hope they have a wonderful time enjoying the freedom and pleasure that is waiting for them. May the world always be as wonderful for them as they made it for others. Thank you for making our Village a better place to live. Good Luck and God Bless you.

The Recreation Committee held their annual Santa ride and Christmas party for our Village children on December 1st and it was a huge success. The weather was very mild, so Santa Claus did not get cold and he enjoyed his ride and visit and the children certainly did also. The very thoughtful folks who gave of their time to make this a success were Meg Stifler (chairperson), Shelly Kovacevic, Pat Andrzejczyk, Kate Sullivan, Peggy Kerver (and children), Paula Conte and, last but not least, Dave Perout (AKA: you know who). Thanks to all these folks and to Danielle Echt, our Assistant Recreation Director for her help in organizing the event. Volunteers like these folks help make this a great place to live.

The Euclid Industries building on Beta Drive is being purchased by an investment group who will renovate it and lease it. This happened through the efforts of Ted Esborn, our Economic Development Director and the Planning Development Department. This is very good news because it has been empty for quite a while and it is our second largest building, next to Progressive.

The land north of the soccer fields will soon see some action. Some office buildings will be built there that will look similar to Governor's Village.

Plans are being developed to put permanent restrooms possibly at both the soccer and baseball fields.

The Eastgate and Meadowood sewer project fund got a big boost with the Village receiving a large estate tax settlement which will go towards that project.

Please be sure to read the letter sent to all Village residents by the Mayor concerning "Code Red", our Emergency Communication system and our membership renewal in the Community Partnership on Aging.

Welcome to the new owners of Village Market, who are Village residents, John and Nancy Marra.

Thanks to the Service Dept. for their usual great response to our recent heavy snowfall.

Wishing everyone a Happy Easter and a Happy Passover!

Patsy Mills / Council Ward 2

Patsy Mills
Council at Large

Welcome to the New Year 2013.

We are sad to have to say goodbye to 2012. Fire Chief David Mohr, Terry Skomrock, Executive Assistant in the Police Department, and Jim Dolatowski from the Service Department have all retired from Mayfield Village. We wish them well in their new adventures and we will miss them. Each has been devoted to serving the residents of the Village for many years.

For information regarding; Code Red (our emergency phone alert system) Smoke Alarms, and Knox Boxes (a means for the EMS to enter a property in emergency), call 440-461-1208. Questions about any of these services will be answered.

The Community Partnership on Aging is new to the Village. There are many services offered through this agency that could possibly be of benefit to you. The Mayfield Village Commission on Aging has not changed. It still offers many special programs for all age groups, not just seniors. These programs are listed in the Recreation Brochure and in the VOV. For additional information, please call at Donna Heath at 440-919-2332.

The Commission on Aging is planning to have a Seminar at the Community Room on Friday, June 28th to help residents understand the services that are offered in the Village. This meeting will also help the Village understand what additional services or activities are needed.

The Activities Committee will be starting their yearly planning in January at the Civic Center. This Committee meets monthly and will discuss the events that occur in the Village during the year. If you have an interest, please call me for further details at 440-449-4922. Mother's Day Pancake Breakfast will be the main topic. Volunteers are what make Mayfield Village a wonderful place to live and work. Your help is needed.

Notice: Start saving any documents etc. that you need to have shredded. On May 18, from 9 am to noon, the Shredding Truck will be in the Civic Center Lot.

I hope by this time everyone is using the new Recycling Toters. It is interesting to note that the Village's recycled poundage has increased and the other garbage has declined. Recycling is great benefit to us all.

Mayfield Village Recycles!

2013 RECYCLING DATES

DATES & TIMES

Feb 2 thru 9

April 27 thru May 4

Aug 3 thru 10

Nov 9 thru 16

Mon—Fri, 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Saturdays, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

COMPUTERS, SCRAP TIRES AND HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

Drop off all items at the Service Department

610 SOM Center Road

For information on what recyclables will be accepted, call 440-442-5506 or go to the Service Department page at www.mayfieldvillage.com.

Legal Implications of Social Media Use

Joseph W. Diemert, Jr. / Law Director

The growth of social media is undeniable. Its reach is so extensive that even the Pope now has a Twitter account! In fact, with over 500 million users, Twitter would be one of the largest countries in the world if it were a country. Social media has also extended into the professional networking sphere with the advent of LinkedIn, which claims that it registers two new members every second. Of course, the explosion of social media has carried with it countless new legal issues, many of which courts have not yet tackled. Three particularly interesting issues are privacy concerns in the workplace, the use of social media as evidence in litigation, and the propriety of judges using social media.

Privacy in the workplace

It is no secret that many employers screen a potential candidate's social media use to acquire information on that person. In fact, CareerBuilder.com estimates that 20% of employers search social networking sites to screen potential candidates and that 41% cite alcohol and drug use as a major reason for conducting such searches. However, the Ohio Legislature is attempting to make it more difficult for employers to conduct these searches. The Ohio Senate has before it a pending bill, State Senate Bill 351, which would prohibit employers from requiring an applicant to provide access to private electronic accounts of the applicant. The bill construes "access" to mean usernames and passwords. Senate Bill 351 is currently pending before the Senate Insurance, Commerce, and Labor Committee. The federal government is also considering similar legislation. In April 2012, the U.S. House of Representatives introduced the Social Networking Online Protection Act, and the Password Protection Act was introduced in the U.S. Senate, both of which aim to prevent employers from requiring access to their employees' social media networks.

Once an applicant is hired, an employee must still be wary of their social media activities. While employers may not terminate employees for discussing topics such as wages and working conditions, not all speech is protected by the First Amendment's guarantee of freedom of speech. A federal district court in Ohio recently held that an employee's termination was lawful when the employee was terminated for posting an email through Facebook with disparaging comments about a supervisor whom the employee thought has been terminated. The court based its decision in part on the rule that there is no clear public policy forbidding private actors from restricting speech.

Use of social media as evidence

As more people post information about and photos of themselves online, some attorneys are attempting to acquire that information in an effort to damage their adversary's case. The issue is particularly relevant in the area of domestic relations, where one parent may use such information to show that the other parent is unfit to care for children. Although many attorneys counsel their clients to either remove material or restrict outside access, some are attempting to obtain private information through the use of subpoenas. A party can issue a subpoena directly to the administrator of the network asking for password-protected information. Thus, the mere blocking of photos and other information may not be enough to protect a party in court. It appears that no court in Ohio has addressed the

Joseph W. Diemert, Jr.
Law Director

Social Media (continued)

validity of gaining unrestricted access to a party's social networking use by subpoena.

Propriety of judges using social media

Even judges are affected by the legal implications of social media. An interesting example comes from North Carolina, where a judge was sanctioned for social networking misconduct. During a child custody case, the judge "friended" one of the attorneys appearing before him, even exchanging Facebook comments with the attorney about the case. The North Carolina Judicial Standard Commission concluded that the judge had unlawful *ex parte* conversations (communications with one attorney outside the presence of the opposing attorney) by communicating with the attorney via Facebook. The Commission reasoned that that judge failed to preserve the independence and impartiality of the judiciary.

While no Ohio court has faced a situation similar to that in North Carolina, the Supreme Court of Ohio Board of Commissioners on Grievances and Disciple issued an advisory opinion in December 2010 relating to a judge's use of social media. The main thrust of the opinion is that judges may "friend" other attorneys on social networking sites, even if the attorney appears as counsel before the judge. The opinion, however, articulated specific guidelines for judges to follow when using social networking sites.

Conclusion

The issues discussed above are only a fraction of what courts are currently encountering. The world of social media has opened up legal issues that courts will inevitably address in the future. In the meantime, it is best to act cautiously in deciding what to post on Facebook, Twitter, or any other social network.

Euclid Creek Watershed Event

Green Cleaning Workshop for Inside and Out

Tuesday, March 12th, 2013 6:30-8:00pm

Mayfield Village Community Room - 6621 Wilson Mills Rd., 44143

Cost: $10 fee for the price of materials, spray bottles and recipes

Registration Required: by March 5

To Register or for more details:

Contact Euclid Creek Watershed Coordinator, Claire Posius, at 216-524-6580 x16 or cposius@cuyahogaswcd.org or go to www.cuyahogaswcd.org.

clean + go green

Columbia University Facilities logo

Inside: Learn about easy, affordable and safe cleaning products you can make with everyday household ingredients.

Outside: Learn how to avoid toxins in yard care and insect control.

Workshop Sponsors:

Cuyahoga Soil and Water Conservation District

Mayfield Village

Friends of Euclid Creek

Replace toxic cleaning and landscaping products with safe alternatives to protect children, pets and our local watersheds!

Holidays in Mayfield Village

Bill Thomas / Director of Parks & Recreation

Bill Thomas
Director of Recreation

Celebrating the holidays in Mayfield Village and being involved in the festivities is one of the best parts of my job. Between the Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony, the Menorah Lighting Ceremony, the annual Singing Angels concert, Santa's ride through the Village accompanied by the Fire Department, and the Senior Christmas Party, there is something for everyone to enjoy. Here are some highlights. The Spring /Summer Brochure will be mailed in early March. The Recreation Staff looks forward to seeing you in the many varied programs and activities. We welcome your comments or suggestions. E-mail me at bthomas@mayfieldvillage.com or call us at 440-461-5163

Members of the Recreation Board at the Children's Christmas Party.

Fire Chief Dave Mohr Celebrates Retirement

By Lt. Michael Girbino, Fire Marshal

At the end of 2012, Dave Mohr, our Fire Chief of more than 25 years, decided to enter the ranks of the retired. On a chilly December 28th, an open house was held at the fire station (in his honor) to commemorate a career spanning more than 33 years. The event was arranged by Fire Dept. staff and supported by the Village administration and featured a varied menu representing some of the Chief's favorite foods such as pizza and salad from our own Pizzazz, along with sub sandwiches and chicken wings from DiStefano's deli in Highland Heights.

Guests were invited to stop in and spend some time with Dave, reminisce, and enjoy the food in a casual firehouse atmosphere. The well-attended event began at 11:30 a.m. and ran until after 2:30 p.m. Co-workers and colleagues (both past and present), along with family and long-time friends, gathered to celebrate Chief Mohr's long and exemplary career in the fire service. Gifts were presented and included an Apple iPad with a commemorative inscription on the back, and an original Santa Rosa hose nozzle from the era when Chief Mohr was first hired mounted on a walnut base with a commemorative inscription. In addition, the seven full-time staff members of the fire department presented a personal gift of a custom fishing rod and reel so the Chief can share his love of fishing with his granddaughter. The event concluded with the traditional ride home in a fire engine and a symbolic signing off the air over the radio once he was safe at his residence.

Dave Mohr's career began in the late 1970's when he joined the Willoughby Hills fire department on a part-time basis. He also worked as a teacher for the Mayfield City Schools. In 1979 he was sworn in as a career firefighter/paramedic with the Mayfield Village Fire Department under former Chief Allan Hejcl. He became Acting Chief at the end of 1986 and

Firefighter Gino Carcioppolo presented Chief Mohr with a gift from the full-time staff—a custom fishing rod and reel.

Firefighter John Panzero wished Chief Mohr well on behalf of the Department and presented him with additional gifts.

was promoted to Fire Chief in June of 1987 upon Chief Hejcl's retirement. He completed Executive Fire Officer training at the National Fire Academy and founded the Cuyahoga County Fire Chiefs Association, presiding over the organization as its president for several years. In addition, he was instrumental in the development and implementation of our regional pre-planned mutual aid system, as well as the continuous improvement and updating of our fire ground radio communications systems and was awarded millions of dollars in federal funds to that end. He also helped design and oversee the construction of our current fire station in 1995-1996.

On Tuesday, January 22, at the regular meeting of Council, Chief Mohr was presented with a Resolution from Mayor Rinker and Council in appreciation for his many years of dedicated service along with an Outstanding Citizen plaque.

During Chief Mohr's tenure, he has helped countless people during times of emergency and disaster and has guided the careers of many, including myself. In fact, had it not been for Chief Mohr, I may not have attained the position I currently hold today. He was our mentor and our friend for many years. On behalf of the entire fire department, I wish him the very best. May your retirement years be filled with happiness and good health.

Chief Mohr celebrates with his daughter, Jill.

Councilman Tom Marrie was on hand to wish Chief Mohr well in his retirement.

The commemorative Santa Rosa hose nozzle presented to Chief Mohr.

Cover story photos by David Girbino.

From the Desk of the Chief. . .

Richard Edelman / Chief of Police

Richard Edelman
Chief of Police

Happy New Year to all.

The new year has brought some additions and subtractions to your police department.

The subtraction I speak of is the recent retirement of my long time executive assistant, Terry Skomrock. Terry has been a dedicated member of the Mayfield Village Police Department since 1986. She has served as assistant to three different police chiefs (me included). Terry has been instrumental in facilitating the sharing of vital information with area detective bureaus and constructed an email circulation list of over 500 detectives and police departments in the northeast Ohio area. This information sharing has led to the successful investigation and disposition of many, many crimes, too numerous to mention in this article.

Terry has also devoted much of her time volunteering with local civic organizations and charities, such as the American Red Cross, Cancer Relay for Life, Women Safe House, helping victims of domestic violence, Hospice, Crime Stoppers and several animal rescue groups. We wish her the best as she starts the next chapter of her life. While we feel her absence profoundly, I am confident that Terry's successor will meet and exceed the high standards we have come to expect. Our police department secretary, Maura McKinley, has been promoted to the executive assistant position. Maura joined the police department in 1993 as a part-time dispatcher. She is very detail-oriented, driven and dedicated to her job. Maura has earned my trust and loyalty many times over during her tenure with Mayfield Village and I have no doubt that she will continue to serve our community with excellence.

You will soon be seeing our new addition to the police department. K-9, "Leo," is a two-year-old German Shepard and will join our ranks in the very near future. Leo and his handler, Officer Christopher Cross are currently in training together, getting to know each other and work together as a team. Leo and Chris will be assigned to general patrol duties and when not working, he will become a part of Chris's family. Leo will be trained in drug detection, tracking, officer protection, defense and other vital duties. Under Ohio law, police canines are considered to be actual police officers (he'll even have a badge!); it is a serious crime to injure such an animal.

Leo was acquired using monies from the Law Enforcement Trust Fund; established and funded with assets from criminal seizures. What this means to you, our residents, is that this program didn't cost you any tax dollars. Leo and Chris will be available to visit our many businesses, workplaces, schools and churches to introduce them to the community and to perform public demonstrations. Should any organization wish to schedule an appearance, simply call Chris and leave him a message (461-1234) or email our K-9 Supervisor, Sgt. Kathy Troyer at KTroyer@mayfieldvillage.com.

Police Department Executive Assistant, Terry Skomrock, Retires after Serving Mayfield Village for 26 Years

On Monday evening, January 14th, Mayor Rinker and Council presented Terry Skomrock with a Resolution of Appreciation on the occasion of her retirement. Mayor Rinker also honored her with an Outstanding Citizen plaque for her tremendous contribution to the community. Past and present co-workers were on hand to congratulate her. Terry and husband David are planning to retire in South Carolina. Terry will be missed and we wish her much happiness in her retirement.

Mayor Rinker and Council President Buckholtz presented Terry Skomrock with a Resolution of Appreciation for her years of dedicated service.

Terry, with Mayor Rinker and husband, David Skomrock.

Pictured: Clerk Vida Hauptman, Officer John Argie, Sgt. Paul Matias, Officer Mark Schooler, Terry Skomrock, Officer Tom Dearden, retired Det. Don Smith, new Executive Asst. Maura McKinley, and former Chief Pat Dearden.

Terry thanked everyone for their kind wishes and expressed that her only regret was that she would miss her co-workers.

Sealing of Records

By Vince Feudo, Village Prosecutor

Vince Feudo
Prosecutor

At some point in time, most everyone makes a mistake. Unfortunately, mistakes can sometimes result in a criminal conviction. And while the sentence might be long over, the collateral consequences of a conviction can impact educational and employment opportunities for years.

With the enactment of Senate Bill 337 in late September 2012, more individuals will be eligible to have certain convictions sealed, meaning law enforcement and the Courts must seal the records in connection with an old case. Under the old law, only "First Offenders" were eligible. Under the new law, this term has been changed to "Eligible Offenders." An Eligible Offender that qualifies to have a conviction sealed includes those with one felony conviction, one misdemeanor conviction, two misdemeanor convictions if not the same offense, or one felony conviction and one misdemeanor conviction.

It is important to note that not all offenses can be sealed. Some non-sealable convictions include all traffic offenses, most notably drunk driving, numerous felonies, offenses of violence, and any offense in which the victim is a minor. Also, an applicant seeking to seal his or her conviction must still wait the appropriate statutory time period from the conclusion of a sentence before filing an application to seal the conviction with the court that heard the case. For misdemeanors, an individual must wait one year and for felonies, three years.

By changing the definition to the more-expansive Eligible Offender, certain offenses that could not be sealed under the old law now may be. However, it is important to note that I, in consultation with the Mayfield Village Police Department, still have the ability as Prosecutor to object to the seal of any misdemeanor conviction in the Lyndhurst Municipal Court. When the interests of law enforcement and justice so require, I have objected and will continue to do so in order to protect the public safety.

Be mindful that when a criminal conviction is sealed, certain state and federal agencies still may have access to review it. This is especially true with state agencies that issue licenses to individuals such as doctors, lawyers, teachers, real estate brokers, as well as federal agencies such as the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Lastly, it is important to understand that if an individual is successful in sealing a criminal conviction, a Court order is only applicable to governmental bodies such as a Court or police department. The law does not provide for the removal of negative information surrounding the conviction from any private third party database, like a background check company, or internet search engines such as Google or Bing.

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Tri Community CERT is Searching for More Residents to Join the Team After a Successful Year!

Andy Attina / CERT Public Information Officer

Tri Community CERT is a FEMA-partnered volunteer organization that offers free training to residents in Highland Heights, Mayfield Village and Mayfield Heights. The training will prepare volunteers to assist the public safety departments in their community in the event of an emergency.

Last year, Tri Community CERT assisted First Responders locally in October, during Hurricane Sandy and in March, at the Sheri Park apartment fire in Lyndhurst. During the year, volunteers continued to assist at community events, including Mayfield Village's 50's Cruise Night and fireworks show, the Mayfield Height's Unity Days parade and at the Highland Heights Home Day event. Tri Community CERT also added 11 members, bringing the total in the organization to 41. Further, the team received a $7,500 federal grant administered by Cuyahoga County.

In 2013, Tri Community CERT is looking to train new members. A 20-hour course will be offered over a convenient training schedule and taught by certified instructors, which include numerous police and fire personnel.

The next training class will begin in the spring. The classes are relaxed, engaging and fun and we hope you will consider joining the team. Volunteers who complete the training will receive a free backpack containing safety response items such as gloves, goggles, helmets, flashlights, first-aid kits and more.

For more information or to register , contact Jody Widmann at the Mayfield Hts. Police Department (440)442-2323, ext. 221. You can also learn more at tricommunitycert.yolasite.com or by searching Tri-Community-CERT on Facebook.

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 these great movies:

Wed, Feb 20	**"Win Win"**
Wed, Mar 13	**"The Maltese Falcon"**
Wed, Apr 10	**"Argo"**
Thurs, Apr 18	**"Laura" (Free / movie only)**

Times and Luncheon Details on Page 21.

Call 216-650-4029 to register.

From the Lyndhurst Municipal Court . . .

Judge Mary Kaye Bozza

It is with great pride and enthusiasm that Judge Mary Kaye Bozza makes a two-fold announcement for the 2013 New Year affecting the Lyndhurst Municipal Court.

Kevin J. Bergem has been appointed Clerk of the Lyndhurst Municipal Court, commencing January 1, 2013 as Kristina A. Furcsik's successor. Kevin has assumed all statutory duties of the Clerk of Court and will continue the tradition of excellence that Kristina has achieved over the past 11 years. Kevin has been with the Lyndhurst Municipal Court for six years as Chief Bailiff. He has demonstrated strong leadership capabilities and has gained respect from the Court's staff. Kevin is a graduate of Ohio University with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science, additionally; Kevin earned a paralegal certificate from Lakeland College. He completed an Ohio Bailiff Basic Training Program which included courses in court security. Kevin qualified and is currently participating in the Ohio Supreme Court's Court Management Program, which is a three year educational commitment.

Kristina has been appointed to a newly created position bearing tantamount responsibilities as Special Projects and Technology Coordinator. Kristina has served the Court in several different capacities for 22 years. She most recently served as Clerk of Court for 11 years. With the ever-changing and increasing demands of Court technology in a multi-jurisdiction Court, Kristina will now focus her time and attention to designing and launching new technology projects as the Court continues to move forward in this millennium.

The Court welcomes you to visit, especially if you not seen the Court Annex located in the lower level of Lyndhurst City Hall.

Make the Right Choice Program. As recently featured article in an on the front page of the January 3, *2013 Sun Messenger*, Judge Mary Kaye Bozza continues to educate the community through her "Make the Right Choice Program". Both the Men and Women's programs begin at 9:30am and are 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. 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.

Senior Projects and Mentoring. As part of Judge Bozza's educational outreach programs, she is actively involved in senior project programs for students from local high schools and mentoring programs for new lawyers through the Supreme Court of Ohio's "Lawyer to Lawyer Mentoring Program".

In May of 2005, Marissa, a Lyndhurst resident, fulfilled her "Senior Career Experience" with Judge Bozza. Marissa enjoyed the experience of shadowing Judge Bozza asking questions and learning about the law. During this encounter, her determination to become an attorney solidified. Marissa graduated from John Carroll University in 2009 and from Cleveland-Marshall College of Law this past May. Marissa has been sworn in as a licensed attorney this past November. She is working for the Attorney General's Office in Columbus in the Opinion Section. Marissa selected Judge Bozza to be her mentor, as she will be participating in the Ohio Supreme Court's Lawyer to Lawyer Mentoring Program. Judge Bozza has graciously honored her request, and looks forward to another year of mentoring.

Judge Mary Kaye Bozza and Staff.

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 Community Room.

The winter and spring meeting dates for the remainder of the 2012-2013 season are listed below:

February 27 (at 1:00 p.m.): "Milk Jug Planting" presented by Lorinda Plank, Perennials Preferred.

March 27: "Hydrangeas" presented by Jean Andarka, Master Gardener.

April 24: Students' Scholarship Night

May 22 at 6:00 p.m.: End of the Year Spring Dinner / Annual Installation Dinner at Kirtland Country Club. For more information, contact Patsy Mills at (440) 449-4922.

GARDEN CLUB MOTHER'S DAY PLANT SALE ~ SUNDAY, MAY 12, 8:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

The Mayfield Village Garden Club will hold its annual Plant Sale during the Pancake Breakfast. Perennials from member's gardens will be available for sale along with annual flats, and hanging baskets. Silk flower arrangements and garden-related decorations will also be sold. A raffle of items created by garden club members will also be held.

Proceeds from the Plant Sale benefit the Mayfield Village Horticultural Students' Scholarship Program. Any questions, contact Patsy Mills at (440) 449-4922.

Do you like getting your hands in the soil? Do you want to learn more about what's growing and living in your flowerbeds? If so, now's your opportunity to join the Mayfield Village Garden Club! Call Elaine Schramm at (440) 449-1474 to join!

2012 Mayfield Village Garden Club Christmas Tree at Cleveland Botanical Gardens.
Theme: A Child's Book Relating to a Garden.
"Mary, Mary, quite contrary—how does your garden grow?"

News from the Kenwood Homeowners Association

Tom Marrie, President

Hopefully all of you and your families had a Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays. Thanks to Jean Britton and Carole Marrie for putting up and taking down all the Christmas wreaths in our Kenwood area.

Thanks to all the residents who decorated their homes during the holidays. It looked great! You made a very nice area look even better.

Good News! The pool party is back for all the members of the K.H.O.A. It will be held on Sunday, August 4th and we will have exclusive use of the pool and the pavilion starting at 4:00 pm.

We will have our annual meeting shortly and you will get a notice directly to your home with the details. Wishing all of you a very Happy Easter and Passover.

Mayfield Township Historical Society—Al Muhle, President

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

The Members of the Mayfield Township Historical Society wish the readers of the *Voice of the Village* a happy and healthy 2013.

What is happening at the Bennett-VanCuren Museum and the Historical Society?

The proceeds from the November 2012 Meeting and annual Holiday Raffle made it possible to have the 1881 Square Grand Piano restored to its original look, the 1886 Persian Rug restored and cleaned, and the rear storm door replaced. It was also Pie Night. Members shared many delicious pies. It was a night not to miss!

The Annual Pot Luck Dinner in December was also well attended. The Historical Society, Garden Club and the South Euclid-Lyndhurst Historical Society joined the festivities with a surprise visit from Santa Claus. Let's hope he can grant all the wishes!

During the months of February thru May, the Museum will host the annual educational tours for 350 Third grade students from the Mayfield School District. This 'Our Town Tour' is part of their Ohio History Class.

Pat Negrelli has been the Program Chairperson for the past 35 years. Thanks to her, the programs are always interesting. All meetings are open to public. We encourage you to bring family members, neighbors and friends.

AGENDA FEBRUARY—MAY, 2013

All meetings are held at the Community Room at Wilson Mills and SOM Center Road on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. Refreshments are served.

JANUARY: NO MEETING. This is MEMBERSHIP MONTH. We welcome new members to the Historical Society and volunteers at the Bennett-Van Curen Museum. For additional information, call 440-461-0055 or email: mayfieldtownshiphistoricsociety@yahoo.com. There is a need for younger members, docents, and quilters to help with the ongoing programs.

February 13: Election of the Officers for the year 2013. Dr. Edward Pershey, from the Western Reserve Historical Society, presents 'History of the Shaker Rapid'.

March 13: SHOW & TELL. Bring your favorite antique to share with the Members. COOKIE NIGHT. BRING YOUR FAVORITE COOKIE TO SHARE.

April 10: Dan Ruminski will present 'History of Wickliffe Mansions'.

May 8: Dr. Ron Taddeo will present 'Trinity House'.

The Museum is open by appointment. Call 440-461-0055 for information.

My Best to Everyone!
Alfred Muhle, President

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Senior News—Donna J. Heath, Senior Program Coordinator

The highlight of the winter season was our annual **Holiday Luncheon/Party** which approximately 60 seniors attended on December 8. Attendees enjoyed hors d'oeuvres, lunch and dessert while listening to harp music and waiting for their names to be called to receive a door prize.

Members of the Commission on Aging attended the Senior Holiday Party. Pictured: Ralph Tarsitano, Patsy Mills, Marie Urbancic, Ruth Petche, Senior Program Coordinator Donna Heath, Jan and Robert Perna.

We took our **winter trip** on December 5 to Dover, Ohio. We toured the J.E. Reeves Historical Home and Carriage House Museum. Each of the 17 rooms was furnished with original furnishings and was decorated with a Christmas tree and adorned with other holiday decorations. Our docent gave us the interesting history of the home and it was a magnificent tour.

Many participants came out for our **winter activities** which included Games on Mondays (Mah Jong), Cards on Tuesdays and Thursdays (Bridge, Pinochle, and Hand and Foot), Pilates classes on Monday evenings, Tai Chi Workout for 50+ and the ABC Village Quilters on Wednesdays, Watercolor Classes on Tuesdays and Thursdays, Fitness for You on Mondays and Wednesdays, and Good Time Dancin' on Fridays.

A **Foot Clinic** with Diabetic and Geriatric Specialist Dr. Kelly R. Whaley began in October. Appointments for diabetic and routine foot care can be made between 1:00 and 3:00 p.m. one Friday a month. The cost is $20. (Medicare generally covers costs for diabetics.) Contact us for additional details and dates, or to make an appointment.

Volunteers from AARP will prepare **income tax** documents for Mayfield Village seniors on February 18, March 18, and April 8. Please contact Mayfield Village Senior Services at 440-919-2332 to schedule an appointment.

Many have attended and enjoyed the new **Lunch 'n Movie** programs at the Mayfield Village Civic Center put on by the Community Partnership on Aging. Upcoming Lunch 'n Movie titles and menus are as follows:

- Feb 20 - *Win Win* / Upscale mac-n-cheese, salad and dessert.
- Mar 13 - *The Maltese Falcon* / Roasted chicken salad with pistachios and dried cherries in a pita, creamy tomato soup and dessert.
- April 10 - *Argo* / Spring Vegetable and Potato Frittata with Tortellini Soup and dessert.
- April 18 - *Laura* / Movie only. Free. No reservations required.
- May 8: *Life of Pi* / Egg Salad Sandwiches on Whole Grain with Chopped Miso Salad and dessert.

Lunch is served at 12:15 p.m., doors open at 11:45 a.m. The movie begins at 1:00 p.m. Cost is $5 per person, payable at the door. Contact the Community Partnership on Aging no later than the Wednesday prior to each luncheon date to make a reservation at 216-650-4029. Cancellations are required no later than the Monday prior to each luncheon date.

Spring activities will include a special **Senior Information Open House** for Mayfield Village residents on Fri-

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day, June 28 at the Community Room from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Representatives from Mayfield Village Departments and Cuyahoga County will be present to provide information and answer your questions about a variety of topics such as lock boxes, Code Red, building permits, fraud, and deeds. Look for more information in the Parks and Recreation Brochure. Light refreshments will be served. This is a free event.

Seniors ages 60 and older should mark their calendars now for the annual **Anniversary Party** on Saturday, May 18 from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Community Room. Doors will open at 12:30 p.m. Join us for hors d'oeuvres, lunch, dessert, and camaraderie. There is no charge to attend, but you must make a reservation by May 10. Call the Senior Services Department at 440-919-2332.

We will also be taking a **trip** to the **Art Museum** and have lunch at Trattoria on April 17. Details about this trip and others will be in the Parks and Recreation Brochure.

Calendar of Events / Feb - May 2013

FEBRUARY	
22-24	Fairmount's Cabaret Extravaganza (Reserve Hall). See Page 5 for details.
MARCH	
1	Red Cross Blood Drive (1-7 pm @ Community Room)
23	Youth Easter Party (1:30 - 3 pm @ Community Room)
APRIL	
4	Red Cross Blood Drive (1-7 pm @ Community Room)
29	Town Hall Meeting re: Village Finances (7 pm @ Civic Center)
MAY	
3	Red Cross Blood Drive (1-7 pm @ Civic Center)
12	Mother's Day Pancake Breakfast (8:30 am - 1 pm @ Service Dept.)
18	Shred Day (9 am - Noon @ Civic Center Parking Lot)
18	Commission on Aging Anniversary Party (1 - 4 pm @ Community Room)

Save the Date! 30th Annual Mother's Day

Pancake Breakfast & Garden Club Plant Sale

Sunday, May 12th 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Hey Kids! Enter Mayfield Village's Mother's Day Coloring Contest and win your mom a great prize. Just color this picture and return it. Your picture will automatically be entered in the contest. All entries will be displayed at the Mother's Day Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, May 12, 2013 at the Service Building. Return your entry on or before Friday, May 3 to: Mayfield Village Civic Center, 6622 Wilson Mills Road, Mayfield Village, Ohio 44143, or drop it off at the Mayfield Village Police Department. The contest is open to all Mayfield Village children ages 10 and under. Winners will be selected at random and notified by phone. Entries may be picked up at the Pancake Breakfast.

MY MOM'S NAME IS: _____ MY NAME IS: _____

MY AGE: _____ PHONE: _____ ADDRESS: _____

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