

# Voice of the VILLAGE

QUARTERLY

SUMMER 2003

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## Arbor Day Celebration

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**VILLAGE PHONE NUMBERS:**

All Emergencies	
(Police, Fire, Ambulance) .....	9-1-1
Animal Warden (contact MVPD) .....	461-1234
Village Hall	
(Administration/Finance Dept.) .....	461-2210
Fax .....	461-7349
Lyndhurst Municipal Court .....	461-6500
M.V. Police Dept.	
(Non-emergency) .....	461-1234
M.V. Fire Dept.	
(Non-emergency) .....	461-1208
M.V. Building Department .....	461-2213
M.V. Service Department .....	442-5506
M.V. Parks & Recreation .....	461-5163
Mayfield City Schools	
(General Number) .....	995-7200
Mayfield High School Pool	
(after 6 p.m.) .....	995-6840
Mayfield Library .....	473-0350
Mayfield Schools -	
Adult Education .....	995-6850
B.F.I. (M.V. Rubbish Carrier) .....	216-441-6300
Parkview Pool .....	446-1688
Weather/Cancellation/Activities	
Hotline .....	440-954-4114

**2003 VILLAGE ROSTER**

<i>Mayor:</i>	Bruce Rinker		Worton Park	442-3677
<i>Council President:</i>	William Buckholtz	Ward 4	Worton Park	442-5959
<i>Council Pres. Pro Tem:</i>	Dr. Stephan Parker	Ward 3	Hardwood Court	446-1537
<i>Council:</i>	Joanne Cinco	At Large	Echo Drive	423-0363
	William Riter	At Large	Wildwood Trail	473-4151
	Thomas Marrie	At Large	Walnut Drive	449-2307
	William Marquardt	Ward 1	Bramblewood	442-7295
	Patsy Mills	Ward 2	Kenwood Drive	449-4922

**SERVICES PROVIDED AT VILLAGE HALL:**

- Dog License (for Cuyahoga County residents)
- Golden Buckeye Card Applications
- Handicapped Parking Card Applications
- Home Energy Assistance Applications
- Notaries Public
- Parkview Pool Passes (restricted dates)
- Progressive Fitness Center Passes (MV residents must show proof of residency and photo ID)
- Solicitation Applications
- Voter Registration (Cuyahoga County residents)

**RESERVATIONS/RENTALS:**

- Senior Center/Community Room
- Wiley Park (Pavilion, Ball Diamonds, Volleyball Courts)
- Gazebo
- Parkview Pool
- Parkview Pavilion/Playground (adjacent to Pool)

**SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE POLICE DEPARTMENT:**

- CHAD Stickers (Children Have An Identity; safety seat ID)
- Bicycle Licenses (\$1.00)
- Fingerprints (for residents and those employed in MV)
- TTY (also referred to as TDD; a TTY is a device that enables people who are deaf, hard of hearing or speech disabled to use the telephone by typing messages back and forth to one another)
- "Help Save Your Life" Program. (Recording your critical medical information to assist your rescuers could help save your life.)
- EMD - All MV Police Dispatchers are trained in Emergency Medical Dispatch and will provide you with pre-arrival instructions when the situation allows.

**SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE FIRE DEPARTMENT:**

- Odor Investigation (If you smell gas, burning orders, smoke or anything out of the ordinary, the FD will respond to investigate. We will attempt to identify any hazard present and if possible eliminate it and notify the appropriate agencies.)
- Downed wires (If you notice a wire down in the road, in your yard or anywhere else, notify the FD. We will investigate, determine if there is a hazard, secure the area and notify the appropriate agencies.)
- Carbon Monoxide (If you suspect that you may have CO in your home or if your CO detector is in alarm or making noise, the FD will respond and will check for dangerous levels with our equipment. We will then attempt to isolate the problem, contain and hopefully eliminate the hazard, ventilate when necessary, notify any additional agencies that might be needed and tend to anyone who might be ill.)
- Public Assist (i.e. invalid and shut-in assists.)
- Smoke Detectors and Smoke Detector Batteries (for to the elderly, disabled and those unable to provide their own, the FD will provide and install these lifesaving devices at no cost. The FD will also check your existing smoke detector.)
- CPR and Basic Life Support Training (The FD conducts at least one CPR training course a year; available to all residents; free of charge)
- Car Seat Inspection and Installation (By appointment)
- Family Bicycle Helmet Program (By appointment; helmets may be purchased at our cost)
- Public Fire Safety Education (The FD offers ongoing educational programs focusing on Kindergarten and 3rd grade students. A safety program/fire extinguisher training is also offered to MV businesses.)
- Educational Tours and Presentations (Tours of the Fire station and educational presentations are offered by appointment to groups throughout the year. Residents may stop by during normal business hours.)

**RUBBISH REMINDER**

BFI collects rubbish and recyclables for MV residents on a weekly basis free of charge. If you are a new resident, contact Village Hall to find out what day collection is in your neighborhood. Also contact us if you need a recycling bin or a brochure describing acceptable materials for recycling. The only holidays that will affect rubbish collection during 2003 are:

- *Memorial Day (May 26) and*
- *Labor Day (September 1)*

Rubbish/recycling will be delayed one day for both the Monday and Tuesday collections. Also remember that per Village ordinance, rubbish may be placed at the curb no earlier than 6 p.m. the night before your collection day.

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# Memo from the Mayor

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by **Bruce G. Rinker**

As much as I have employed the written word in an effort to describe the future S.O.M. Center Road corridor as a linear park, a “greenway” to connect many of the vital parts of Mayfield Village, the artist’s depictions we have enclosed in this issue of the V.O.V. say much more.

We have employed professional artist Bruce Bondy of Chicago to capture some strategic glimpses of our future. Admittedly, his projections reflect his own style and conception; yet, these renderings are drawn from actual photographs and apply engineering details from plans submitted as part of the S.O.M. widening project funded by O.D.O.T.

They show us what we can—and intend to accomplish for our community.

S.O.M.’s widening is now entering the construction phase. When school lets out the “dip” north of Fisher’s Tavern will be filled in and the road will be 12 feet higher than it is today. This particular task is the only one requiring complete closure of S.O.M. (north of Thornapple and south of Beta) and will last 45 days. All remaining construction over the course of the next 2 years will maintain through traffic. When the dip is filled in, a pedestrian “southern” underpass will be installed. (see picture)

By summer’s end the southern pedestrian underpass will be in place; however, the landscaping and finish design detail work will have to wait until the last stages of the whole project. But even at that, people will be able to see a dramatically changed Beechers Brook as it flows through new parkland (a 4-acre site the Village is purchasing on the west), passes under S.O.M. then cascades down a set of manmade steps before plunging into the ravine that lies immediately to the east side of S.O.M. As the

picture details, a small plaza area will function as the intersection of east and west-side trails and offer a scenic overlook of the gorge.

To the north, opposite Parkview Pool, a second “northern” underpass will link the pool, Wetland Preserve and the other Village recreational facilities on the west of S.O.M. to the Metroparks North Chagrin Reservation to the east.

S.O.M. itself will feature tree-lined frontages and, wherever possible, tree-lined, landscaped center medians to separate the north and southbound lanes, offering substantial screening, aesthetic dignity and a far more pedestrian-friendly thoroughfare.

And to complement this ambitious project, we have during the past few years purchased property on or near S.O.M., negotiated development agreements with commercial property owners and otherwise looked to existing Village properties to link together a future trail system to run to the west of S.O.M., thereby creating a trail loop that connects the center of the Village to our northern boundary, and links the east side and west side to allow safe movement underneath S.O.M. without fear of vehicular traffic.

Center School playground will be expanded by tearing down its enclosures, the field re-engineered and refurbished to create a community park—still serving (but better) the needs of the school—while offering new vistas and space to be shared by the public and the surrounding properties.

Take a peek at our future! We look forward to an ever-improving quality of life.



## Council comments

**Bill Buckholtz,  
Council President Ward 4**

### A View From The Mountain...

I am writing this particular article in the wee hours of the morning, sitting fireside in the near darkness of a still cabin on Buggtown Road nestled in the hills of Pennsylvania between Pleasantville and Titusville. We went into Pleasantville earlier in the day, to pickup heating oil and supplies. The people seemed pleasant enough, I guess, in a cautious, emotionally detached and weathered kind of way. Titusville, of course, is known as the "Historical Birthplace of the American Oil Industry – established 1859". Driving past the defunct factories, dilapidated structures, empty storefronts, rusted piles of obsolete equipment and neglected Victorian mansions, I could only wonder where all the wealth, power and ingenuity had gone. It was obvious that the locals who now occupy the trailers, shanties and shacks, and, by the way, were nowhere in sight, must have either passed out from hope and exhaustion or were too busy scratchin' at lottery tickets when the last train pulled out. This historical cornerstone of the great American industrial complex had become a graveyard, a bone-yard, an anomaly to the vital and influential forces that once spewed fire, smoke and ash... rapidly spreading the seed of our country's powerful and burgeoning adolescence.

Well at any rate, it's nice to get away for a couple days. The kids can finally ride their 'quads' on the back-wood trails that ATV's were built for and we can kick back, sip on a beverage and listen to the sounds of nature. No freeway noise, no traffic congestion, no urban sprawl – 'cept for the Wal-Mart, CVS, and familiar drive-thru franchises. Not a lot of development up here. Oh, Bill Turner's adding on to his cabin, but come to think of it, I don't think he drove one nail over the last few years we've been up here. Same goes for a dozen or so other property owners. There's always some kinda' work in progress... it just never seems

to get completely done. Of course, Bill Turner turns 80 this summer and he just got married for the third or fourth time... so he's been mighty busy... if ya know what I mean!

Thank God for the kids... every #@!\$% last one of 'em – begging, whining, screaming, scheming, conniving – just to get their way. Without them, Miles, Mikey, Samantha, Carla, Clay, we'd have never made the trip! Oh sure, we bought the hitches, rented the trailers, remembered tools, two-way radios, first-aid, got food, clothing, blankets and supplies. We took 'em up here, we drove the cars, but they drove us! It was their natural sense of discovery and adventure, their inherent, un-ADULT-erated, spirit of youth that made our world turn. Just to watch them hop on top of a few noisy, greasy "big-kid" machines (maybe their last "toys" as children) – blow out their engines – ride for all it's worth, through dirt and mud and water and branches – with the wind in their hair and the past nippin' at their heels... it does our hearts good. Still driven by instinct, passion, and a brazen sense of self, they shake off the winter chill, they laugh in the face of danger and reason, take one big breath of mother nature, and exhale a gust of energy that'll jump-start another cycle of life... the rite and ritual of spring that we all wait for and rejoice in.

It is good to get away now and then... to sharpen your perspective and shuffle your priorities. It don't take no genius to figure out that ya can't run away from the world, at least not anymore. Sooner or later the world will find you, fill you with some kinda fear and try to sell ya somethin' to make it all seem better. For us urbanites or suburbanites, swallowed up daily by the frenetic pace of our chaotic lives, this little excursion serves to soothe the heart and soul. Our trip to the back-hills of survival country has turned into an eye-opener, a brain-teaser and a mind-bender for us, the 271/Wilson Mills/SOM Center crowd. Not that the quality of life is better up there, that's for sure. Livin' off the land, roughin' it, downsizin', simplifyin', de-technofyin' 24-7 x 52 hasn't plastered any smiles or smoothed out any wrinkles on the faces

we see along Buggtown Road. No one seems to be bursting with "pleasantries" or "historic pride".

I guess there are different kinds of stress that eat away at different kinds of people livin' in different kinds of places. No matter how green the grass is or isn't on the other side, it still needs a cuttin'. I know that each of us, in our own separate ways, will be glad to get home. But this quick skip across cultures is well worth the ride. Even after a hearty home-cooked cabin dinner the conversation across the table, brought out some difficult and deeply engrained feelings. Pretty or not, when we leave our comfort zones, we seem able to express ourselves in ways that don't often come easy.

As my thoughts turn homeward, I anticipate some great things for our "little" Village of Mayfield. This summer will bring some beauty and some unsightliness as we rebuild SOM, renovate our industrial park, continue to develop our recreational and leisure time areas and perhaps decide on a model for our Town Center. Some dreams are plans, some plans are dreams, and many ideas are still 'marinating' or 'percolating' and have yet to come to fruition. The most important part is the process. And the process seems to be working. The people of Vision 20/20, Planning & Zoning, Citizen's Advisory and other committees have been working with Council and the Administration, and more residents than I have ever seen, are out talking to one another, attending meetings and sharing ideas. This will build a strong and united community, a better place for our future.

Well, the fire is dying out and daylight is awakening. The children will want to kick up some dust and soak in that sun until the last possible minute... and we will leave this place before the wild turkey hunters come. I will head back home and prepare to track my turkey in the tradition with which I am most accustomed, pushin' my 4-wheeler through the aisles of Heinen's or Catalano's.



## Patsy Mills Ward 2

The S.O.M. Widening project is still waiting for the final approval from the state of Ohio before the project is formally placed for bidding. In the interim of waiting, primary work is continuing with the installations of all utilities and removal of trees. The proposed date for the closing of S.O.M. from Wilson Mills to Beta Drive is still scheduled for mid June. Note, the 50's Night will be June 7. Residents will be notified of the official date for the road construction from Highland Road north to White Road and the above road closings.

The Mayfield Village Garden Club has awarded scholarships to the students of the Horticultural Center. Many thanks to these students for all the work that they have performed at the Cemetery and the township Historical Society House.

The Mayfield Township Historical Society held the Bicentennial Celebration with an open house in March. It is worth a visit to the Bennett-VanCuren House to see the accomplishments of the Society. The House is open the third Sunday of every month from 2 to 4 p.m.

The first Therapy Dog Training classes started the end of April. These classes will certify your dog for volunteer visiting to hospitals, skilled nursing facilities, and schools. We are hoping to have another class in the fall. It is a very gratifying program for the dog and owner's both.

With summer approaching it is a good time to check our yards for standing water that could be a breeding area for mosquitoes. The Board of Health is recommending that residents remove any objects that could hold water as old tires or other debris, and bird baths should be cleaned often to prevent any breeding areas.

It's time to think summer and get ready to enjoy the many recreational facilities in the Village. The Band Concerts on Thursday nights are a nice place to enjoy music on the greens of Mayfield. See you there.

## Dr. Stephan Parker Ward 3

[Springtime greetings](#) to all of the residents of Ward 3. It is hard to believe that one of the snowiest winters has finally ended and the daffodils are blooming once again. I know its spring when I see all the neighbors out working in their yards and walking about the neighborhoods.

[SOM Center Road widening](#) is about to begin. While the preliminary movement of power lines, the removal of trees, and the acquisition of the right of way of necessary properties has been completed, the real work lies just ahead. The major road work construction will be under way shortly, and we will be faced with the logistics of managing the upcoming challenges presented by such a project. The only area that the road will be closed to two-way traffic is in the area just north of Fisher's Tavern where the dip in the road will be filled in. The road in this area is anticipated to be closed for approximately 60-90 days from mid-June to mid- to late-August. While this is unavoidable, the Village will continue to make every effort to minimize the affect on traffic flow. Your patience is very much appreciated during this time.

[The face of the old beverage store property](#) is about to change. The prior owners have decided not to build a state liquor store on the site and have sold the property to Carney Construction. The current owner of property has proposed an office/retail building on the site. It is presently being evaluated by the building department, as well as planning and zoning.

The Village continues to keep an open eye for options regarding the [Hanover Woods above ground gas regulator](#). While safety is really not an issue, we understand those concerns expressed over time. We continue to make efforts to address the issue and appreciate your patience.

[An ordinance creating a new zoning classification](#) has been enacted by council and will allow for the construction of planned residential developments under very specific

circumstances. In no means does the creation of this new zoning classification change the zoning of any property in the Village. It only allows for a zoning change if the residents of the Village were to approve it by a vote on the ballot. It is very specific and addresses concerns for some of the remaining pockets of undeveloped properties that do exist. Council has tried to be very proactive in addressing this issue in light of the zoning issues that other communities have recently faced. If you would like additional information please contact Village Hall.

[Summer time fun and activities](#) are just around the corner. We all look forward to another successful year at our wonderful Mayfield Village Pool. Some of the many upcoming activities planned include the Mother's Day pancake breakfast, Fifties Night (note the early date due to SOM widening activity), our ever popular Gazebo concerts, and the Fourth of July fireworks celebration. You may contact the Parks and Recreation Department to find out about the many different programs you can sign up for (such as the children's summer camp, sport activities, day trips, club activities, ... and much more). There is much to do in our Village throughout the summer months and these activities and programs continue to be proof of what a wonderful community we live in. I hope to see you at one of the many upcoming events.

[As your council representative](#), I (as well as the entire Mayfield Village Council) continue to work hard on your behalf. Together we have achieved much for our community. You can be assured that the future of our community will only be better. As always, please do not hesitate to contact me or Village hall if there are issues that need to be addressed. We will try to assist in any way possible.

[As always, please remember to drive slowly and safely throughout our neighborhoods](#). If you have teenagers who drive, remind them to be extra careful at this time of year. Many young children are out and about playing in the neighborhood and WE need to look out for their safety and well-being.

Wishing you a fun and exciting summer.



## Bill Riter At Large

It has been a very busy three months in Mayfield Village since the last Voice of the Village newsletter. Our Recreation Department just had one of the best Easter Party's ever for the children of the Village. The Easter Bunny smiled from ear to ear. The pool opens in early June and summer program registrations are moving forward.

The Building Department moved into its new home at the old Board of Education Building which allowed the Service Department to expand its space in what was the Building/Service building.

Village Council passed legislation creating a new class of zoning for Planned Residential Development. Not a single piece of property can be rezoned to this class without approval of the voters. As it should, the ultimate authority lies with all of us as residents of Mayfield Village.

We are working on acquiring certain parcels of property in the Village that will not only enhance our parks but will bring us project dollars from outside the Village.

Enjoy the summer. Hopefully, the cold weather is behind us.



## MERCURY THERMOMETER EXCHANGE

**Saturday, May 31, 2003  
9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.**

Your mercury thermometer will be exchanged for a free digital thermometer.

Thermometers can be dropped off at: The Solon Fire Station, 6320 SOM Center Road.

**(Thermometers must be placed in a sealed plastic bag or sealed container before delivering)**

**Hosted by the Cuyahoga County  
Solid Waste District**

## Tom Marrie At Large

Please note that the **50's Cruise Night** will be held Saturday, June 7th because of the **construction work that will start on S.O.M. Center Road** in mid-June. (The rain date is Sunday, June 8.)

Starting in mid-June S.O.M. Center Road will be closed temporarily for approximately 45 days (it could be a little longer) between Thornapple Drive and Beta Drive. This is the "dip" area just north of Fisher's Tavern that will be leveled out to get ready for the upcoming 4-lane improvement of S.O.M. Center Road and this will also eliminate this problem "dip." Thornapple Drive will still have access to S.O.M. Center Road. This will be the only time that S.O.M. Center Road will be closed during the improvement/construction. During this time you'll be able to use Beta Drive to gain access on S.O.M. Center Road to go to Parkview Pool, Wiley Park or to head north. After that, S.O.M. will always have two lanes of traffic open during construction. This is a State of Ohio job but Doug Metzger and all of his associates in the Service Department, as well as Lt. and Acting Chief Pat Dearden and all of his officers will do everything possible to try to make it as easy as possible for all of our residents.

The **Easter Egg Hunt and Party** was a huge success, probably the largest turnout in recent years. The children (and their parents/grandparents) enjoyed all the activities which included the egg hunt, a magic show, face painting, games and pictures with the "Easter Bunny," thanks to Donna Roman and her two helpers, Wanda Hejcl and Patsy Mills. The good weather was also enjoyed as was the pizza, cookies and punch.

A great big THANK YOU to Bill Thomas and Danielle Yarcusko of our Recreation Department and the wonderful and dedicated Recreation Board volunteers.

The **Vision 20/20 Committee** members are working very hard and meeting on a regular basis to help plan for the future of our Village. One feeling that is very strong is that we always remain a Village. Many great and progressive ideas will be coming from this hard-working and dedicated group, which is headed up by Eric Jochum.

Interviews of the 5 applicants who applied for the **Debbie Hudacko scholarship** will take place on May 6th.

**Parkview Pool passes will go on sale on May 12th** for all Mayfield Village residents. There will be a new surface poured in the area where the small children play. Dave Perout and his entire staff (many who are Village residents) will have everything ready. What a great facility we have here in our Village.

**The pool opens on Saturday, June 7th at 12 noon** but will only be open until 5 p.m. on that day because of the Cruise Night starting at 6 p.m.

### The Adult Sports Program has:

- ▲ 8 teams in Coed Soccer that started April 15
- ▲ 14 teams in Coed Softball that started April 25
- ▲ 14 teams in Men's Softball that started May 13
- ▲ Anticipating 8 teams in Coed Sand Volleyball



- ▲ Anticipating 6 teams in Bocce

### The Youth Sports Program has:

- ▲ 4 teams in Coed Softball for 6-8 year-olds
- ▲ 2 teams of Boys Slow Pitch for 9-13 year-olds (who will play against Eastlake and West Geauga)
- ▲ 1 team of Girls Slow Pitch for 12-14 year olds (who will play against Highland Heights teams)
- ▲ 1 team of Girls Fast Pitch for 15-18 year olds (who will be in a travel league)
- ▲ Anticipating 6 teams of Boys Slow Pitch for 14-18 year-olds
- ▲ Anticipating 4 teams in the 6th to 8th grade girls Sand Volleyball League

### The Youth Program has:

- ▲ 20 participants in the Chess Program - winter sessions
- ▲ Bowling which just finished in April
- ▲ The Pi-Society visited the Science Center to view the China Show during spring break



▲ Start Smart Soccer and Baseball are full with 24 participants in each

The Building Department, Planning & Zoning, the Board of Appeals, Council and the Mayor plus many others are very busy with possible future and exciting projects that will be great for the future of Mayfield Village. Be part of this and attend Council meetings.

Hopefully all of you enjoyed Easter or Passover and wishing you a wonderful and safe summer with your family.

## Police Department



by Lt. Pat Dearden,  
Acting Chief

With Springtime once again upon us, a few issues demand renewed attention. One is traffic safety in our neighborhoods, which includes speeding and other bad driving habits that raise the potential for serious accidents and injuries. The Police Department, utilizing federal and state grant monies, is addressing some of these problems. We are increasing enforcement time on I-271 and other major roadways in the Village to reduce the volume of speeders. At the same time, speed monitoring devices and increased enforcement on other streets will hopefully have the same impact. If you feel there is a persistent problem on your street, please contact the traffic bureau so our efforts can be directed accordingly.

On another note, this time of year lends itself to graduation parties and other social get-togethers. The enclosed flyer, courtesy of the Ohio Parents for Drug Free Youth, addresses the need for parents to be ever vigilant during such occasions. The fact that Ohio law makes very clear the duties of those hosting parties, should underscore the priority and concerns the society and government are giving to this potential problem.

Please make every effort to ensure not only your own safety, but also that of your neighbors while we try to enjoy the nice weather.

## Fire Department

by Chief  
David R. Mohr



### SUMMER SAFETY

#### FIREWORKS

With summer upon us, I would like to share with you the following information regarding the laws governing fireworks usage along with some general statistics and safety tips. Much of this information is available from the US Consumer Product Safety Commission website at [www.cpsc.gov/cpsc/pub/pubs/july4/4thjuly.html](http://www.cpsc.gov/cpsc/pub/pubs/july4/4thjuly.html), as well as the Ohio State Fire Marshal's website at [www.com.state.oh.us/sfm](http://www.com.state.oh.us/sfm).

There are three categories of fireworks in Ohio: Trick or novelty fireworks, 1.3G (also known as display fireworks) and 1.4G (also known as consumer fireworks).

Trick and novelty fireworks include items such as sparklers, snaps, glow snakes and smoke bombs. These can be sold and used anywhere in Ohio. Some local jurisdictions regulate the sale of these items, however Mayfield Village does not. You will find some of these items at local retailers during the summer months.

1.3G or *display fireworks* include items such as aerial shells that are fired from mortars. A licensed manufacturer or wholesaler can only sell them to a licensed manufacturer, wholesaler or exhibitor. Only a licensed exhibitor is authorized to discharge 1.3G fireworks in accordance with Ohio law and under the close supervision of the State Fire Marshal and local fire officials.

1.4G or *consumer fireworks* include items such as firecrackers, bottle rockets, roman candles and fountains. A licensed manufacturer or wholesaler can only sell these items. Anyone over the age of 18 may purchase these items, but must sign a form stating that they will transport the fireworks outside the

state of Ohio within 48 hours (or 72 hours for non-Ohio residents). **These fireworks cannot legally be discharged anywhere in the state of Ohio.**

Under Ohio's fireworks law, stiff penalties can be applied for the illegal possession or discharge of fireworks. It is a first degree misdemeanor for non-licensed individuals to discharge fireworks in Ohio, to falsify an application when purchasing fireworks, or to possess them for more than 48 to 72 hours without taking them to a designated out of state address. First time offenders are subject up to a \$1,000.00 fine and six months imprisonment. Subsequent violations become felonies of the 5th degree. (1)

Devices such as M-80's and M-100's are strictly prohibited under **Federal law**. Although banned, these devices still account for one-third of all July 4th injuries.

While fireworks injury rates are at an all-time low, they still remain prevalent. From 1994 to 1999 the injury rate dropped over 32%. According to the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, there were an estimated 9,500 people treated by hospital emergency rooms for fireworks related injuries. Four deaths were reported in the same year. An estimated 5,700 of these injuries were treated during the one-month period from June 22 through July 22. Injuries to children under the age of 15 accounted for about half of the total number of injuries reported.



To help you celebrate safely, follow these safety tips:

- ▲ **Stay away from "consumer fireworks and other banned and illegal explosives.**
- ▲ Always read and follow label directions. Even legal fireworks can be dangerous.

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- ▲ Sparklers for example can reach temperatures above 1200 degrees Fahrenheit.
- ▲ Have an adult present.
- ▲ Buy from reliable sellers.
- ▲ Use only outdoors.
- ▲ Always have water on hand (garden hose and a bucket)
- ▲ Never experiment or attempt to make your own fireworks.
- ▲ Light only one device at a time.
- ▲ Never give fireworks to small children.
- ▲ If necessary, always store in a cool, dry place.
- ▲ Dispose of fireworks properly by soaking in water and placing them in your trash can.
- ▲ Never carry fireworks in your pocket.
- ▲ Protect your eyes.
- ▲ Never point or throw fireworks at other people.

**When attending a professional fireworks display, observe the following safety precautions:**

- ▲ Obey all officials and monitors present and respect safety barriers set up to allow the trained personnel to do their job. Do not attempt to get close to the firing site.
- ▲ Although it rarely happens, it is possible for a firework component to fall to the ground without exploding. Do not touch or disturb these devices. Leave the area at once, warn others in the vicinity to stay away and summon police or fire officials at once.
- ▲ Leave pets, especially dogs, at home if you are going to a fireworks show. Pets have very sensitive ears and may actually be injured by the noise.
- ▲ When in attendance at a public fireworks display, you should refrain from using devices like sparklers in large crowds of people. (2)

If you have any questions feel free to contact Lt. Michael Girbino in the fire prevention bureau at 440 461-1208 ext. 154, or [mvfireprevention@adelphia.net](mailto:mvfireprevention@adelphia.net).

Have a safe summer!

- (1) *Ohio Fire Marshal's news release 6-20- 2000*
- (2) *CPSC 2001 Fireworks Annual Report. And Ohio Dept. of Commerce news release 6-29-2000*



**TRAFFIC LAW UPDATE; BREATH ALCOHOL LIMIT LOWERED**

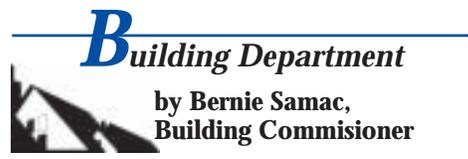
The Ohio legislature again has revised the State's drunk driving laws and made sweeping changes to many other Ohio traffic laws.

House Bill 87, which takes effect July 1, 2003, lowers the legal breath and blood alcohol limit from the current level of .10 down to .08. The new legal limit of .08 will put Ohio in line with the majority of other states throughout the country.

The legislature also made sweeping changes to many other Ohio traffic laws in Senate Bill 123, which becomes effective on January 1, 2004. Some of the highlights of the bill are:

- For the purposes of Ohio's drunk driving laws, a "vehicle" will now include bicycles moved by human power, but not motorized wheelchairs.
- The points system for speeding under state or municipal law has been changed, so that if the speed exceeds the limit by 5 m.p.h. or less, no points will be assessed. If traveling greater than 5 m.p.h. but less than 30 m.p.h. of the legal limit, 2 points will be assessed. If traveling in excess of 30 m.p.h. of the legal limit, 4 points will be assessed.

- Courts are expressly permitted to grant persons "limited driving privileges" during a period of suspension, for occupational, educational, vocational, or medical purposes, attending court-ordered treatment and other instances.
- For a third drunk driving conviction within a six year period, the offender's vehicle used in commission of the offense is to be forfeited and a court may, in addition to or independent of any fine established by law, also fine the offender the value of the vehicle as determined by National Auto Dealers Association publications, the most common of which is known as the "blue book"
- The federal government also got into the act. On January 29, 2003, the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration passed a new regulation requiring all states to revoke the commercial driver's license ("CDL") of individuals who are convicted of operating private passenger motor vehicles under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs of abuse, regardless of the state sentence imposed for the conviction. If it is the driver's first OMVI conviction, the CDL must be revoked for one year. This marks the first time that the federal government is requiring the states to penalize a CDL driver and affect CDL status for non-commercial driving offenses.



**WE'VE MOVED FROM THE SERVICE/BUILDING 610 SOM LOCATION**

Come see Bernie Samac, Building Commissioner and Debbie Garbo, Building Secretary at their new Building Department location at:

**784 S.O.M. Center Road,  
the Old School Board  
Building**



## Commission on Aging

by Eunice Kalina, Director

Space still exists as of this writing for the June 11 trip to Stan Hywet Hall in Akron (former home of Frank Seiberling of Goodyear and Seiberling Rubber Companies) and the Kent State University Museum which has just reopened after renovation. This fashion school is celebrating its twentieth anniversary this year. A buffet luncheon will be enjoyed at Schwebel's Garden Room on the KSU Campus. We will leave from Wiley Park at 9 a.m. and return at approximately 4 p.m. The complete cost is \$45 per person. Checks should be made payable to Mayfield Village Commission on Aging and returned to the Suggestion Box with the reservation form at the conclusion of this article.

### Fall Foliage Trip

Mark your calendars now for our Monday, October 13 trip to the new Hartville Marketplace and Flea Market and other unique and interesting shops in the area. It's not too early to start thinking about unusual holiday gifts.

Lunch will be at the renowned Hartville Kitchen. Departure will be from the parking lot of the Mayfield Methodist Church at 8 a.m. We will return at approximately 6:15 p.m. The cost for this event is \$30 per person.

### MVFD OFFERS SMOKE DETECTOR ASSISTANCE

Mayfield Village Firefighters will provide and install smoke detectors for residents unable to purchase them. Firefighters will also change batteries in detectors for elderly or handicapped residents. Call the MVFD at 440-461-1208 to request assistance.

There will be a morning coffee/rest stop on the way to Hartville and an ice cream/candy stop on the return trip. These side snacks along with optional purchases will be on your own.

Checks should be made payable to the Mayfield Village Commission on Aging and brought to the Village Suggestion Box with the reservation form found at the conclusion of this article. Non-residents' reservations will be processed after July 1.

### Picnic

Our senior picnic is Wednesday, July 23 at 4:30 p.m. If weather permits we will be in the pavilion at Wiley Park. Grills will be lighted for those who wish to cook their dinners. Beverages and dessert will be provided.

If the weather is too hot, too cool, or rainy we will meet in the Community Room. There is no charge for this event, but please make a reservation by Friday, July 18.



### Cards

The Card Group meets Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1 to 4 p.m. in the Community Room. Games played include bridge, pinochle, and hand and foot. Refreshments are served. The charge is \$.25 per person.

### Congratulations!!

Kudos to Ed Gottschling for being recognized for his more than 3,000 hours as a volunteer in the Mayfield Schools. That's a lot of hours! Ed has also served for many years delivering for Hillcrest Meals on Wheels.

Ed, we applaud you for your wonderful service to the community, helping the young and the elderly. Long may you continue in your endeavors.

## RESERVATION FORMS STAN HYWET/KENT STATE

\_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ will  
Name(s) Phone Number  
participate in this June 11 trip.

## FALL FOLIAGE - HARTVILLE

\_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ will  
Name(s) Phone Number  
participate in this trip. If space is available after July, the following non-resident(s) would like to join us.

Name(s) Phone number

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

## PICNIC - DEADLINE JULY 18

\_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ will  
Name(s) Phone Number  
be at the July 23 Picnic.



# Easter Eggstravaganza



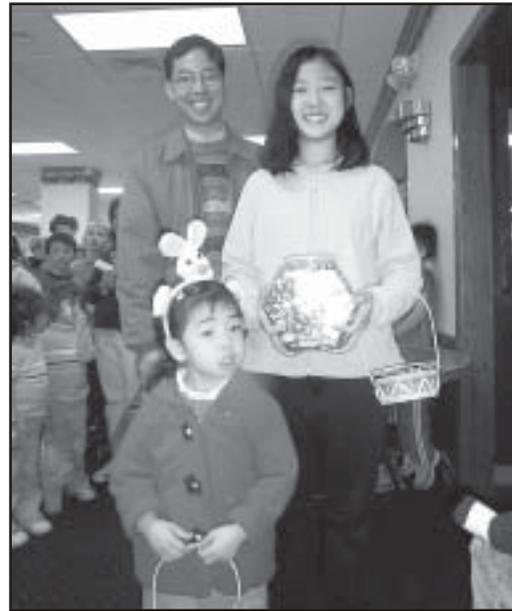
By Danielle Yarcusko

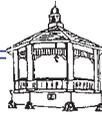
April 12, 2003: It was a beautiful day with 50 degree weather and the sun shining brightly. As 12 noon rolled around, over 100 youth and their families arrived at the Community Room for the annual Easter Party and Egg Hunt. Everyone who attended the event was served delicious pizza from Migelito's and cookies from Cookies By Design. As the Recreation Board prepared plates of food and kept everything running smoothly, the Easter Bunny snuck into the Community Room for a visit with Mayfield Village's youngest residents. The Easter Bunny meandered through the room passing friendly smiles and hugs to the kids. As the kids finished eating and coloring their fun Easter pictures, they quickly grabbed mom and dad or



grandma and grandpa to have their picture taken with the Easter Bunny. As the kids huddled in close to the bunny, Patsy Mills and Wanda Hejcl waited for the perfect moment to snap the picture that would forever hold special memories for the families of Mayfield Village. And for those children in attendance who just weren't ready to have their picture taken yet or already sat with the Easter Bunny, there were plenty of other activities to participate in. The popular activity this year was face painting. Nearly every child who attended the party had their face or hand painted with Easter themed designs or another special character. And of course nobody missed out on the traditional sucker pull and bean bag toss that was also being offered. At approximately 12:25, anticipation began to grow as kids gathered into an area in the room and sat on the floor as they awaited "The Future of Magic". Magician Eric Brouman put on a fun and entertaining show which kept the kids guessing and laughing for a half an hour while he did his magic tricks. After the show, the winners of the Guess the Number of Jelly Beans and Guess the Number of Chocolate Pieces in each jar were

announced. There were many close guesses. So close for the one jar that a tie breaker had to be used! Without a minute to pass, everyone was shuffling outside to the most anticipated part of the party.....the egg hunt!!! As the eggs were dispersed on the lawn near the gazebo, the separate age groups were ready to go collect as many eggs as they could when it was their turn. With the cue of the siren from the Mayfield Village Fire Truck, the race was on. It was exciting for families to watch their child/grandchild run to the colorful eggs and put them in their bag or basket in hopes of finding a special egg. Those who found the special eggs received age appropriate prizes and went home with huge smiles on their face. Everyone had a great time at the Easter Party and Egg Hunt. Without the hard work of resident volunteers, the Mayfield Village Recreation Board, the volunteers from St. Francis, and everyone else who helped out, the party wouldn't be the same! Thank you to everyone who attended the party and to everyone who helped make it such a success. We look forward to doing it again next Easter (we hope the weather is just as nice too)!





## Recreation Corner

by Bill Thomas and Danielle Yarcusko

As we get ready for Summer to arrive, some of us struggle through the Spring hoping for consistent warm weather. But our recreation programs continue despite the sudden drops in temperature or sporadic rain fall. Our eight teams in the adult coed soccer league began their season in mid April, the fourteen teams in the adult coed softball league had their first games in late April, and the men's softball league is gearing up with practices and games which started in mid May. This Spring we started a class for dogs and their handlers called Therapy Dog Training. It is going well with maximum enrollment. The Pi Society took another Road Trip during Spring Break to the Great Lakes Science Center and NewCAT. Pi Society members are now planning summer activities out of its home base - the "old" Board of Education basement. The Parks and Recreation Department is also getting ready for other summer programs. We will offer youth softball, girls sand volleyball, adult bocce, adult sand volleyball, Start Smart Soccer and Baseball for 3 - 5 year olds, excursions to Cedar Point, Atwood Lake, and White Water Rafting. We will still be offering youth chess with two summer sessions and a tournament at Parkview Pool. Our summer camps continue to be popular with our youth and teens. The annual Debbie Hudacko Memorial Scholarship Walk/Run and Youth and Family Triathlon will be offered again for all interested participants.

And we know most of our residents are anticipating another season of Parkview Pool. This year the pool will open on Saturday, June 7. Season passes will be available for Mayfield Village Residents, School District Residents, and Progressive Employees. Guest Passes will be available for season pass holders and Mayfield Village residents to purchase admission for guests brought into the pool. The regular schedule for the pool will be Monday through Friday, 12 noon -

8:00 p.m. and Saturday - Sunday, 12 noon - 7:00 p.m. There will be certain days where hours are abbreviated or the pool is closed for a certain period of time. These dates are available in the Parks and Recreation Brochure and they will be posted at the pool as well. The Learn-to-Swim lessons will be offered for two different sessions with a range of classes offered for various levels/abilities.



As most of our Village residents are aware by now, S.O.M. Center Road construction will begin the second week of June. Please allow yourself and family enough time to get to and from Wiley Park, Parkview Pool playground and the Dedicated Soccer Fields during the next few months. Keep in mind that if you have a scheduled activity at either the fields or Learn to Swim class at Parkview Pool, be sure to leave early so you don't get frustrated. And please drive safely during the construction period.

We look forward to a great summer with all of our Village Residents. If you have any questions about any of our programs, or if you have any suggestions about our programs or for new programs, please call us at **461-5163**.

Have a safe and enjoyable summer!



## EXCURSIONS

### ▣ 4th Annual Trip to Cedar Point

Wednesday, June 25, 2003  
(no rain date) 8 a.m. - 8 p.m.  
Charter bus leaves and returns from Mayfield High School main parking lot.

**Cost:** 3 and under free  
4 years to 59 years: \$53  
60 years and older: \$49

Non-school district participants, add \$10 (includes transportation and ticket)

#### **Registration deadline:**

Wed. June 18

### ▣ White Water Rafting

Friday, July 11 (no rain date)  
7:30 a.m. - 9:30 p.m.

Charter bus leaves and returns from Mayfield High School main parking lot.

**Cost:** \$60 school district resident  
\$79 non-school district resident (includes transportation, guided service, lunch on the river, helmets, life jackets, raft and paddles)

For teens 15 years and older, adults, and families with children 12 years and older.

#### **Registration deadline:**

Fri., June 20

### ▣ Atwood Lake Adventure

Wednesday, July 16  
9:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Charter bus leaves and returns from Mayfield High School main parking lot.

**Cost:** \$48 school district resident  
\$58 non-school district resident (includes transportation, cruise, lunch and a visit to Amish Country in Sugar Creek.

#### **Registration deadline:**

Wed., June 25

### ▣ 3rd Annual Family & Youth Triathlon

Sunday, August 3

7:30 a.m. sign in

First race begins at

8:45 a.m. sharp

Parkview Pool & Wetlands

**Cost:** \$20 per individual or \$40 per team



## Mayfield Village Historical Society

by Al Scaccia, President

Our Ohio Bicentennial Open House on March 1 & 2, 2003 drew over 100 visitors to the new "lower level" display, (it's much too nice to be called a basement anymore.) Docents heard exclamations of "OOH's and AAH's," and "it's unbelievable" as they did their tours. We hope all members will have an opportunity to visit the new area. It is the final project planned for the Historic House at this time.

The new lighting fixtures are installed in the Library & Quilting Rooms. Sun glasses are advised, due to the brightness.

Hours for the House tours have changed due to the altered working days this coming season. Mondays & Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. will be by appointment as well as other tours. The third Sunday of the month, 1 to 3 p.m. remains the same. Call 440-461-0055 to schedule a tour. We are closed on holidays.

Patsy Mills arranged our first wedding of the year in mid-March. A tour of our new display was conducted by Mayor Rinker, who also performed the ceremony.



A Farewell Luncheon was given to Jan Stephens, our Fabrics Curator, by the Monday House Staff. She and her

husband, Bob are moving to Atlanta, GA. We thank her most sincerely for her time and effort and we wish them well.

Marge Comella & Shirley Shatten, our School System Coordinators, arranged a Visiting Trunk Show of Historical artifacts & introduced third graders at Center School to facts about our Community's heritage. Next month they will be awarding a \$300 History Scholarship to a graduating senior. It is

the first year in this program for the Historical Society. We hope to encourage interest in students in our area, in our Society, our Museum and the preservation of their heritage.

**Remember our coming events this fall:** September, Ice Cream Social & Quilt Raffle – October, Doll Show – November, Turkey Raffle – December, Christmas Pot Luck Dinner.



## At The Wetlands

by Barb Schmidt

Signs of summer are now evident in the Wetlands. Birds have nested. We are monitoring the bluebird boxes in the meadow, hoping that a pair of those beautiful birds has taken up residence there. Other birds migrated through on spring journeys to other areas. As of April, an ongoing list of bird species seen in the Wetlands numbered over 90! Those who walked at dusk in the area in the spring could hear spring peepers. A regular walker called in late winter to report having a close-up look at a mink! The Wetlands is providing a good habitat for many critters!

Our early March walk provided a great introduction to the Wetlands area for several folks who had not been there before! Hot cocoa surely tasted good at the close of that brisk evening!

The next event planned by the Wetlands Committee is a **FULL MOON FAMILY WALK** on Friday, June 13. In Native American folklore, this is the Strawberry Moon. We will be serving ice cream and strawberries following the naturalist led walk! Check out details on the enclosed flyer and reserve your places for this evening's activity! All are welcome!

Some folks have expressed concern about the West Nile virus threat in areas such as the Village Wetlands. Information about personal precautions against mosquitoes has been provided by the Cuyahoga County Board of Health and is printed on the reverse side of the Full Moon Walk flyer. Be aware, also, that Mayfield Village Wetlands is home to many frogs, toads, birds, and dragonflies which are great natural predators of adult mosquitoes, their eggs and their larvae.

Again, we invite and encourage Villagers interested in the continued development and maintenance of the Village Wetlands area to join with us in our meetings and activities. Call Village Hall at **440-461-2210** for information about our group of volunteers. We welcome more participation!

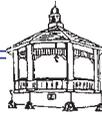
## PROGRESSIVE FITNESS CENTER

### BECOMING A MEMBER:

1. Purchase a 6 or 12 month membership (3 month summer student membership) at Mayfield Village Hall during regular office hours.
2. A photo I.D. (drivers license, school I.D.) with current address and current utility bill is required at the time of purchase.
3. Bring receipt to the Fitness Center.
4. Complete an enrollment form and schedule a 30 minute fitness assessment.

### RENEWAL PROCESS – STEPS 1-3 ABOVE.

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



## ABC Quilters

Mr. Bezdek's 5th grade class at Center School has completed their interviews with the ABC Quilters:

Hi, our names are Nick Taddeo, Jordon Jakab, and Marquell Bailey. We come to ABC Quilting to make quilts every Wednesday for people in need. We interviewed Elva Shibe, one of the quilters:

### How did you learn about ABC Quilting?

I had the RSVP sent here.

### How long have you worked here?

I worked here for six years.

### What (where) is your favorite place to take the quilts?

My favorite place to donate quilts is Rainbow Babies Hospital.

### How old are you?

I am 88 years old.

### How long have you been sewing?

For many years.

### Is sewing your favorite job?

Yes.

### Do you design quilts or sew?

I only sew.

### Do you have many other jobs?

Yes, I have many other jobs.

### How long do you work each day?

Two and ½ hours from 8:30 to 11:00 a.m.

### Would you like to teach how to sew?

Yes, but it takes a while.

### Did you get any other quilting interviews?

No, only in Mayfield.

### Have you been married?

I have been married three times but they have all died.

### Did you have any brothers or sisters?

Yes, but she died.

**This is Elva Shibe's view of quilting: I think quilting is a great thing to do. I can keep children and even adults comfortable. We take a lot of time making the quilts. We hope the people we donate the quilts to like them. We think quilting is a great opportunity.**



Hi! Our names are Kelly Porten and Madolyn Winger. We are in 5th grade at Center School. Our teach is Mr. Bezdek. We like to quilt, so we made this interview.

### What is your name?

Fay Shields

### How long have you been quilting?

4 years.

### Where do you live?

Mayfield Village.

### What is your favorite step of quilting (quilting)?

Designing quilts.

### Do you think quilting is hard anyway?

No, it just takes practice and acquired skill. You need to practice it and learn it to be good at it.

### What is your favorite quilt?

Art quilts.

### Why did you start quilting?

I saw some beautiful, unusual quilts at the Lake Farm Park Quilt Show and decided I wanted to make them for my grandchildren.

### If you weren't a quilter, what would you be?

A painter.

### How long does it take to make an average quilt?

About 2 weeks from start to finish.

## Mayfield Village 20/20 Vision Committee

by Jill Green

Well, the 20/20 Vision Committee has met several times since my last article. We had several guest speakers including a local businessperson, individuals from the local development committee and the mayor. The Committee was able to learn about higher density developments and where some of the housing trends may be moving in the future.

A special meeting was held early in April to discuss options for the Village owned church at the corner of Wilson Mills Road and SOM Center Road.

The Mayor was present to answer any questions the Committee had about plans for the property and building.

Many options were discussed

throughout the evening

but the Committee

did not reach a

consensus on the best

use of the property

for the Village.



On April 30th, the Committee met with the planning firm that was hired to assist with the planning process, DB Hartt and Associates. The Committee revisited many of the topics discussed in the past to refine the conclusions previously reached.

## Mayfield Schools

by Laurie Uhler,

Director of Community Relations

### State of the Schools provides positive picture of student performance

Superintendent Phillip G. Price gave his annual State of the Schools address during the March 26th Board of Education meeting, outlining the many successes students have earned during the year.

"Mayfield is a top tier district in Ohio and in the Midwest," Dr. Price said.

"By any measure, our district has attained educational excellence due to our committed students, caring staff and supportive families."

The "educational excellence" to which Dr. Price referred includes:

◆ Mayfield City Schools earned a perfect 22 out of 22 score on its local report card for student and staff performance.

◆ Mayfield City Schools are among 18% of Ohio school districts to earn a perfect 22 score out of Ohio's 608 tested school districts.



◆ Mayfield City Schools improved its overall proficiency scores with every single area tested going up.

◆ The Mayfield City School District is committed to ongoing data analysis of test scores to improve curriculum and individual student achievement.

◆ For the fourth year we have utilized the services of an educational expert on test analysis to locate areas for improvement.

◆ Mayfield City School District is one of only 12 Ohio school districts involved in obtaining North Central Association Transitions Accreditation for grades kindergarten through 12. This year we have a visiting team of master educators from the Midwest confirming the results we have worked toward.

◆ The Mayfield City School District is beginning preparation to obtain the Ohio Award of Excellence, which fewer than 10% of Ohio schools qualify.

◆ Mayfield City School District is home to one of the premiere high school science facilities in the state thanks to community support for a facility and technology bond issue in 1998.

◆ Significant community support in November 2001 was shown with passage of the district's 0.7 mill replacement permanent improvement levy. At the primary election in 2002, the district passed 6.9 mills of new operating funds. Even after the passage of these two issues, Mayfield has the 4th lowest tax rate out of 31 Districts in the county.

◆ Students from this year's graduating class raised \$10,155.00 for the United Way. District-wide, Mayfield students and staff raised \$22,949.

◆ Thirty-five new teachers, representing training backgrounds from 16 different colleges and universities joined the Mayfield School District. Our district continues to recruit the "best and brightest" for our teaching and support staff.

◆ The District continued its implementation of a five-year program of curriculum revision that is closely aligned with staff development, district goals and national standards.

◆ The Curriculum Department has been working this year with staff members to convert courses of study in Language Arts, Math, Social Studies and Science to the new Ohio Department of Education Content Standards.

◆ Program and facilities will be in place for the 2003-04 school year to offer tuition free, All Day Kindergarten to our primary students.

◆ All first-year teachers have been assigned a mentor teacher. Entry-year teachers and their mentors participate in over 50 hours of training during the school year.

◆ For the fifth year, Science and Education has been celebrated at Mayfield's Science & Technology Showcase at Executive Caterers at Landerhaven. The showcase has become a stand out event in our area.

◆ The Business Department utilizes a five-year plan for the District's approved Permanent Improvement Funds. The department is also involved in an ongoing facility analysis.

◆ The first annual Mayfield Art Show at Hillcrest Hospital in April 2002 was a tremendous event with a large number of people attending. The show remained at the hospital for two weeks. The second annual event is scheduled April 13th through May 7th.

◆ Mayfield's Technology Improvement plan has increased the number of PC's from 500 to 1,500 over a four year period with a new computer lab now on-site at each school building. Software is available to students so that they can access the World Book at school or home, utilize info-Ohio, and at the High School, elect to take on-line courses in Carnegie Algebra, Geometry and Quantitative Literacy.

◆ Professional development for staff in 2002-2003 has focused on literacy, technology, data driven decisions making and attaining North Central certification.

◆ Four literacy specialists, who work in the classroom and in staff development activities, were added to the staff this year to significantly strengthen our Language Arts/Literacy program at the elementary level.



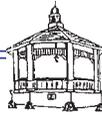
## **Mayfield High seniors earn National Merit standing**

Four Mayfield High seniors have been named National Merit finalists, an honor that less than 1 percent of students in United States will earn.

Mayfield District National Merit Scholars are Trevor Hawkins, Emmanuel Moses, Erin Rice and Crystal Shen.

These students earned this achievement after taking the 2002 Preliminary SAT/ National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test, which was administered to nearly 1.2 million students in over 20,000 U.S. high schools.

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## Gates Mills Horticulture Center to host Spring Open House

The Gates Mills Horticulture Center will hold its annual Spring Open House on Friday May 9th from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the Center, 390 County Line Road in Gates Mills. A variety of annuals, perennials, 4 inch pots and vegetable plants, as well as hanging baskets and flower pouches will be available for purchase. Plant sales at the Center will also continue through June.

A new feature at the Horticulture Center helps homeowners take the guess-work out of what to grow in their planters. Customers can drop off their planter and horticulture students and staff will re-pot the container with a beautiful combination of plants.

For more information, call the Center at **440.605.9517**.

## United We Stand

The Mayfield City School District's Veteran's Memorial Committee is seeking the names of Mayfield High School students or graduates who made the ultimate sacrifice with their lives while serving our country during any conflict since 1899.

Mayfield Schools would like to honor these men and women during a dedication ceremony at Mayfield High School during the 2003-04 school year. Please provide the following information

- ◆ Name of Mayfield graduate/attendee
- ◆ Year(s) graduated/attended
- ◆ Branch of Service
- ◆ Name of Conflict/War
- ◆ Day of Rest
- ◆ Person submitting information:  
Name/Phone

Call Laurie Uhlir to submit information at **440.995.7222**



## Lyndhurst Municipal Court

### SPRING 2003

The most recent Outreach Program called "Make the Right Choice" is being held on June 13, 2003 at the Lyndhurst Community Center. The speakers will include both victims and offenders of Driving Under the Influence cases. The message of the program is that bad consequences affect good people. This program is designed to teach through the experience of others to save lives.

Judge Bozza spoke to the Women of Wellness group in March at the Atrium at Hillcrest Hospital. She addressed many issues including parental responsibilities, truancy, underage drinking and curfew violations. There were close to 60 students and parents in attendance. This program also addressed prom and graduation. The Women of Wellness group provided a light supper and door prizes.

Judge Bozza has been chosen to be on an advisory panel at Ursuline College regarding Career Development in their Legal Studies program.

On March 25, 2003, Judge Bozza hosted 25 students from Ratner School. The students along with teachers Andy Persanyi, Jeanne Schroeder and Pat Schwab spent the morning in the Courtroom observing the arraignment session. After the arraignments, the students took part in a question and answer period with Judge Bozza. The Judge was very impressed with the intelligent questions the students asked and the clever observations made by these young people.

Mayfield High School senior, Nina DiPadova completed her senior search program at the Lyndhurst Municipal Court. She spent the last quarter of her senior year shadowing the Judge in the Courtroom, being exposed to all aspects of the Court.

If you belong to an organization and would like to have Judge Bozza speak to your group or would like to schedule a visit or field trip to the Court, please contact **Patti Anderson at (440) 461-6500, ext. 205**.

## In Memoriam

**William Shortle**, former Chief of Police of Mayfield Village and Mayfield High School graduate, passed away in Florida where he was a resident for over twenty years.

**Alan G. Bennett**, former Mayor, Councilman, Volunteer Fireman and Mayfield High School graduate, passed away in North Carolina where he was a resident for twenty-two years. His family was among the early settlers of Mayfield Township.

**Fred Gaertner**, owner of the Shell Station at Wilson Mills and S.O.M. Center Roads, passed away. Fred (Foxy) was the owner of the station for 33 years.





## Police Officers Face Faculty In 1st Annual Charity Basketball Game

by Rich Edelman

Mayfield area police officers faced off against the Mayfield faculty in the first annual charity basketball game on Tuesday, March 25, 2003. The team of officers was made up of members of our own MVPD as well as officers from Highland Heights, Lyndhurst and Mayfield Heights. After a thrill-packed evening, the final score was tied at 66-66 and over \$6,000 was raised to help support families in the Mayfield school system with children diagnosed with cancer!



Congratulations to our own Officer Kathy Troyer for not only coming up with the idea, but also planning and organizing the event! Well done Kathy! Special thanks also to MHS Athletic Director Jim Dasher for helping to coordinate the evening and the Mayfield teachers, cheerleaders and everyone else who participated.





## **Gates Mills Horticulture Center**

**by Roger Remec**

It has been (as Frank would say) a very good year for cooperative horticulture projects between the horticulture center staff and kids and Mayfield Village.

The Arbor Day celebration, work projects at the Historical House and Union Cemetery, monthly projects with the Center School second graders and also the first anniversary of our student, Carl Carver, working for the Mayfield Village Service Department has made this a very busy year.

The newest project we will undertake is a new satellite horticulture program at the newly renovated Cleveland Botanical Gardens which should add to the future opportunities for Mayfield Village students and others.

Best Regards and GO MOW YOUR GRASS! (At least it's not still snowing.)



### **MAKE YOUR DOG A GOOD NEIGHBOR**

Remember that none of us wants to hear a barking dog or find an unwelcome surprise on our freshly groomed lawn. Additionally, the Village has ordinances requiring pet clean-up and prohibiting the continued barking of dogs.

Please keep tabs on your pets and be a good neighbor.

## **Greetings From County Treasurer**

**by Jim Rokakis,  
Cuyahoga County Treasurer**

As Cuyahoga County Treasurer, my office plays a vital role in the lives of Cuyahoga County residents. The office collects \$1.55 billion in taxes—tax revenue that is critical to schools, libraries, parks, municipalities and Cuyahoga County government. The treasurer's office invests an average of \$535 million of county funds each day, earning \$25 million in interest each year for Cuyahoga County.

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## **Hanover Woods Homeowners Association**

**by Edward J Sullivan**

Spring is here; can summer be far behind? We all hope not! With many of our neighbors and their kids using our streets more actively as the weather improves, we ask that you please drive carefully.

We apologize for not getting our dues statements out as I said we would in our last VOV article. But, we didn't forget them. Jeff Schiemann will try to get them out as soon as time permits. He has been very busy. Your Trustees ask that you make every effort to pay your dues as soon as possible after you receive the statement. Thank you.

Your Homeowners Association is looking at possible social activities for this summer and fall. We welcome your suggestions and your help. Vicki Pamela will be coordinating our Social Calendar. She would be pleased to hear from you. We are looking forward to an enjoyable social season during 2003.

Neither Dr. Steve Parker nor I have anything new to report at this time on our request for relocation of the East Ohio Gas above grade gas pressure facility presently located at the intersection of Hanover Road and Wilson Mills Road. We presented Council with a petition on this matter November 19, 2001. To date the Village and East Ohio Gas have not reached an agreement on where it will be relocated. However, there are several possible sites. We will continue to pursue the matter.

Your Trustees and I invite you to join "your" Homeowners Association. We are here to work for you, but to be successful we need both your input and your help. Also, please remember, Hanover Woods is subject to Deed Restrictions. They run with your property and are intended to provide a basis to help you to maintain the value of your investment, and make Hanover Woods a desirable place to live. The owner of every sub lot should have a copy. We have copies so, if you need



one, please call any of our Trustees listed below or me.

We welcome our new neighbors. Please consider becoming active. This is “your” Homeowners Association. It can be a good way to meet your neighbors and, besides, it’s fun. Please contact Vicki Pamela, Bill Coughlin, Dr Steve Parker, Jeff Schiemann, or me.

## **Worton Park and Pine Tree Home Owners**

**by Ted Wetzal, Association President**

Consistent with spring, the homeowners association also has fresh growth. In addition to progress developing the directory, the 10 street representatives have had two energetic meetings to frame the issues facing our neighborhood.

We are excited to enhance the already strong neighbor friendships and already vibrant neighborhood and home improvements.

The general meeting for all neighbors was held on Thursday, May 22. The purpose of this meeting was to get to know the leadership team, to present the issues selected for further work, and to listen to further issues.

Please share your energy!

## **CONSTRUCTION TO BEGIN ON S.O.M.**

The first phase of the S.O.M. Center Road construction project will require the closing of S.O.M. near Fisher’s Tavern for approximately 45 days. The “dip” will be filled in and an underpass to safely cross S.O.M. will be installed. We anticipate work to begin mid-June. During the remainder of the S.O.M. Center Road construction project, one lane of S.O.M. will remain open to traffic. For detour routes and additional information, please refer to the enclosed flyer.

## **Mayfield Village Garden Club**

**by Donna Roman**

The 16th Annual Arbor Day Celebration, sponsored by the Mayfield Village Garden Club was held in the Mayfield Village Community Room on Friday, April 11. Honored guests included Al Scaccia, President of the Mayfield Township Historical Society; Counselor Frank Binder, Dr. Phillip Price, Superintendent of Mayfield City Schools and Bruce Rinker, Mayor of Mayfield Village.

Louise Wuescher, Garden Club President, welcomed everyone and The Mayfield Jazz Ensemble, under the direction of Jim Sanford, played several jazzy numbers. Carey Spear, a Mayfield Center School 5th Grade representative, led everyone with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Garden Club Co-Vice Presidents Karen Dengel and Penny Juratic introduced the Center School Cyclone (5th Grade) Choir who sang under the direction of Becky Hall. They sang “Sakula” (the cherry blossom song—a folk song of Japan) and the Ratland Bog. The Ratland Bog was a participatory song—which the children really seem to enjoy—maybe it will even become as popular as the Makarena (if that’s possible.)

Frank Binder introduced the Arbor Day Poetry and Picture Contest winners. The students put a lot of thought into their poetry and artwork. It must have been a difficult task to select the winners. The posters had wonderful titles such as Arbor Day, Nature’s Gifts and Arbor Day is Here. There were posters with short trees, tall trees, fat trees, and thin trees. One even had a rainbow! Some of the lyrics included thoughtful sentiments as, “when you lay on a hammock, you know you’ve got it made” and “it’s a place for birds to build their nest.”

This year, the honored guests created posters and poems. Becky O’Linn (Mayfield Horticulture Center) wrote about “walking through the Wetlands” and said “today I celebrate you all.”

Roger Remec (Mayfield Horticulture Center) wrote about deer, bunnies and raccoons eating his garden. Dr. Price said this is a special day for us. After a long hard winter it is nice to celebrate Spring and celebrate trees and the greening of America. He said he finds that more middle and high school students care about their environment and want the kind of landscaping around them that I think we all wish for. Mayor Rinker said it has been said that in 1872 when Arbor Day was first recognized, squirrels could touch on a tree in Pennsylvania, go through Ohio and not touch the ground all the way to the Indiana border! We always thought there were more trees then but there were actually less trees then—than there are today.

Mayfield Village Garden Club left us with these thoughts:

Plant a tree for your tomorrow. It’s your tree that clears the air. Plant a tree, trees for America. Plant a tree today for all the world to share.

Then everyone enjoyed a variety of delectable desserts.



## **Kenwood Homeowners Association**

**by Mickey Evans**

Spring has come to Mayfield Village and it looks like the signs of a long hard winter are finally disappearing. The Kenwood group was pretty quiet over the winter although we did meet with Mayor Rinker in March. It was basically an informational meeting for us to hear what is going on in the Village. Rezoning for cluster housing and the widening of S.O.M. were two issues of great interest to the group.

The committee will be meeting in early summer to plan for the pool party that was such a success last summer. **SAVE THE DATE:** It’s Sunday, August 10—and as time goes, it will be here before we realize it. Until then, have a wonderful spring!

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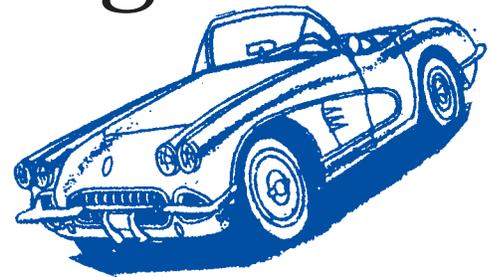
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