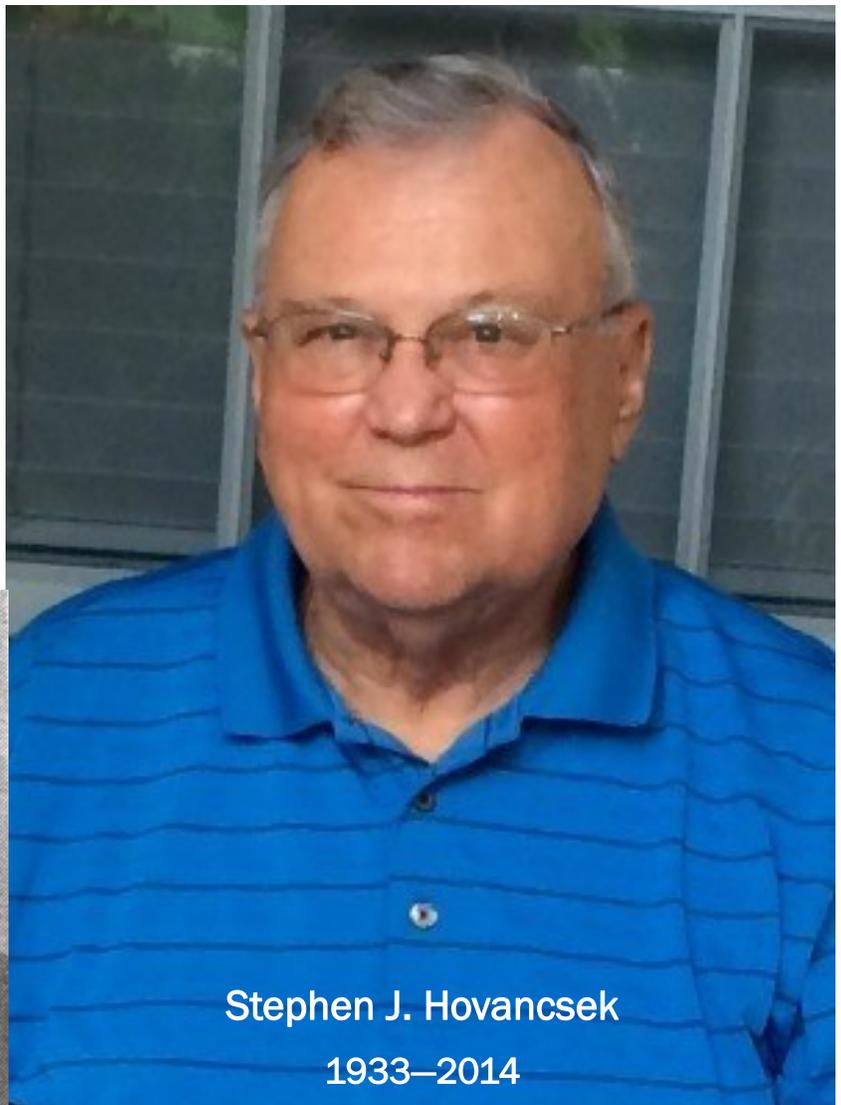


Remembering Village Engineer Stephen J. Hovancsek

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Stephen J. Hovancsek

1933–2014

Stephen J. Hovancsek, founder of Stephen Hovancsek & Associates, was Mayfield Village's Municipal Engineer for over four decades. Steve was appointed by Mayor Beebe in 1969 and served until his retirement in 2004. He designed and oversaw many municipal projects during his tenure and participated in development of the area while also serving as the Municipal Engineer for South Euclid, Highland Heights, Orange Village, Highland Hills, Richmond Heights and Woodmere. Tom Cappello of Hovancsek & Associates continues to act as the Village's Municipal Engineer. Steve Hovancsek passed away on December 18, 2014.



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REMEMBERING STEPHEN HOVANCSEK

Memo from the Mayor / Bruce G. Rinker

A time-worn aphorism contends that “nice guys finish last.” Steve Hovancsek was the exception who proved the rule.

We lost Steve recently—but not before he lived 81 full years, left his imprint on acres and acres of land throughout the east side of Greater Cleveland, had the chance to mentor many, raise a family and enjoy the laughter and wonder of the newness of life seen through the eyes of his well-loved grandchildren.



Steve and wife Anne Marie enjoying the Mayfield Village Appreciation Luau in 2011.

His family, his faith, his integrity and his genuine kindness combined to make a man of unflappable equanimity—a steady calm, a smiling Buddha! He was professional, affable and knowledgeable. He connected with you at such a personal level that you instantly felt comfortable with him.

Steve was an engineer’s engineer, but had the canniness and wit to navigate the typically choppy waters of local politics. Many, many municipal officials heeded Steve’s advice on matters of in-

frastructure so crucial to the quality of life in their communities. He typically chose the path to resolve problems, not the primrose path of political expedience. He counseled carefully, but correctly. Finding a good working solution was his stock in trade—reflecting his solid, good character.

I met Steve soon after I became a Councilman in late 1987. I recall many anecdotes, but without hesitation can point to one evening in 1989 that for me was pivotal in my public service. I need not elaborate here other than to note that he chose a strategic moment to speak his mind pointedly to me—a departure from his usual amiability, and arguably risking impertinence—to tell me the error I had made: a material miscalculation regarding a potential development project.

Looking back, I’d like to think he had enough faith in me to express his conviction about a matter that unquestionably would have changed the course of events for Mayfield Village in the years to follow. He saw that and acted on his vision. I owe him a debt of gratitude for his unsolicited counsel.

Steve gave me the proverbial kick in the _____ and did it *nicely*! Steve Hovancsek has left a full legacy. We wish his family and his colleagues well.



Mayor Bruce G. Rinker

Euclid Creek Watershed 2015 Event Series

GREEN CLEANING WORKSHOP

- FOR INSIDE AND OUT -

Wednesday, March 4, 2015
6:30pm - 8:00pm

Mayfield Village Civic Center - 6622 Wilson Mills Road, 44143

Replace toxic cleaning and landscaping products with safe alternatives you can make from everyday household ingredients. Protect yourself, your family, your pets, and our local watersheds from harmful chemicals!

Workshop Sponsors:



There is no cost to attend.

However, participants will have the opportunity to make two green cleaners to take home and try for \$10.

Registration Required:

Contact Claire Posius at
 216/524-6580, ext. 16 or
cposius@cuyahogaswcd.org
www.EuclidCreekWatershed.org
 Registration required by March 3

Project Completions Celebrated with Ribbon-Cutting Ceremonies



On Saturday, October 25, 2014, the Mayfield Village Greenway Trail officially opened to the public. Mayor Rinker was joined in cutting the ceremonial ribbon by (left to right) Council Member Steve Jerome, School Board Member George Hughes, Council Member Tom Marrie, U.S. Representative David Joyce, State Representative Marlene Anielski, Cleveland Metroparks CEO Brian Zimmerman, Mayfield Branch Library Manager William Rubin, Council Member Dr. Stephan Parker, Council Member Patsy Mills and URS Design Engineer Tom Evans. Many spectators attended the ribbon-cutting ceremony and walked the new trail to the Mayfield Branch Library where they received a commemorative "Greenway" water bottle.



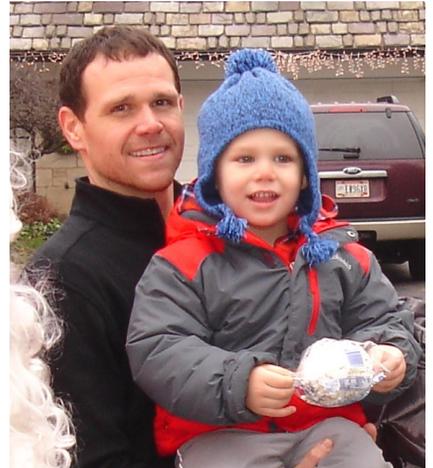
Braving much colder temperatures to cut the ribbon on December 4, 2014 to celebrate completion of the Civic Center Parking Lot Retrofit Project were Council Members Patsy Mills and Tom Marrie. Also in attendance were Economic Development Director Ted Esborn, Council Member Steve Jerome, Village Engineer Tom Cappello, Service Director Doug Metzong, Chagrin River Watershed Partners (CRWP) Director Heather Elmer, CRWP President Greg Studen and CRWP Program Associate Kristen Buccier.



CELEBRATING THE HOLIDAYS...



MAYFIELD VILLAGE STYLE !!



Fire Department personnel (and a couple of Elves) joined Santa Claus for his annual December ride through Mayfield Village. As always, families were waiting in their yards to greet him. Additional photos feature this and other holiday activities, including the Tree Lighting, Menorah Lighting, Singing Angels concert and Children's Christmas Party.

Tom Marrie / Council at Large

Our children's Christmas Party was a big success! Thanks to the Recreation Committee and our Recreation Department staff for all their work and effort. A special thanks to Santa and his elves who made a special stop in Mayfield Village for the Santa ride and party.

The Grove Committee is putting together an outstanding program for this summer. If you haven't attended an event or show please be sure to do it this year. It is GREAT entertainment provided free to our residents. It's a fun night—try it.

The Greenway Trail was officially opened by Mayor Bruce Rinker and Congressman David Joyce and it is being used by many folks

and families. This is another great benefit available to our residents thanks to Mayor Rinker's foresight.

The plans for our new Community Room are moving along. After many inspections and professional advice, we have agreed to construct a new building in the same location. Originally we planned to renovate the old one, but after many meetings and conversations it was decided not to spend almost a million dollars and not have some of the amenities a new one would offer our residents.

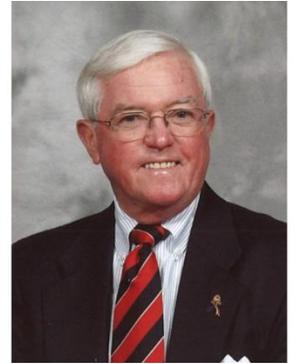
The Service Department did a great job picking up our leaves even with an early, heavy snow.

If you see something that doesn't look right in and around your neighborhood

please call our Police Department. They do a really outstanding job keeping us and our families safe, but they can use your help. And don't think "I don't want to bother them"—call them and let them decide what's going on. That's what their job is and they do it very well.

The new Charter Review Committee has been selected and sworn in. This has to be done every five years. The Village appreciates the time and effort they will put into this very important job.

Speaking of committees, if anyone would like to be part of a committee and get involved, please call our Civic Center. Strong and involved committees make for a GREAT Village!



Thomas J. Marrie
Council at Large

SAVE THE DATE!

COMMUNITY SHRED DAY

MAY 16, 2015

9 a.m. to 12:00 noon

**Mayfield Village Civic Center
6622 Wilson Mills road**

Shredding provides a safe and efficient way to discard old documents. Residents or businesses may bring a maximum of five storage boxes of paper to shred.

Documents shred on-site by All Ohio Secure Shred.

Questions? Call 440-461-2210

Looking Forward in the Village

Patsy Mills / Council Ward 2



Patsy Mills
Council at Large

Sewer conversion underway in the Eastgate & Meadowood area will be completed as scheduled, providing the weather cooperates.

Kenwood Gardens is in the process of designing entrance pillars. The original 52-year-old markers are beyond repair. New Village street signs are in place and are very visible at night.

Thanks to the Service Department for the holiday decorations. The Garden Club makes sure that the bows are replaced each year and Service places the wreaths on each street corner in the Village and does the decorating of the Gazebo and Civic Center.

The Activities Committee is making plans for Mother's Day Pancake Breakfast on May 10, Cruise Night on June 13, Independence Day Celebration on June 27, and Thursday Night Summer Concerts at the Gazebo.

The Citizen's Advisory Committee held its first meeting of the year at the Bennett-VanCuren Historical House on January 20th.

The Commission on Aging offers many programs and bus trips, and a Spring Luncheon on May 1. This year the Village provided snow plowing for 225 Senior residents.

The Garden Club will have their annual Plant Sale at

the Mother's Day Pancake Breakfast. Locally grown perennials and annuals will be available. Enjoy the pancakes and buy some plants. Proceeds go to the Scholarships Fund.

The Grove Committee is scheduling performances to begin on June 26.

The Historical Society will have their annual Quilt Raffle in May. Tickets are available at the Historical House. The Society meets at the Community Room at 7 p.m. 2nd Wednesday of the month starting in February.

It's going to be a great spring and summer, so come join the fun. Volunteers are always needed.

MAYFIELD WOMEN'S CLUB

The involvement of The Mayfield Women's Club in the community includes programs such as Meals at Ronald McDonald House, collecting school supplies for inner-city children, conservation, recycling, scholarships and other projects.

Monthly meetings are held at the Mayfield Village Civic Center at 6622 Wilson Mills (at the corner of Wilson Mills & S.O.M. Center Roads) at 7:00 p.m.

- March 9 International Potluck and Fund Raiser
- April 13 Deer Resistant Gardening presented by Joyce Braun
- May 11 Learn about T'ai Chi presented by Arline Bognar

For additional information, call Barbara Schaefer at 440-720-0272.

Keeping You Safe from Old Man Winter

Steve Jerome / Council at Large



Steve Jerome
Council at Large

Is it cold enough for you yet? In actuality we have only seen 11" of snow since December 1st. According to News Channel 5 meteorologist Jason Nicholas, the normal is 22". My hope is all the residents have prepared themselves and their assets for the season. I have compiled a list of some tips to protect you and your home.

Here are a few key pointers distributed by Nationwide Insurance:

- Avoid overexertion when shoveling snow. Overexertion can bring on a heart attack – a major cause of death in the winter. If you must shovel snow, stretch before going outside.
- Watch for signs of frostbite: loss of feeling and white or pale appearance in extremities. Get medical help immediately.
- Watch for signs of hypothermia: uncontrollable shivering, memory loss, disorientation, incoherence, slurred speech, drowsiness and apparent exhaustion. Get the victim to a warm location, remove wet clothing, warm the center of the body first and give warm, non-alcoholic beverages if the victim is conscious. Get medical help as soon as possible.

I know this isn't your first rodeo, but sometimes repetition leads to mistakes. Especially if you are older or live alone. In any emergency or loss of power, you can always call the police department, who should be able to assist you. Please visit the Cuyahoga County Emergency Management site www.ready.cuyahoga-county.us for tips to prepare and for responses to emergencies and disasters.

Although not as important as your personal well being, most people's biggest asset is their home. This is particularly true in our community where residents take great pride in the appearance and upkeep of their household. It is more than likely too late for some of these, but here are some pointers from Nationwide Insur-

ance on that topic:

- Clean out gutters, disconnect and drain all outside hoses. If possible, shut off outside water valves.
- Repair roof leaks and remove tree branches that could become weighted down with ice or snow and fall on your house or your neighbor's house.
- Wrap water pipes in your basement or crawl spaces with insulation sleeves to slow heat transfer.
- Make sure your furniture isn't blocking your home's heating vents.
- During cold spells, keep cabinet doors open to allow warm air to circulate around pipes.
- Keep a trickle of water flowing through faucets connected to pipes that run through unheated or unprotected spaces.
- If your house will be unattended during cold periods, consider draining the water system.

The Building and Service Departments can always provide suggestions if you have any questions or concerns.

I hope these pointers are a reiteration to what you already know. Again, winter is nothing new for us Northeast Ohioans. Just take extra time when walking and driving, as your life (and others) is the most important aspect of our community. Contact the Cuyahoga County Office of Emergency Management at 216-443-5700 with questions and concerns. Also, if you have a chance, visit www.epa.gov/region3/winter/index.htm. There you can find information on doing the little things around the house to have a healthy winter. This page provides seasonal tips to help you and your family find ways to reduce pollution and learn about the environment. Have a safe and prosperous New Year!

Beware of Illegal Legal Representation

Joseph W. Diemert, Jr. / Law Director

Navigating the complexities of the legal system is something that should not be undertaken without help of an attorney. This seems like a rather obvious maxim. However, finding an attorney to help can be just as harrowing, as evidenced by two December Ohio Supreme Court decisions. The Court was called upon to uphold the punishment (with stiff civil penalties) of two people who engaged in the unauthorized practice of law.

The unauthorized practice of law is defined as “the rendering of legal services for another by any person not admitted to practice in Ohio.” The unauthorized practice of law includes, but is not limited to, the drafting and preparation of pleadings filed in the courts of Ohio and includes the preparation of legal documents and instruments upon which legal rights are secured and advanced.

In the one case, a Cincinnati woman practiced law without authorization by distributing business cards stating she was an attorney and by preparing documents for a man seeking assistance with an immigration issue. The victim of this fraud found one of the woman’s business cards at a local grocery store and contacted her concerning his possible deportation. After several meetings, and after payments were made, the purported attorney told the victim that everything would be handled and that he did not have to worry any further. This included telling the victim that he did not have to respond to any further notices from the court as well as insinuating that she was able to bribe the immigration judge (and others) to make the case go away. All documents presented to the victim as evidence of her work on the case were forgeries and she never even contacted anyone at the immigration court. While a civil penalty was imposed, the victim was left on his own to try and recover the money he spent.

In the second case, the fraud perpetrated was just as egregious. In this case, a company and its owner engaged in the unauthorized practice of law by representing 20 nursing students claiming racism and discriminatory business practices against a college with a campus in Cleveland. The purported attorney was the sole owner of a company called The Advocacy Group, Inc. He never attended law school and was not admitted to practice in any jurisdiction. He operated a website which actively solicited clients. After collecting a fee from the 20 victims, the purported attorney sent a letter to the college alleging the claims and demanding a settlement. He even went so far as to meet with the college’s general counsel. By referring to himself as an attorney/advocate, representing clients for a fee, and trying to negotiate settlements of the students’ legal claims, the purported attorney engaged in the unauthorized practice of law. After the investigation, the Court upheld a civil penalty of \$20,000.00.

Why should this matter? Quoting a 2004 Ohio Supreme Court opinion, the practice of law is restricted to licensed attorneys to “protect the public against incompetence, divided loyalties, and other attendant evils that are often associated with unskilled representation.” However, the issue runs deeper than this. Honesty is a cornerstone of our legal system, and lawyers are held to a higher standard. Those that are unauthorized to practice law, but do so anyway, not only hurt their victims, but damage the profession as a whole. While the deception can be as blatant as distributing business cards identifying oneself as an attorney or as simple as preparing a legal document such as a deed or will, the outcome will be the same. Victims will be left to try and recover for any damages; as well as suffer any potential legal ramifications due to the misinformation provided them.



Joseph W. Diemert, Jr.
Law Director

Community Room Update

John Marrelli / Building Commissioner

Sometimes you make plans and, after digging in deeper, find that you need to back up and make some adjustments. That was the Village's recent experience with plans to rehabilitate and upgrade the Community Room.

If you remember, in 2013, the Village sent a survey to residents asking for input on the future of the Community Room. We received responses from 311 residents and 46% said that they would like to see improvements to the current building versus 21% that thought the building should be razed and rebuilt in the same location.

Preliminary plans and specifications to upgrade the existing building were made and we went out to bid for architectural services. A Willoughby-based architectural firm, ThenDesign Architecture, was selected and they moved forward with structurally assessing the building and working up cost estimates.

What they found and ultimately recommended to the Village is that it would be more cost effective to raze and rebuild than to upgrade the existing structure.

If you remember, the Community Room was originally a salt shed converted into meeting space in 1980—35 years ago! While the “bones” of the building are solid, the cost to make the desired improvements increases because we have to deal with existing conditions. It also became clear that the final product cannot compare to what can be accomplished by

building new. Utilizing new materials and technologies will provide a much better building for not substantially higher cost.

The architects suggested that if a new building were constructed on the existing site, it could be placed southeast of the current building, bringing it closer to Wilson Mills and the Gazebo and creating more of a Town Center feel. (See site plan below). Moving the building footprint has some additional benefits:

- It will allow the current building to remain operational during construction;
- It will provide Center School with more visibility from Wilson Mills;



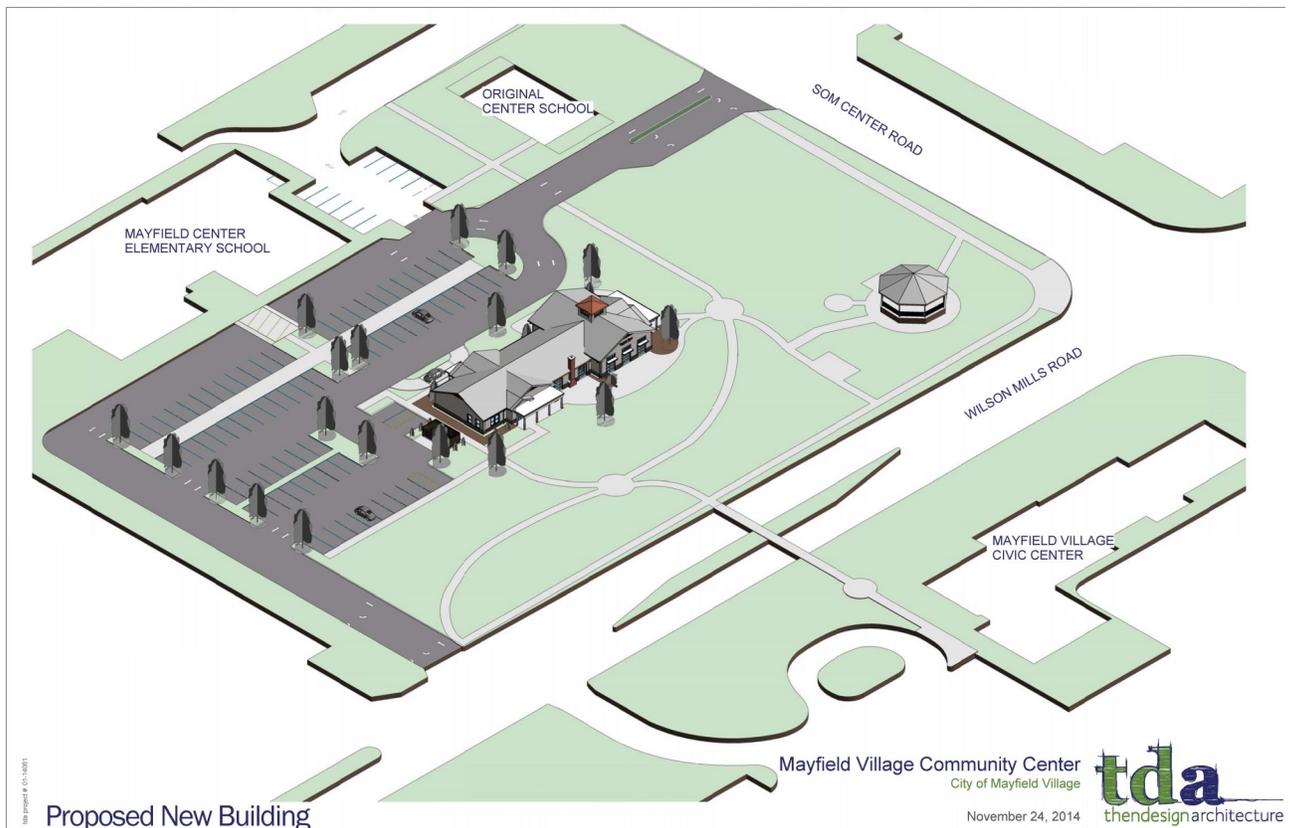
The development of any new site plan for the new Community Room will focus on providing a better traffic flow for it and the surrounding properties.

- It will create more space between the Community Room and Center School, allowing better traffic flow with drop-off areas at both properties;
- The parking lot can be placed behind the building rather than in front, allowing direct access to the green without having to cross the parking lot;
- Public restrooms and concessions can be placed in the new building and opened during public events.

With this information in hand, Mayor Rinker called a joint meeting of the Mayfield Village Planning & Zoning Commission, Council, Citizens Advisory Committee and Architectural Review Board. After viewing the presentation by ThenDesign Architecture, there were many comments made and opinions offered about the size and configuration of the new building; it was clear that everyone felt that the best course of action was to build new rather than try to rehabilitate the old structure.

ThenDesign is currently incorporating the suggestions made at the Joint Meeting and we will be working closely with the Mayfield School District on traffic flow and parking for both facilities. A traffic study is also planned so that any changes that could benefit the traffic congestion at this major intersection will be considered as part of this project.

The bottom line is that for an additional +/- \$300,000, the Village will have a new, energy-efficient, state-of-the-art facility that residents of Mayfield Village can proudly use for the next several decades. Funds have been set aside over the last two years and additional money will be budgeted so that this project can be completed without the need for any loans. Work will be postponed until 2016 to allow time for planning and design. Rentals have been re-opened and, as stated, the new plan includes keeping the old building functioning while the new building is constructed.



The Smell of “Winter” in the Air

Beth Stickley / Wetlands Committee Chair

A sure sign that winter is on its way OUT is the unmistakable fragrance of skunk!

Skunks are not true hibernators; they become dormant as winter sets in. In Northeast Ohio, late winter is marked by thaws. Awakened from his sleep by fluctuating temperatures, thinning snow cover and dwindling body fat, this is when the male skunk decides to seek out a mate or two or three! The male skunk is polygamous and will mate with as many females as he can find in an area up to five miles from the winter burrow.



It is during his wanderings in search of a female that the skunk might encounter your family dog. Warning signs such as stamping its feet or hissing and growling are strategies used by skunks to warn off predators before deploying the weapon of mass chaos. (Ever witness the owners of a dog they just let into the house before discovering it had a run-in with a skunk?)

MIX THESE INGREDIENTS TO REMOVE SKUNK SPRAY ODOR



The "fragrance" deployed is a sulfur-alcohol oily compound called butyl-mercaptan and is the last line of defense for a skunk. It is so effective that there are few natural predators of a skunk. The exception is the Great Horned Owl as owls have no sense of smell!

Contrary to popular belief, the most effective skunk stink removal remedy is not tomato juice. Rather, it is hydrogen peroxide, dishwashing detergent and baking soda.

The Cherokee believed that the scent of the skunk could keep away contagious diseases. A "scent bag" holding the noxious odor was hung over the doorway and a small hole pierced the bag so the scent would permeate the room. If the epidemic was particularly bad, then entire body of the skunk was hung up, the meat cooked and eaten, and skunk oil rubbed over the skin. We might want to re-think about our response to the flu epidemic?

*Sources: Wildlife Folklore by Laura C. Martin
Stokes Nature Guides: Animal Tracking and Behavior by Donald & Lillian Stokes*

From the Desk of the Chief. . .

Richard Edelman / Chief of Police



Richard Edelman
Chief of Police

Greetings and Happy New Year my Friends;

I hope all your holidays were joyous and meaningful. As we look forward to the New Year, I would like to remind and reassure you of the commitment to your safety that I and all the members of the Police Department have dedicated ourselves to. I can't help but take note of recent events as I hope for a better year. It is unfortunate and unconscionable that some would use these tragedies as a means of spreading hatred and distrust. Be that as it may, we who wear the badge have a thick skin; we know that the overwhelming majority of you, the public, support us in our efforts and we are ever grateful to you for that support.

On behalf of all the officers and staff of the Police Department, thank you. Have a very healthy and happy New Year.

PS – Snow and ice are dangerous. Slow down, don't text and drive.

Mayfield Village Considers Regional Dispatch

Diane Wolgamuth / Director of Administration

Mayor Bruce Rinker, Fire Chief Eugene Carcioppolo and Police Chief Richard Edelman addressed Council at its January 26, 2015 meeting and presented proposals for participation in consolidated or regional dispatch centers.

Over the past two years, this issue has been discussed and reviewed extensively by the municipalities that make up the Hillcrest or SPAN Communities.

SPAN stands for *Suburban Police Anticrime Network* and the communities of Mayfield Village, Highland Heights, Mayfield Heights, Lyndhurst and Richmond Heights are current members who share in mutual aide, SWAT Team, Bomb Squad, accident investigation and the Lyndhurst Court system.

Mayor Rinker explained to Council and members of the community who attended the meeting that the Village's objectives in exploring this issue further will be to:

- Provide an equal or improved level of service to residents.
- Cost sharing that results in savings for all participating communities.
- Keep the Hillcrest/SPAN communities together.
- Provide the best opportunity for current staff to be re-hired at a regional call center.
- Have a stronger voice in the implementation of dispatch services throughout the County.

Several proposals have been received and more are anticipated as regionalization of dispatch services within Cuyahoga County becomes more prevalent.

Mayor Rinker stressed that no decisions have been made and encouraged further meetings and discussion by Council to fully vet the issue.

A copy of the presentation is available on Village's website at www.mayfieldvillage.com.

MAYFIELD VILLAGE IS PLEASED TO OFFER ARTS PROGRAMMING AT THE CIVIC CENTER THROUGH:



CONSERVATORY FOR PERFORMING ARTS

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CPA is an extremely unique and exciting endeavor for Mayfield Village and Cleveland as a whole. We are like no other theater in town. Every show we produce, to every class we teach, are all rooted in comedy. CPA is always reaching and stretching the boundaries of comedy in all its forms.

We couldn't be more excited to bring improvisation, musical improvisation, sketch and stand up comedy to the Reserve Hall. You can also catch some of the funniest staged productions as well as special comedic film and festival events throughout the year.

CPA...More Than Just Laughs!

IMPROV FRIDAYS CONTINUE



Torque...Full Throttle! brings high energy, physical and hysterical improv to Reserve Hall in the Civic Center!

The show combines game structures similar to "Whose Line Is It Anyway" with audience participation. Check out some of Cleveland's hottest improv performers as they take your suggestions and create completely unscripted improvised scenes.

Friday, Feb 20 & Friday, March 20

Show time is 8:30pm / Doors open at 8:00pm

Tickets are just \$10.00 (CASH ONLY).

Free parking is always available in the Mayfield Village Civic Center lot. *No Performers or Shows are ever censored. Some adult themes, material and language may be used.*

Tickets for all shows can be reserved by calling the CPA at 440-471-1045 or emailing your reservation to comments@cpacleveland.org. Tickets also available at the door on the day of the show.

Looking Back, Looking Forward

Brenda Bodnar - Chair, Citizens Advisory Committee and Civil Service Commission

How was your 2014? What are your goals for this year?

Looking back, 2014 was an extremely busy year, both for the Citizens Advisory Committee and the Civil Service Commission.

In 2014, the Citizens Advisory Committee once again took on new challenges, vetted new, and sometimes revised, ideas, and opined on just about everything! We discussed the Community Center, Memorial Day, Cruise Night and fireworks, automobile emissions, the financial well-being of the Village, neighborhood renovations and infrastructure projects, services and housing for our Seniors, parking lots and lighting, safety in the Village, fire safety and photo-electric smoke detectors, and the Grove progress and programming (and I probably missed a couple of things). If any of these things pique your interest, check out our minutes on the Village's Website.

Members of the Committee are already looking forward to a productive 2015, beginning with our January meeting at the Historic House. We first met at the Historic House a few years back, and we learned so much from the warm and welcoming members of the Historical Society that we made our meeting there an annual event!

This January we benefitted from a presentation by Claire Posius, the Euclid Creek Watershed Coordinator. Mayfield Village is part of the Eu-

clid Creek watershed project, whose goals are to improve the health of Euclid Creek and integrate the Creek into our community as an asset which improves our quality of life. Ms. Posius works with us on public education programming related to storm water, i.e., how to make your own rain barrels, clean-up events at local streams, and the benefits of pervious pavement, water gardening, and more. So we met at the Historic House to learn about ways to preserve our assets for ourselves and future generations – how fitting is that! Our meetings are always posted on the Village website, so please join us for anything that you may find interesting.

The Civil Service Commission has likewise kept busy in 2014. Under the Guidance of attorney Dave Matty and his assistant Dianne Garrett, as well as Police Chief Edelman and Fire Chief Carcioppolo, who have been endlessly patient with the all new membership on the Commission, we have enacted a new set of rules to bring us into the 21st Century. We are trudging through them fearlessly as we go through the process of finding a new full-time firefighter for the Village. I speak for myself when I state that the learning curve has been steep, but all of us on the Commission – Henry DeBaggis, Mike Bucci and myself—are dedicated to getting the job done, by the book, and with good humor.



Brenda Bodnar
Chair of Citizens Advisory
Committee and Civil Service
Commission

From the Lyndhurst Municipal Court . . .

Judge Mary Kaye Bozza

As Judge of the Lyndhurst Municipal Court it has been, and continues to be my mission to be a visible example of hard work and dedication, through education, rehabilitation and adjudication, thus creating a greater public service to the citizens served by the Court.

- Judge Mary Kaye Bozza

Community Outreach

In 2014, Judge Mary Kaye Bozza hosted our "Make the Right Choice" Community Outreach Programs for Parents, Senior Citizens, Men and Women on nine different occasions. These Programs are highly successful based upon the opinions of those in attendance. As a result, we will continue to schedule these Community Outreach Programs throughout 2015.

Women's and Men's "Make the Right Choice"

Make the Right Choice Programs are customized for both Women and Men. Issues of substance abuse are different for Women and Men. Separating the Program by gender allows the clinicians and speakers to address the specific needs of each gender with no inhibitions. Attendance is a mandatory condition of sentencing.

- The next Women's Program is scheduled for Friday, March 20, 2015.
- The next Men's Program is scheduled for Friday, April 17, 2015.

Parents' "Make the Right Choice"

The increasing use of Opiate drugs in our area by young people is alarming. Parents, grandparents and guardians are educated, strengthened and supported at this program with regard to this epi-

demio. Speakers present topics that include education of addiction, available resources for rehabilitation and counseling that addresses grief, guilt and enabling. The Program is for Parents, Grandparents and Guardians only. The attendance has been 35 to 50 people. The next Parents' Program will be held on Thursday, February 26, 2015

Seniors' "Make the Right Choice" Program Exclusively for Senior Citizens.

Protecting senior citizens against predators and scams, as well as traffic safety and general personal safety are the key topics. Judge Bozza has hosted our program locally as well as exclusively for the Tenants of Schnurmann House at the Tenant Council meeting. The Program is customized for Senior Citizens. The attendance has been 50 to 75 people.

New to this Program in 2014 was Patrick Baker from the Cleveland Clinic, an Occupational Therapist, Certified Low Vision Therapist, and Certified Driver Rehabilitation Specialist. Patrick presented the Cleveland Clinic's "Adult Driver Evaluation and Rehabilitation Program" that assesses and counsels drivers. The Cleveland Clinic's goal is to help drivers remain independent on the road, as long as they are safe to do so. Their Program provides a clinical and on-the-road assessment of driving skills, with recommendations to the client, family and physicians.

The next Seniors' Program will be in the Spring of 2015.

If any of these Community Outreach Programs would benefit you or a family member, contact Tina at (440) 461-6500 extension 166.

Internships, Externships, Senior Projects and Mentoring.

As part of Judge Bozza's educational outreach program, she is actively involved in senior projects for students from local high schools and colleges. She also is involved in a mentoring program for new lawyers through the Supreme Court of Ohio's "Lawyer to Lawyer Mentoring Program".

On January 20, 2015, Judge Bozza welcomed interns Brooke and Molly, two John Carroll University undergraduate students majoring in Chemistry and minoring in Forensic Behavior Science. Both students have experience in forensic labs and desire to gain knowledge and experience about criminal court proceedings.

Speaking Engagements.

Throughout the year, Judge Bozza speaks to many civic group, clubs and schools about the inner workings of the Lyndhurst Municipal Court as well as her career as a Judge. If you are interested in having Judge Bozza as a speaker, contact Tina at (440) 461-6500 extension 166.

Mayfield Village Garden Club



The Mayfield Village Garden Club will meet at the Civic Center on **March 25, at 1 p.m.** The program will be **Cleveland Lakefront of Natural Reserves** presented by Linda Sternheimer from the Cuyahoga County Port Authority.

Upcoming meetings and events include:

April 22 At the Mayfield Village Community Room at 7 pm. This is Scholarship Night. Graduating students from the Mayfield Horticultural Center will receive their Scholarships.

April 24 Arbor Day Celebration. Participating students are from Mayfield Center School.

May 10 Mother's Day Plant Sale at the Mayfield Village Annual Pancake Breakfast. Planted baskets, perennial and annual plantings will be available.

May 27 Installation of Officers.

For additional Information, contact Marsha Brickman at 440-953-9344 or brickms@aol.com

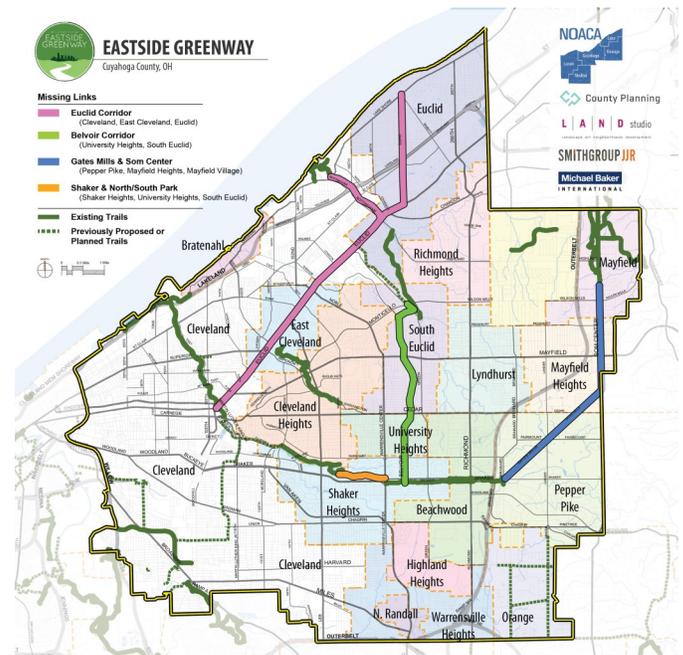
Check out our web page at www.mayfieldvillage.com and click on "Associations and Organizations."

Eastside Greenway Plans to Connect 19 Greater Cleveland Communities with Bike and Pedestrian Paths

Imagine living close to a trail system that connects neighborhoods throughout the eastern portion of Cuyahoga County with employment centers, transit, services, parks and green spaces. Imagine walking or biking to school, work, the store, or a park. Imagine being able to bike from the Euclid Creek Reservation to the Shaker Median Trail, or from Rockefeller Park to the North Chagrin Reservation. Imagine the Eastside Greenway.

The Eastside Greenway will increase pedestrian and bicycle connectivity in and between the eastern portion of Cleveland and 18 suburbs. Leaders from these cities are working alongside planners and other regional organizations, like the Cuyahoga County Planning Commission, LAND studio, the Cleveland Metroparks, Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority, Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District and Bike Cleveland, to develop a plan for the greenway that can be used to guide the way to implementation.

The project team recently hosted a second round of public meetings where a brief overview of the project was provided as well as the results of the completed inventory and analysis. Alternative routes for the greenway network were presented and the project team solicited feedback on route alignments as well as route priorities from community members. This feedback will be taken into account as the plan is finalized. A third round of public meetings, in which the final greenway plan will be presented to the public, will take place in May 2015. More information on the Eastside Greenway can be found on the project's website at eastsidegreenway.weebly.com. Take a survey about your commuting and recreational habits at ESG.metropquest.com.



Mayfield Township Historical Society / Alfred Muhle, President

The Members of the Mayfield Township Historical Society would like to wish all residents in the area a prosperous New Year.

The Mayfield Township Historical Society was formed in 1976 for the preservation of the history of the original Township. The Bennett-VanCuren House was moved to its present site at 606 S.O.M. Center Road. The House is now a Museum which houses local artifacts in the sixteen refurbished rooms. The Genealogy Library has many original documents and books relating to the history of the area.

January is the Society's Membership and an invitation to become a member, volunteer or docent is extended to V.O.V. readers. February thru May approximately 350 plus 3rd grade students from the May-

field School District have a 2 ½ hours tour of the Museum. Docents are necessary for these tours. Please contact the Society at 440-461-0055 for additional information regarding a membership or volunteer opportunities.

The Society has informational meetings the 2nd Wednesday of the month at the Mayfield Village Community Room at 7 pm. Meetings are open to everyone. Visit us and enjoy the evening. Refreshments are always served.



The Bennett -VanCuren Historical House

- Feb 11** "Haunted House Wives" presented by Teresa Argie & Cathi Weber. Election of Officers.
- Mar 11** "Laughter is the Best Medicine" presented by Lynn Leinman. Cookie Night. Bring your favorite cookies to share.
- Apr 8** "American's Oldest Non-Profit Regional Act Conservation Center" Presented by Jennifer Sauces Cheaux.
- May 13** "Stem Program-New Teaching" presented by Dr. Keith Kelly, Superintendent of the Mayfield School District. Annual Quilt Raffle. This year's Quilt (City Slicker Log Cabin) is handmade and hand quilted by the Society's Quilters. Raffle tickets are available at the Bennett-VanCuren Museum.

Society Members look forward to seeing you at the Meetings. Your support is important for the preservation of the history of the Mayfield Township.

For additional information, call 440-461-0055 or visit our website at mayfieldtownshiphistoricsociety@yahoo.com. Tours of the Museum are available by appointment.

Center School & Village Quilters / Shirley Shatten

We thank all of you who have donated materials to our group over the years. When the colors are dark and seem inappropriate for babies, we still make beautiful quilts from these materials.

Two churches have enjoyed receiving our quilts. We received many thank you letters from them. There are many older folks who might be confined to wheel chairs or just need the extra warmth over their knees. For years we have been giving both baby and adult quilts to Linda Newsome for the church right next to the Cleveland Clinic. Besides our quilts the retired teacher's group collects toiletries for the group in her church.

More recently, we also have been donating to the Eastmount Zion Church Lifeline at 9990 Euclid Avenue in Cleveland. They are always so appreciative and write the most beautiful thank you notes to our group.

Our adults worked hard at the Mayfield Village Garden Club's Christmas Fair in December. We sold many holiday quilts. This will provide funds for the new batting we need to make our quilts. All other quilt materials are made from recycled fabric as much as is possible.

The fourth graders have been very busy turning out quilts this winter. We will stop before the school year ends because we thought the Community Center would be closed in March. We are still planning our party for our large group of fourth graders. It's been a wonderful year. Please continue to bring us material. Donna will accept it year round when we are not there. Thanks again for all of your help and support.



Senior News / Donna J. Heath, Senior Program Coordinator

In November, we had a delightful lunch and tour of the Canton Women's Club, the National First Ladies Museum and President McKinley's home. December was a busy month. We toured the magnificent Stan Hywet Hall with its festive holiday decorations. On another December trip, we saw the spectacular performance of Irving Berlin's White Christmas.

The annual Holiday Party for Mayfield Village Seniors was held December 12. Approximately 65 seniors attended the party and enjoyed appetizers, lunch, and soft harp music. They received door prizes and



Left to right: Councilman Steve Jerome, State Representative Marlene Anielski, Councilwoman Patsy Mills, Legislative Aide Hallie Stadvec, Councilman Tom Marrie, Ruth Petche, Donna Heath, Jan Perna, Bob Perna and Recreation Director Bill Thomas.

party favors. Thank you to Councilwoman Patsy Mills and the Commission on Aging members for their assistance in making the party a success:

Trips. It's not too late to make reservations for the following spring/summer trips. Please register 35 days prior to the trip date. For more information, see the Senior Services newsletter or contact the Senior Services Office at 440-919-2332.

May 8—Tour the State House in Columbus. Be a "Senior Legislator for a Day" with State Representative Marlene Anielski. Enjoy lunch on your own at Milo's Café. \$39

June 17—Phipps Conservatory/Gardens. Glimpse one of the world's greenest public gardens and immerse yourself in 17 distinct botanical experiences. You will see perennial gardens, the Palm Court, the

Fern Room, the Orchid Room, a Tropical Forest room, a sunken garden, a desert room, the Japanese Courtyard Garden and the Stove Room (a room with tropical plants and butterflies) and several other enchanting rooms. A box lunch at Café Phipps is included. \$74

July 15—Nautica Queen. Sit back and relax while you cruise the Cuyahoga River and enjoy a Buffet Lunch. \$49

Aug 19—The Wilds. Join us for a narrated Safari tour aboard an enclosed vehicle. A hot buffet lunch is included. (Cost TBD)

We offer **Watercolor Painting, Tai Chi, and Knitting/Crocheting classes.** Mah Jong is played on Mondays from 1-4 p.m. Bridge, Pinochle, and Hand and Foot are played on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1-4 p.m. If you would like more information about these classes and activities, contact the Senior Services Office.

Foot clinics are offered with Dr. Kelly Whaley on Fridays March 13, March 27, April 10, April 24, May 8 and May 22. The cost is \$20; diabetics are generally covered by Medicare. Contact the Senior Services Office to make an appointment.

A **Lunch and Learn** program will be held Friday, May 15 at the Civic Center at 12:00 noon. The topic is, "Get all Your Questions Answered About Reverse Mortgages." The talk will be given by Sam LoPiccolo of American Capital Advisory Group. You must R.S.V.P. for this free *Lunch and Learn* by calling 440-919-2332 no later than May 6.

Volunteers from **AARP** will prepare **income tax** documents for Mayfield Village seniors on Mondays, February 23, March 16, and April 6 at 12:00, 1:00, 2:00 or 3:00 pm. Please call the Senior Services' Office to make an appointment.

A new 10-week session of **Bereavement** began January 12. The next session will begin April 27. A representative from Crossroads Hospice will help you through the grief process connected with losses through death, job loss, divorce, moves, and other life-changing challenges. There is no charge for this class which is from 5:45-6:45 p.m. but you must register by calling Mayfield Village Senior Services at 440-919-2332.

Community Partnership on Aging

Stacey O'Brien, Executive Director

In addition to the transportation, social work, volunteer and other services offered to Mayfield Village Seniors through the Community Partnership on Aging, we also have some great programming. Join us!

Lost Cleveland Program Series

Class 1 - "King of the Moondoggers" Follow Alan Freed on his journey to Cleveland and beyond as Rock and Roll is being born. Dance at the Moondog Coronation Ball with audio clips from nine early Rock and Roll favorites

Thursday, March 5 / 1:00-2:00 PM

South Euclid Community Center, 1370 Victory Dr.

Class 2 - "They Came From Cleveland" This highly interactive program will test your knowledge of Cleveland's hometown heroes. Some celebrities are easy to identify while others present more of a challenge!

Tuesday, March 31 / 1:00-2:00 PM

Lyndhurst Community Center, 1341 Parkview Dr.

Fee: sign up for one or both classes! Per-person fee is \$10 per class with a minimum of 10 participants per class. Tell your friends! The more people who register (and attend), the lower your fee. Call Community Partnership on Aging at 216-650-4029.

Evidenced Based Wellness

"Healthy U: Take Charge of Your Health" and "A Matter of Balance" classes are forming now for Spring! Classes are led by trained professionals from Fairhill Partners.

"Healthy U: Take Charge of Your Health"

Are you aged 60+ living with a long-lasting health condition?

Join this free six-week program, *Six Weeks to Better Choices* to help you live a healthier life! Learn from trained leaders who understand what you are experiencing. Anyone 60+ living with a long lasting health condition is welcome to attend this workshop. Classes are 2.5-hours, once a week for six weeks.

The next Health U class will begin on Thursday, June

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Stacey O'Brien
Executive Director

4 and will be held at South Euclid Community Center from 12:30 PM – 3:00 PM.

A Matter of Balance: Do You Have Concerns About Falling? This free program emphasizes practical strategies to manage falls. Upcoming Matter of Balance class dates:

Spring Session 1 will begin on Friday, February 20 in Mayfield Heights at Ross C. DeJohn Community Center. Time for the class is 10:30 AM – 12:30 PM

Spring Session 2 will begin on Thursday, April 2 and will be held at South Euclid Community Center from 12:30 PM -2:30 PM.

Spring Session 3 will held in Mayfield Village. Contact us for dates, times and location.

For information or to sign up for either class, please call 216-650-4029.

Agency Announcement

The Community Partnership on Aging welcomes Elyse Smith to her new position as **Event Coordinator** for the agency. Elyse has been busy scheduling both day and overnight trips as well as several local outings.

She can be reached in our Lyndhurst office at 440-473-5138 or at

smithe@communitypartnerhsiponaging.org.

Trips

Cleveland Historic Houses of Worship

Wednesday, March 11th

8:30 AM Departure

Cost \$54

Vintage Wine Tour of The Lake Erie Wine Trail

Wednesday, April 22nd

8:30 AM Departure

Cost \$70

Community Partnership on Aging

Main Office

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Calendar of Events / Feb - May 2015

FEBRUARY

20 Improv Comedy (8 pm @ Reserve Hall)

MARCH

6 Red Cross Blood Drive (12-5 pm @ Civic Center)

20 Improv Comedy (8:00 pm @ Reserve Hall)

21 Recreation Youth Easter Party (1:30—3 pm @ Community Room)

MAY

1 Senior Anniversary Party (12-3 pm @ Community Room)

1 Red Cross Blood Drive (12-5 pm @ Civic Center)

10 Mother's Day Pancake Breakfast (8:30 am—1 pm @ Service Dept.)

15-17 Fairmount Youth Theatre presents "Pippi Longstocking (7:30 p.m. Friday and 2 pm Saturday and Sunday @ Reserve Hall)

16 Shred Day (9 am—12 noon @ Civic Center Parking Lot)

Senior Lunch 'N Movie

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

For only \$5, seniors can enjoy lunch and these great movies:

Feb 11 Jersey Boys

Mar 11 The Hundred-Foot Journey

Apr 8 Save the Date! Movie to be determined.

For lunch and reservation details call 216-291-3902.

Titles subject to change based on availability.

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Send an e-mail to contactus@mayfieldvillage.com to be included in e-mail notifications.

2015 Recycling Dates



In cooperation with the Cuyahoga County Solid Waste District, Mayfield Village will again sponsor quarterly recycling events for residents.

- Computers, printers, monitors, keyboards, software, cell phones, etc.
- Oil or solvent-based paint, primers, varnishes spray paint, turpentine, etc. **REMEMBER: LATEX PAINT WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. CANS SHOULD BE DRIED OUT AND DISPOSED OF WITH YOUR REGULAR TRASH.**
- Pesticides, caustic cleaners, automotive products, gasoline, motor oil, car/home batteries, scrap tires, etc.



For a complete list of items accepted, go to the Service Dept. section of our website at www.mayfieldvillage.com.

Drop off all items at the
MV Service Dept.
610 SOM Center Road.



Feb 7 to 14

April 25 to May 3

Aug 1 to 8

Nov 7 to 14

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

Mon-Fri: 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.