



Shaping the Future of The Grove  
Report on 2013-2015 Activities

# Mayfield Village Greenway Corridor



The development of the Mayfield Village Greenway Corridor began in 1999. This 2003 rendering shows the proposed location for a performing arts center.

# Mayfield Village Greenway Trail

- Shared use 10' wide asphalt all purpose trail
- Includes 60 ft. steel truss bridge, 549 ft. of boardwalk, three underpasses
- Connects Village center to Library, Metroparks, and Village recreational areas, including The Grove
- 1.85 mile new and 2.5 mile total length
- \$1.7 million cost for design and construction
- Over \$1 million funded through NOACA's Transportation Alternatives Program
- ODOT / LPA project
- Nationwide ACOE wetland permit obtained
- Completed Fall 2014



# The Mayfield Village Greenway Trail Provides Important Connections to its Residents

## Connects to:

- Metroparks North Chagrin Reservation
- Beta Business Park
- Progressive Insurance Campus
- Center Elementary School
- Cuyahoga County Library / Mayfield Branch
- **The Grove Amphitheatre**
- Wiley Park
- Parkview Pool
- Softball & Soccer Fields
- Wetlands Trail



# Development of The Grove Committee

The Grove Committee met for the first time in October of 2012. It is an informal Mayor's advisory committee made up of seven Village residents who have an interest in working to develop this community asset.

Various members of the Administration have assisted the Committee with its efforts to initiate programming and determine infrastructure needs. The Committee has met regularly since its inception and, in addition, its members have devoted substantial time and effort to working at the various events held at The Grove. At its first meeting, the Grove Committee set its goals to include:

- Seeking feedback from the community to determine what types of programming are of interest;
- Organizing several preliminary events to increase awareness of the site and its potential; and
- Using this information to recommend short-term and long-term infrastructure needs and future programming.

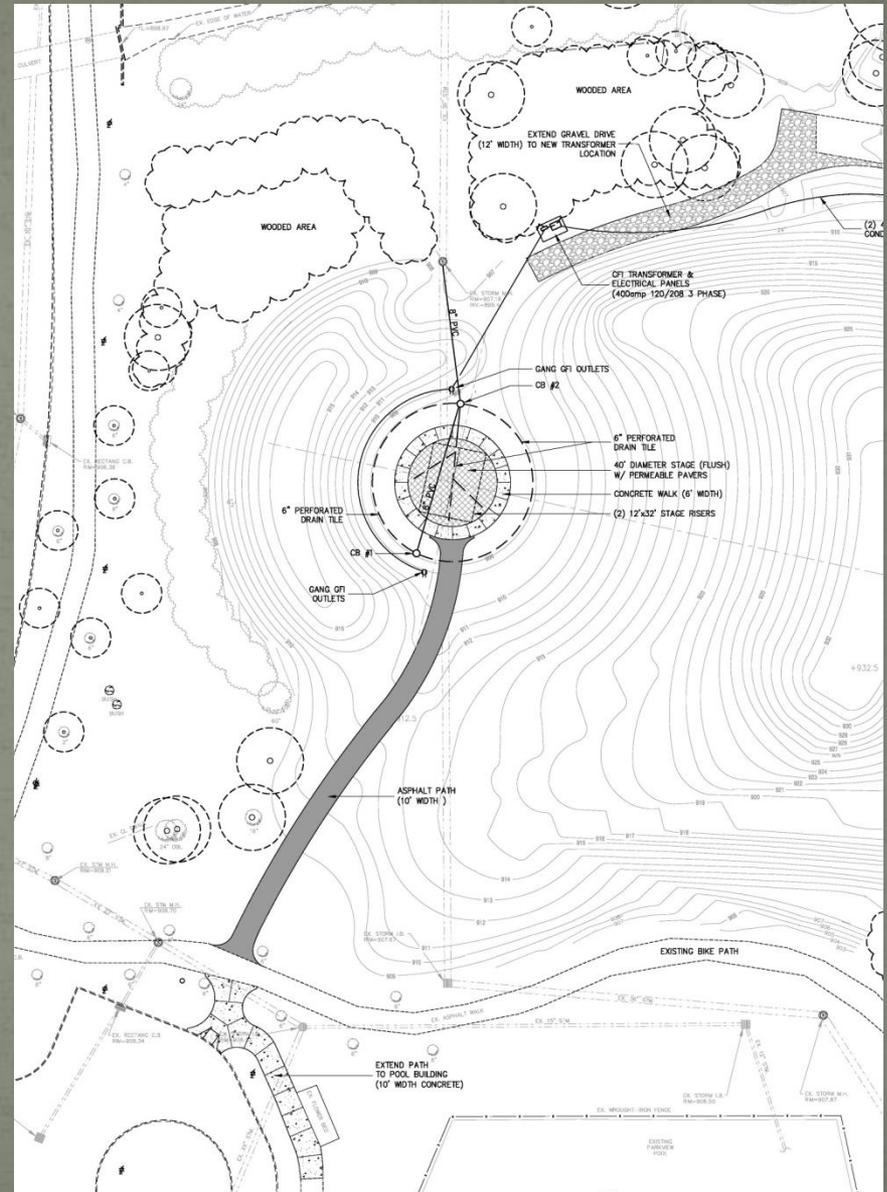
# Where were we then?



Where Are  
We Now?

# Phase I Infrastructure Completed (2013)

- Earthwork & Drainage
- Pavers to Define Stage Area
- Pathways to Provide ADA Access
- Total Cost: \$57,388



# Open House – Sat, June 22, 2013

In May 2013, the Committee mailed flyers to all Village residents and businesses, inviting feedback for future programming and announcing an Open House to see the new park and venue. Over 100 people attended.



# Survey Results

The Committee developed and distributed a survey to determine the types of programming the community desires at this new venue. The results are as follows:

- #1 Musical Performances (96%)
- #2 Farmers Markets (87%)
- #3 Art Festivals (77%)



# Survey Results

- #4 Sledding (74%)
- #5 Movies (72%)
- #6 Theatrical Performances (66%)
- #7 Ice Skating (66%)



# Survey Results

- #8 Fitness Programs (64%)
- #9 Dance Performances (51%)
- #10 Lectures (49%)
- #11 Dances (36%)





# Successful Limited Programming in 2013

## 2013 Season Programming Expenses\*

• Facility Signage & T-shirts	\$2,037
• Dancing Under the Stars	\$1,895
• Dance Stop	\$1,545
• Yoga	\$ 225
• Lincoln	\$1,205
• Total:	\$6,907

\*Does not include Service Dept. or Administrative assistance.

# Local Newspaper Coverage

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6/27/13

## OPINION

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### Making The Grove a true community asset

Over the past weekend, Mayfield Village officials held an open house for the village's newest facility — The Grove, an amphitheater located at 425 North Commons Blvd. Work is still being done at the facility, but the idea is once the facility is complete, a number of community programs can be held there.

At the open house, residents got a sneak peek at what the amphitheater will look like when completed. They also learned about some of the introductory programs planned for later this summer and were given an opportunity to provide feedback on the types of programming they would like to see offered at the facility.

Right off the bat, it should be apparent to anyone who attended that The Grove is ideally situated among many community attractions in Mayfield Village. It is just north of Parkview Pool, a popular spot to beat the summer heat. It is also near the village's softball and soccer fields and the new Mayfield branch of the Cuyahoga County Public Library, which opened two months ago on SOM Center Road and has already seen a 40 percent increase in circulation in its first full month of operation.

The library is proving its willingness to drive a short distance to take advantage of those who patronize the new corner from the above-mentioned community gathering spot, as it is certainly poised to join an entertainment hub for the village.

The introductory lineup of programs will begin on Aug. 24 with a big band performance the next day by a professional

#### EDITORIAL

area dance studio. On Sept. 7, an outdoor yoga demonstration and a nature walk in the

nearby North Chagrin Reservation will take place. And on Sept. 22, an event called "Lincoln at the Grove" will pay homage to the Civil War era with live music from that time period, displays of Civil War artifacts and impersonators of presidents Abraham Lincoln, Ulysses S. Grant and James A. Garfield.

A full lineup of programming is slated to begin in 2014, and feedback the village has already received from residents indicates a plethora of activities could be on tap for next year and beyond. Among the ideas being considered for The Grove are art festivals, farmers markets, dances, health and wellness programs, lectures, movies, live concerts and, in the winter, sledding and skating.

Residents are encouraged to offer their feedback on The Grove and how it should be used. Those who did not attend last weekend's open house can contact The Grove Committee Chairman Garry Regan at 440-446-9198, or the village's director of administration, Diane Wolgamuth, at 440-461-2210, and provide their opinions and suggestions.

### Mayfield Village seeking public input on outdoor amphitheater

Amy Popik  
apopik@news-herald.com  
Twitter: @AmyPopikNH

Mayfield Village is looking for community input for the new outdoor amphitheater and green space called The Grove.

On Saturday, residents from The Grove Committee will host an open house for the community to learn more about the new venue.

Garry Regan, chairman of The Grove Committee, said the event is an invitation for people to see it and get feedback on the space.

"We will be giving tours, handing out flyers for upcoming events, passing out surveys, and getting community ideas about what events people would like to see happen (at The Grove)," Regan said. "We will be showing peo-

ple where we plan to put seating, a pergola, and the sledding hill, to show (our) vision (for the space)."

The idea for The Grove came from people who expressed an interest in a place where the community could relax and enjoy outside entertainment.

"This is a wonderful opportunity and (the committee) is excited to bring something fun, educational, and informative (to Mayfield Village)," he said.

The venue has been a work in progress for many years, and Mayfield Village is looking to enhance the space with lighting, basic stage, pathways and draining.

Mayfield Village first decided to transform the area back in 1999 as part of the Village's Greenway Corridor project. Construction started in 2008 when dirt was deposited in the area that would begin to form the grounds

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Garry Regan,  
chairman of The Grove Committee

for the amphitheater.

Regan said, "the events and use of space is limitless, from concerts to art festivals to corporate meetings."

In the future, the committee plans to work with the new library and the Metroparks for programming ideas.

There are four programs scheduled in August and September to show the

types of events the space will host. They are:

- Aug. 24: "Dancing Under The Stars" with live big band orchestra
  - Aug. 25: Dance performance by "The Dance Stop Studio"
  - Sept. 7: Outdoor Yoga and Nature Walk
  - Sept. 22: Civil War historical event called "Lincoln at The Grove."
- Full programming is expected for 2014.

The open house will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the parking lot of Parkview Pool, 425 N. Commons Blvd. Residents are encouraged to come and share any thoughts, comments, and ideas.

For more information about the open house and events, call 440-461-2210. To submit ideas for events at The Grove, send an email to TheGrove@mayfieldvillage.com.

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### Open house scheduled for new amphitheater

By Kyla Price  
Correspondent

**MAYFIELD** — Preliminary programming at the village's new amphitheater will begin soon, with a community open house scheduled from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. June 22 at the Parkview Pool parking lot.

During the open house, community members can see The Grove, learn about future events and share opinions

about how the site should be used.

The site, located at 425 North Commons Blvd., spans three acres just north of Parkview Pool. The village's softball and soccer fields, wetlands and the new Mayfield branch library are also near the property.

Grove Committee Chairman Garry Regan said development. See **OPEN HOUSE, A3**

### football matchups

#### Mayfield vs. Willoughby South

What: Nonconference game.

When: Friday, 7 p.m.

Where: Mayfield High School, 6116 Wilson Mills Road, Mayfield Village. Call 440-995-6900.

What to watch: Willoughby South is coming off of a thrilling 35-21 win over Notre Dame-Cathedral Latin in which South scored 21 points in the fourth quarter. Rebels QB Russell Porter threw for 168 yards and rushed for 54 more in the victory.

Mayfield is hoping for a better game than it had in Week 1 against Nordonia. Mayfield trailed, 39-14, in the third quarter when quarterback Mario Monastero scored on a 41-yard touchdown run to cut the lead to 39-21. It wasn't enough in the end as Mayfield lost its season opener, 53-35.

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of the

— Rob Rozboril

cleveland.com pick: Willoughby South

# Phase II Infrastructure Completed (2014)

- Electric Power to Site / Transformer Installation
- Stage Receptacles
- Bollard Lighting & Receptacles Along Path
- Total Cost: \$88,769.21



# Expanded Programming in 2014...from 4 to 19 Programs!

Est. Attendance = 3,600+  
Average per Event = 189

2014 "Under the Stars" Series		
<b>Fri, June 27</b>	<b>Cleveland Shakespeare Festival</b> "A Midsummer Night's Dream"	7 - 9 pm
<b>Thu, July 3</b>	<b>The East Wind / Classic Rock</b>	7-10 pm
<b>Sat, July 12</b>	<b>Art Festival</b> Featuring paintings by Local Artists	5 - 8 pm
<b>Thu, July 17</b>	<b>Sweet Adelines &amp; Johnnycake</b> Ridge Barbershop Quartet	7 - 9 pm
<b>Sat, July 19</b>	<b>High School Battle of the Bands</b>	6 - 10 pm
<b>Sun, July 20</b>	<b>Cinema Under the Stars</b> "The Princess Bride"	9:30 - 11 pm
<b>Fri, July 25</b>	<b>Greek Music &amp; Dance</b>	7 - 9 pm
<b>Sat, July 26</b>	<b>History Under the Stars</b> Displays / Book Sales / Debate: "Most Important Battle of the Civil War"	5 - 9:30 pm
<b>Thu, July 31</b>	<b>Erie Heights Brass / Big Band Music</b>	7 - 9 pm
All events are <b>FREE to the public</b> . Bring blankets and lawn chairs. Food available for purchase or bring your own. For more details, visit: <a href="http://www.mayfieldvillage.com/recreation/the-grove">www.mayfieldvillage.com/recreation/the-grove</a>		
<b>Fri, Aug 8</b>	<b>Irish Music &amp; Dance</b> Celtic Union & Murphy's Irish Dancers	7 - 9 pm
<b>Sat, Aug 9</b>	<b>Laughing Under the Stars</b> Featuring Comedians Mike Polk, Jeff Blanchard & Mike Conley (Adult Themes)	8 - 10 pm
<b>Sun, Aug 10</b>	<b>Dance Performance / The Dance Stop</b>	6 - 8 pm
<b>Thu, Aug 14</b>	<b>Jazz Artist Bobby Selvaggio</b>	7 - 9 pm
<b>Fri, Aug 15</b>	<b>African Drum &amp; Dance with Djapo</b>	7 - 9 pm
<b>Sat, Aug 16</b>	<b>Dancing Under the Stars with Swing Era</b>	7:30 - 9:30 pm
<b>Sat, Aug 23</b>	<b>Chagrin Falls Studio Orchestra</b>	8 - 10 pm
<b>Thu, Aug 28</b>	<b>The Polka Pirates</b>	7 - 9 pm
<b>Fri, Aug 29</b>	<b>Yoga Rocks the Grove</b> Christina LaMarca of Cleveland Yoga & 80-HD / High Energy Rock	7 - 9 pm
<b>Sat, Aug 30</b>	<b>InCahootz / Classic Rock</b>	8 - 10 pm



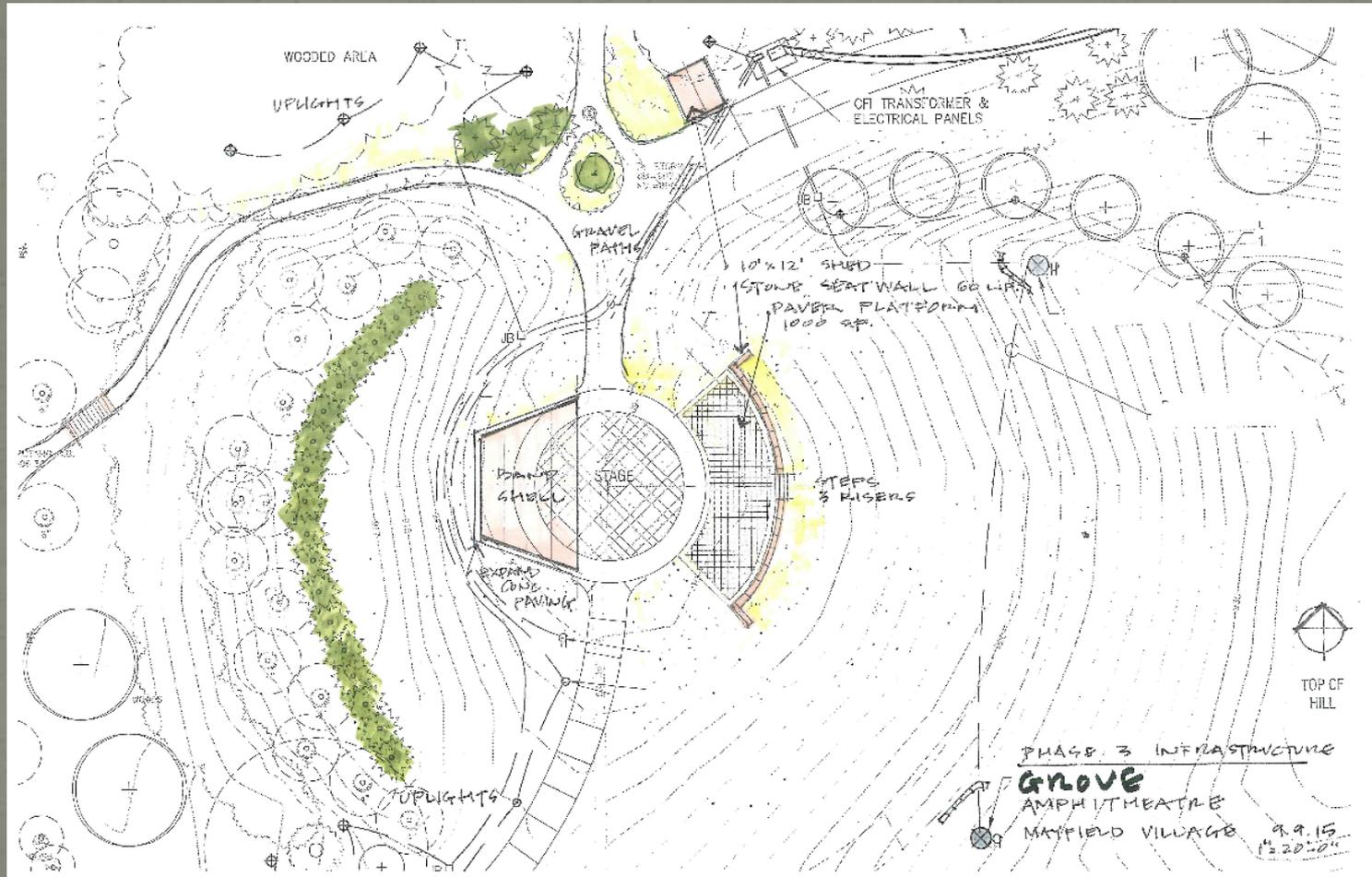
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Join our mailing list by emailing: [TheGrove@mayfieldvillage.com](mailto:TheGrove@mayfieldvillage.com)

# 2014 Programming Expenses

- Budget: \$30,000
- Entertainment/Rentals: (\$18,452)\*
- Promotion: (\$4,246)
- FirstEnergy OT: (3,600)

\*Cleveland Shakespeare Festival funded through Cuyahoga Arts & Culture.

# Phase III Infrastructure (2015)



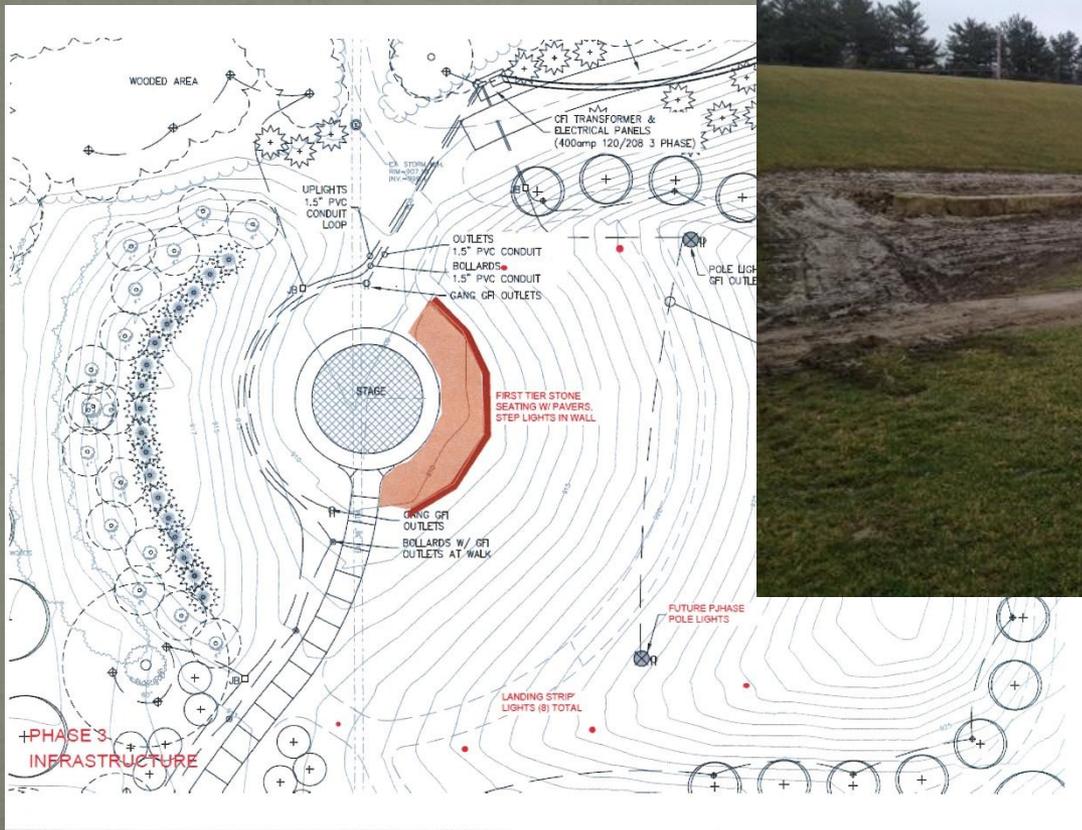
# 2015 Infrastructure Completed

Additional lighting – portable tower to light hill and service drive; up-lighting of mature trees.



# 2015 Infrastructure Completed

Expansion of paved area and first level of tiered stone seating.



Total Cost  
\$45,800

# Additional Amenities

- Bike Rack
- Pathways, boardwalks and landscaping
- Benches



# Tree Planting Sponsorships

- The Committee developed a tree sponsorship program.

To date, 7 Trees sponsored –  
4 shade, 3 flowering  
Total Donations = \$1,800

5 by individuals

2 by organizations –MV Garden Club and Mayfield Township Historical Society

## TREE PLANTING SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

### Help Us “Grow” The Grove!

Mayfield Village and The Grove Committee are pleased to offer opportunities to participate in the development of this great community asset.

Sponsor the planting of a tree to help grow The Grove:

**Shade Trees:** **\$300 each**  
(varieties include Maple, Oak, Black Gum, Basswood, and River Birch / 12-15 ft. tall)

**Evergreen Trees:** **\$250 each**  
(varieties include Austrian Pine, Norway Spruce, and Concolor Fir / 7 ft. tall)

**Flowering Trees:** **\$200 each**  
(varieties include Crabapple, Redbud, and Serviceberry / 12-15 ft. tall)

Trees will be planted by the Service Department. Sponsors will be recognized at a central location at *The Grove*. Please choose category, varieties will vary.

Please complete this form, make checks payable to “Mayfield Village” and mail to:

**Grow The Grove - Tree Sponsorship**  
**6622 Wilson Mills Road**  
**Mayfield Village, OH 44143**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name (as it should appear): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

(Contributions are tax deductible)

MAYFIELD VILLAGE  
www.mayfieldvillage.com  
440-461-2210



# 2015 Programming

20 Nights of  
Programming over  
8 weeks

Est. Attendance = 4,500+  
Average per Event = 225  
19% increase over 2014

Contributions by  
Attendees = \$1,123.80

**Summer Schedule**  
2015

**THE GROVE**  
AMPHITHEATRE

MUSIC/COMEDY DANCE/YOGA CULTURE HISTORY

<b>26</b> FRI. JUNE 26 7-9PM <b>SUMMER KICK-OFF!</b> <b>CHAGRIN FALLS ORCHESTRA</b> with Moody Blues Tribute Band	<b>27</b> SAT. JUNE 27 7-9PM <b>INCAHOOTZ</b> Classic Rock Band Fireworks at Town Center at dusk.	<b>28</b> SUN. JUNE 28 7-9PM <b>CLEVELAND SHAKESPEARE FESTIVAL:</b> The Life of Timon of Athens	<b>2</b> THURS. JULY 2 6:30-9PM <b>HISTORY NIGHT</b> Debate: The Most Important Battle of the Civil War • Actors • Artifacts • Era Music
<b>10</b> FRI. JULY 10 7:30-9PM <b>STAND-UP COMEDY</b> featuring Cleveland comedian Jeff Blanchard and other local comedians	<b>11</b> SAT. JULY 11 7-9PM <b>GREEK NIGHT</b> Best Gyros • Music • Food • Dancers	<b>16</b> THURS. JULY 16 7-9PM <b>CLEVELAND BRASSWORKS</b> Brass Quintet	<b>17</b> FRI. JULY 17 7-9PM <b>THE CLEVELAND INSTITUTE OF MUSIC</b> An evening of chamber music with students of CIM.
<b>18</b> SAT. JULY 18 6-10PM <b>SCHOOL OF ROCK</b> Battle of the Bands	<b>24</b> FRI. JULY 24 7-9PM <b>KINGBEES</b> 6-Piece Band - Jazz/Funk/Rock	<b>25</b> SAT. JULY 25 7-9PM <b>MIDNIGHT DRIVE</b> Soft Rock Band	<b>26</b> SUN. JULY 26 7-9PM <b>COMMUNITY NIGHT!</b> 9:30-11PM
<b>27</b> FRI. JULY 25 7-9PM <b>MOVIE NIGHT:</b> Frozen Meet the Princesses! Follows Late Night Swim at Parkview Pool.	<b>28</b> SUN. JULY 26 7-9PM <b>CLEVELAND SHAKESPEARE FESTIVAL:</b> The Merchant of Venice	<b>30</b> THURS. JULY 30 7-9PM <b>SIMPLE GIFTS</b> Folk Musicians	
<b>31</b> FRI. JULY 31 7-8PM <b>MERCURY SUMMER STUCK THEATRE CO.:</b> The Best of Disney	<b>1</b> SAT. AUG. 1 7-8PM <b>YOGA WITH CLEVELAND YOGA</b> Christina LaMarca All ages/levels welcome.	<b>7</b> FRI. AUG. 7 7-9PM <b>80HD</b> Rock Band Follows yoga session.	<b>8</b> SAT. AUG. 8 7-9PM <b>CHARDON POLKA BAND</b> Rock 'n Roll Polka Band
<b>8</b> SAT. AUG. 8 7-9PM <b>DJAPO CULTURAL ARTS INSTITUTE</b> African Drum & Dance	<b>13</b> THURS. AUG. 13 6-9PM <b>RED LIGHT ROXY</b> Swing Music with Dance Lessons Lessons: 6-7pm Music: 7-9pm	<b>14</b> FRI. AUG. 14 7-9PM <b>INLET DANCE COMPANY</b> Modern Dance	<b>15</b> SAT. AUG. 15 7-9PM <b>SWING ERA BIG BAND</b> Dancing Under the Stars All ages/levels welcome.
<b>21</b> FRI. AUG. 21 7-9PM <b>THE NINJA COWBOYS</b> Monica Robbins' Contemporary Country Music Band	<b>22</b> SAT. AUG. 22 7-9PM <b>CITY MUSIC ENSEMBLE</b> An Evening of Classical Music		

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# Programing Highlights





# Summer Kick-Off Chagrins Falls Orchestra with Moody Blues Tribute Band



# 2 Performances by the Cleveland Shakespeare Festival



# Dancing Under the Stars with the Swing-Era Big Band



# Inlet Modern Dance



# Simple Gifts – Folk Musicians



# Outdoor Yoga



# 2015 Programming

- Budget: \$50,000
- Programming  
(includes sound and rentals): \$26,275.00
- Promotion: \$13,458.97
- Summer Intern: \$ 4,053.00
- Miscellaneous: \$ 801.35
- Total Expenditures: \$44,853.32

# Sample Comments from Attendees

My husband and I very much enjoyed the concert tonight at The Grove and certainly hope the events at the Grove continue. It was just beautiful listening to the classical music under the stars and hearing nature's own music too with the crickets.

Thank you very much.  
Rosemary and Doug Kent

We really enjoyed country music concert on Aug 21. The whole atmosphere was fabulous kids, adults everybody had wonderful time. We are looking forward for the next concert. Please keep on bringing every year.

Varsha Jhala

# Partnerships Established

- Cleveland Metroparks
- Mayfield Township Historical Society
- Cuyahoga County Library
- Mayfield School District
- Health 360 / Progressive Fitness / Results Fitness
- Cleveland Clinic
- Cleveland Shakespeare Festival
- Cleveland Institute of Music
- Cleveland Yoga
- Cleveland Civil War Roundtable
- Soldiers & Sailors Monument Commission
- Cleveland Conservatory for the Performing Arts
- Food Vendors
- Sound Technicians
- Local Media – *Sun, News Herald, Patch*

What's Next ?

# 2016 SUMMER

## Event Schedule

**THE GROVE**  
AMPHITHEATRE

425 North Commons Blvd.  
Off SOM Center Road at Parkview Pool  
Mayfield Village, OH 44143

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

JULY

	1	7-9PM	2	7:30-9:30PM	
	CHAGRIN FALLS STUDIO ORCHESTRA PATRIOTIC BASH		MONICA ROBINS & THE WHISKEY KINGS Classic Rock <i>followed by fireworks</i>		
7	7-9PM	8	7-9PM	9	7-9PM
PRIMETIME BIG BAND Swing, Jazz & Big Band Music		SIMPLE GIFTS Ethnic Folk Music		MICHELLE ROMARY BAND	
	15	7-9PM	16	FITNESS ROCKS THE GROVE: 3-7PM ----- THE SNAZZY CATS: 7-9PM 60s/70s Rock	
STAND-UP COMEDY Jeff Blanchard & Friends		21	7-9PM	22	7-9PM
SWING-TIME BIG BAND 20-Piece Band		IN CAHOOTZ Classic Rock Band		CLEV. SHAKESPEARE FESTIVAL presents: <i>The Tempest</i>	
	29	7:30-9:30PM	30	7-9PM	
	MERCURY THEATRE CO. performs: <i>A Whole New World</i> ----- MOVIE NIGHT: 10PM <i>"Aladdin"</i>		CHARDON POLKA BAND Polka with Attitude!		

### FITNESS ROCKS THE GROVE

..... featuring .....  
YOUTH YOGA:  
3-4PM  
with Cleveland Yoga  
instructor Hallie

FAMILY WALK  
& FUN RUN: 4-5PM

FUN BOOT CAMP:  
5-6PM with  
Progressive Fitness &  
Results Fitness

YOGA: 6-7PM  
with Cleveland Yoga  
instructor Christina

ALL GROVE  
EVENTS ARE FREE.

For details, visit:

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[mayfieldvillage.com](http://mayfieldvillage.com)

# AUGUST

THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
<p>4 7:9PM  <b>BLUE LUNCH BAND</b>            8-Piece Band  <i>Sponsored by the Friends of the Library</i></p>	<p>5 7:9PM  <b>IRISH NIGHT</b>  <b>THE CRAIC BROS BAND</b>            Irish Rock Music</p>	<p>6 5:9PM  <b>JAZZ FEST</b>            with CIM after Jazz Trio &amp; Cleveland Jazz Orchestra</p>	
<p>11 7:9PM  <b>THE ANDERSONVILLE TRIAL</b>            performed by the Courthouse Players</p>	<p>12 7:9PM  <b>INLET DANCE</b>            Modern Dance</p>	<p>13 7:9PM  <b>MO' MOJO</b>            Zydeco(Cajun)-based "Party-Gras" Band</p>	<p>14 6:8PM  <b>LAKESHORE DANCE &amp; GYMNASTICS</b></p>
<p>18 7:9PM  <b>GREAT LAKES LIGHT OPERA</b>            Opera Under the Stars</p>	<p>19 7:10PM  <b>SCHOOL OF ROCK</b>            featuring their top high school &amp; junior high bands</p>	<p>20  <b>TALENT/CREATIVITY SHOWCASE: 3PM</b>            -----  <b>MONICA ROBINS &amp; THE NINJA COWBOYS: 7-9PM</b>            Contemporary Country</p>	
<p>25 6:9PM  <b>RED LIGHT ROXY</b>            Jazz/Swing Music with Swing Dance Lessons</p>	<p>26 7:9PM  <b>CITY BALLET OF CLEVELAND</b>            performing <i>Alice in Wonderland</i> &amp; More</p>	<p>27 7:9PM  <b>DANCING UNDER THE STARS</b>            with Cleveland TOPS Band            All ages/levels welcome.</p>	<p>28 6:8PM  <b>THE DANCE STOP</b>            Dance Recital</p>

# WHY THE GROVE (AND PARKS & RECREATION SERVICES) IS ESSENTIAL TO A BETTER MAYFIELD VILLAGE.

## ECONOMIC VALUE

- Parks and recreational facilities improve the local tax base and increase property values. Property values increase with proximity to parks. Increased property tax revenues improves local economies.
- “ The real estate market consistently demonstrates that people are willing to pay larger amount for property close to parks and open space areas than for a home that does not offer this amenity”.
- Trees in cities save \$ in storm water retention.
- Quality parks and recreation are in top three reasons that businesses cite in relocation decisions.
- More important than fees and charges, parks and recreation programs provide indirect revenues to local and regional economies.

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## HEALTH & ENVIRONMENT

- Parks are the places people go to get healthy and stay fit.
- Park & Recreation programs reach across all age groups.
- Per CDC, access to parks will increase (25%) number of residents exercising at least three times per week.
- Parks improve water quality, protect groundwater, prevent flooding, improve air quality, buffer development, provide wildlife habitat, and provide a place to connect with nature and recreate outdoors together.

# WHY THE GROVE (AND PARKS & RECREATION SERVICES) IS ESSENTIAL TO A BETTER MAYFIELD VILLAGE.

## QUALITY OF LIFE

- Parks are a tangible reflection of the quality of life in a community. They provide identity for residents and are a major factor in the perception of quality of life in a community. Cited in surveys as one of the most important “livability” factors.
- Parks provide gathering places for families and social groups, as well as individuals of all ages and economic status, regardless of their ability to pay for access.
- Over past decade voter approval of ballot issues related to parks has exceeded 75%. Clearly, the majority of public views parks as essential priority for government spending.
- Parks have a value to communities that transcends the amount of dollars invested or revenues gained from fees. Parks provide a sense of public pride and cohesion.

# Thank you!

## **The Grove Committee**

Garry Regan (Chair),

Pat Andrzejczyk

Blythe DiCicco

Ron DiNardo

Rick Hall

Dave Hoehnen

Steve Jerome (Council Member)

Bill Thomas, Recreation Director

Diane Wolgamuth, Director of Administration

Council Member Patsy Mills, Adjunct Member