

# The Voice of the Village

Mayfield Village, Ohio

## Library Unveils Plan for New Mayfield Branch



The new Mayfield Branch Library will be located at 500 SOM Center Road. The new state-of-the-art building is expected to open in Spring 2013. See story on pg. 12.

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# Economic Update

## Memo from the Mayor / Bruce G. Rinker

For almost two years, since first broaching the subject of increasing the Village's income tax rate from 1.5% to 2%, we have promised to use the increased tax revenue for five specific purposes:

1. To increase *reserves*;
2. To *reduce our debt*;
3. For *tax base enhancement*;
4. For *operations*, to continue to provide the level of service residents expect; and
5. To keep improving our *infrastructure*.

In April, I reported that we have kept these promises and showed you how we have applied the additional revenue to these categories.

I know that I have inundated you with numbers and with pie charts and, this time, I will leave the economic analysis to Finance Director Ron Wynne (see his article on Pg. 3). I am happy to report that the Village continues aggressively to apply funds to increase reserves and reduce our debt. We continue to operate under the austerity measures put in place during 2009. As promised and with the help of grant dollars, we are funding projects to enhance our tax base, to repair streets and to improve our sewer systems. The Aintree Park road project and the Wiley Park improvement project are both underway and should be completed (weather permitting!) by the printing of this issue.

2012 promises to be another year of physical improvements with many other exciting projects moving beyond the planning stages: The Aintree North street work will begin (about \$1 million in repairs and re-paving); the Library will break ground (a \$12 million facility); the Greenway Corridor will be well on its way to completion (with nearly \$1 million in grants); and plans for a renewed Town Center will be underway (starting with the razing of the old Village Hall and Fire/Police Annex). Meanwhile, a new Council subcommittee for community and economic development is working hand-in-hand with the Planning Development Department to improve the Village's working relationships with businesses.

Commercial development activity is increasing and property owners are exploring new uses. Some have submitted plans for review by our Building Dept. and Committees and we hope to see these projects move forward next year as well.

With continued adherence to these basic principles priorities, Mayfield Village will continue to be a sustainable community where people want to live, work and play.



Mayor Bruce G. Rinker



# Incremental Tax Dollars at Work

Ronald C. Wynne / Director of Finance



Ronald C. Wynne  
Director of Finance

In May 2010, Mayfield Village placed an issue on the ballot requesting that voters approve an increase in the income tax rate from 1.5% to 2.0%. During the months that preceded the vote, we held several town hall meetings and distributed various pieces of informational literature that addressed how these additional tax monies would be spent. We identified five (5) specific categories to which the funds would be directed.

I wanted to take this opportunity to share with you in more detail exactly how these monies were spent in 2010 and budgeted for in 2011.

**DEBT RETIREMENT** – This category refers to the principal and interest payments the Village is required to make annually on its outstanding notes and bonds. Incremental tax dollars allocated were \$75,000 in 2010 and \$375,000 in 2011. **We are paying down debt quicker.**

**RESERVES** – This category refers to the Village's "Rainy Day Fund" or savings account. It represents monies set aside only to be tapped in the event of absolute necessity. Incremental tax dollars allocated were \$82,000 in 2010 and \$308,000 in 2011. Our budgeted reserves as of December 31, 2011 are \$3.2 million. **Our goal is to have \$4,000,000 in reserves at all times.**

**INFRASTRUCTURE** – This category refers to the Village's roads, sewers, equipment needs, etc. Incremental tax dollars of \$500,000 were allocated in 2010 to cover the Worton Park road project (\$200,000), future funding needs for sewer conversion projects (\$200,000) and two snow plows (\$100,000 down-payment). In 2011, \$1,800,000 was allocated primarily to cover the Aintree subdivision road project (\$1,000,000), future funding needs for sewer conversion projects (\$200,000), Civic Hall roof replacement (\$175,000), Police and

Service Department access road (\$125,000), two snow plows (\$100,000 final payment) and three police cruisers (\$75,000).

**TAX BASE ENHANCEMENT** – This category refers to expenditures that benefit existing and attract prospective residents and businesses. An example of such an expenditure would be the installation of the high speed fiber ring on Beta Drive. Incremental tax dollars of \$100,000 were allocated in 2010 primarily to cover future funding needs for completion of the greenway corridor. In 2011, \$240,000 was allocated primarily to cover future funding needs for completion of the greenway corridor, renovation of the Wiley Park parking lot, renovation of the town center gazebo and the repurposing of the old police station trailer as restrooms for the soccer fields.

**OPERATIONS** – This final category refers to the day-to-day operations of the Village. It includes the cost of personnel, facilities, programs, etc. Incremental tax dollars allocated were \$243,000 in 2010 and \$277,000 in 2011.

In summary, incremental tax dollars for 2010 and 2011 combined are expected to approximate \$4,000,000. These funds have been allocated as follows:

- 11.25% to Debt Retirement;
- 9.75% to Reserves;
- 57.50% to Infrastructure;
- 8.50% to Tax Base Enhancement; and
- 13.00% to Operations.

In 2012, we will schedule town hall meetings to share with you the Village's final results for 2011 and our plans for the coming year. We thank you for your support and look forward to sharing this information with you.



# VILLAGE ADDRESSES FLOODING ISSUES

By Frank Stupczy, Service Department

Throughout this spring and summer the Service Department has been receiving and responding to a marked increase in reports of flooding from residents during and after significant heavy rain events. One of the most common questions we are getting is, "Why does this keep happening?" The reason is a result of a continually aging sewer system combined with record rainfalls this year.

## Record Rainfall

According to the Cleveland National Weather Service, as of September 30, this has been the third wettest year in 140 years of measurements. A total of 51.13" of rain on the year so far leaves us only about 4" from the rainfall record, 53.83 in 1990, and we typically averaged 8.5" of rain from October to December. **In short, we've gotten a lot of rain.** As *The Plain Dealer* reports, data from the National Climatic Data Center indicates the number days with an inch of rain or more during a year has increased on average by about 90% since 1900 (Cleveland.com, Aug 21, 2009). These numbers, mirroring national trends, seem to indicate a changing climate that is yielding more and more rain.

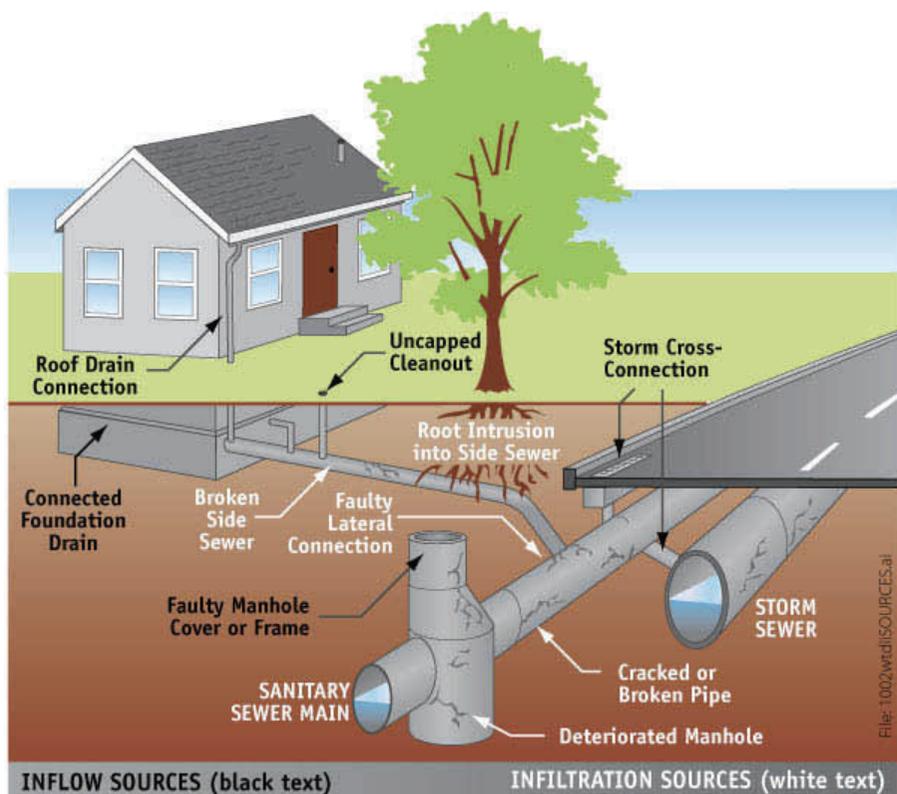
## Mayfield Village Sewer System

Our sewer system is made up of two types of sewer lines or systems. The Storm Sewer is a system dedicated to handling all of the water that exists **outside** of the home. This could include, but is not limited to, downspouts, driveway drains, curb/street drains, and yard/surface drains. This is the sewer system that is made to handle and move the impressive amount of rain and water run-off we've received this year. The most common reason for a backup in this system is a blockage of some kind. A blockage can occur in a drain in the street or in the pipe that is buried underground. To alleviate this backup, the blockage must be removed to allow water to flow again.

Unfortunately, if you've received water backing up through a drain in your home this year, it was most likely from our second type of sewer system, the Sanitary Sewer. The sanitary line is made up of virtually every drain **inside** of the home including but not limited to sinks, toilets, bathtubs/showers, and basement floor drains. This system can back up due to a blocked line but is also prone to overflow backup because the sanitary sewer system tends to be made of smaller diameter pipes and is not designed or intended to take on as much water as the storm sewer.

## So why is the Sanitary Sewer line backing up during heavy downpours if it's not associated with rainwater?

A sanitary line backup during a heavy downpour occurs when excess or additional water, intended to go to the storm sewer, finds its way into a sanitary sewer. There are two ways this happens, through Infiltration or Inflow (I/I). Infiltration is excess groundwater that finds its way into sanitary sewer lines through holes, cracks, joint failures, or connection failures in sanitary sewer pipes buried in the ground. Heavy rainfalls tend to increase the amount of groundwater which leads to an increase in infiltration through these sanitary sewer malfunctions. Inflow, on the other hand, is any surface water that finds its way into the sanitary line, instead of the storm line where it is intended to go. Surface water can enter a sanitary sewer through faulty man-



## Village Addresses Flooding Issues (cont.)

hole covers or incorrect cross connections with storm sewer or downspout drains. Again, heavy sudden rainfall will dramatically increase the amount of surface runoff which, if it finds its way into these failures, will easily overwhelm the unequipped sanitary line causing a backup into a home.

### What can residents do?

The only way we know there is a problem in your home or on your street is if we receive a report from you. Please call the Service Department if you have experienced any flooding in or around your home so we can document and update our information. We all use the same sewer lines so in most instances your home is not the only one being affected on the street. The type of flooding

and severity of flooding in an area can help us zero in on problem areas and greatly expedite the repair process.

It is also important to remember that all residents are responsible for the connecting lines (or laterals) from their home to the main sewer at the street. A malfunctioning lateral not only causes water backups around your home, but it puts unnecessary stress on the main sewer lines which in turn affects everyone on the street. One of the simplest and effective ways to alleviate water problems in or around the home is to have the storm line between the home and the street snaked and cleaned. This is

a relatively routine procedure that can be done by most certified plumbers. Snaking the storm sewer can either fix the problem and get water moving to where it is intended to go or it can help identify where a larger problem may exist.

### What is Mayfield Village doing?

Mayfield Village is currently working together with the Cuyahoga County Sewer District to identify and fix problems that have been reported by residents throughout the year. In the coming months you may see us in your neighborhood conducting one of two types of tests. One test uses dye to trace any leaks, malfunctions, or incorrect connec-

tions that may be in your sanitary or storm lines. The second test uses smoke in the main sewer lines to find where leaks may be. To properly and effectively run the tests it may be necessary for our Service Department workers or Cuyahoga County workers to access your property or speak with you in person. If your home or street is going to be affected directly you will receive a letter from Mayfield Village in the coming weeks explaining in more detail the type of testing, the dates of testing, and any other information you may need.

**If you have questions, please call us at 440-442-5506.**



## A Message from the Service Department . . . Fall Leaf Collection Underway

The Service Department began curbside leaf pickup in mid-October and will continue through early December, weather permitting. As you and your landscapers begin autumn cleanup, please keep the following in mind:

- Leaves should be raked to the tree lawn and placed as close to the street as possible.
- Branches, twigs and grass may not be mixed with leaf piles as they clog and damage our equipment.
- Leaves should not be placed in street circles. Please keep them on your tree lawn.
- Please place leaf piles away from mailboxes and light poles.
- There is no set schedule for leaf pickup. Leaves on all streets will be collected at least once per week.
- There will be no spring leaf collection.

**Don't forget to call the Service Department at 440-442-5506 beginning in March 2012 to put your name on the mulch delivery list.**

# Calendar of Events / Nov 2011 - Jan 2012

## NOVEMBER

- 4 Red Cross Blood Drive (2-7 pm @ Community Room)
- 8 Election Day (all Wards vote at Community Room)
- 24 Thanksgiving (Village offices closed Thurs, Nov 24 and Friday, Nov 25)

## DECEMBER

- 3 Santa Ride @ 10:30 am (see back cover). Christmas Party at 1:30 pm @ Community Room.
- 4 Tree Lighting (7 pm at Gazebo)
- 9-11 Fairmount Youth Theatre presents "Aladdin" (call 440-338-3171 for showtimes and tickets)
- 10 Senior Holiday Party (1 pm @ Community Room)
- 17 Singing Angels Concert (7 pm @ Reserve Hall in Civic Center)
- 20 Menorah Lighting (7 pm @ Gazebo)
- 25 Christmas (Village offices closed Friday, Dec 23 and Monday, Dec 26)

## JANUARY

- 1 New Year's Day (Village offices closed Monday, Jan 2)
- 6 Red Cross Blood Drive (2-7 pm @ Community Room)

### Hillcrest Meals on Wheels

11th Annual

### FALL CRAFT FAIR

Saturday  
November 12, 2011

10:00am - 4:00pm

Lyndhurst Community Center  
1341 Parkview Drive

Admission \$2.00

Crafts - Raffle - Door Prizes - Bake  
Sale

Food - Fun - Fellowship

For more information call Lanie @ 216-481-2173

All proceeds benefit Hillcrest Meals on Wheels

Serving the communities of Highland Heights, Lyndhurst, Mayfield Heights, Mayfield Village, Richmond Heights and South Euclid

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Village of Mayfield

## The Singing Angels Holiday Concert

Sat, Dec 17 @ 7:00 p.m.  
Mayfield Village Civic Center  
Call 440-461-2210 for tickets.



www.mayfieldvillage.com

## Patsy Mills / Council Ward 2

### What's happening in the Village?

Mayfield Village Union Cemetery's grave monuments are being repaired. Some of the stones date back to 1810. The land for this cemetery was donated by Juniah Jones. It is the responsibility of the original township to maintain this cemetery. Highland Heights, Mayfield Heights and Mayfield Village contribute to the care. The Mayfield Garden Club Members have planted many of the trees and flowers and continue to beautify the area with the help of the Village Service Department.

Shred Day is a great service for the residents. If you have not taken advantage of this service please look for the next date in May 2012. Gather your unwanted documents and bring them to the Civic Center.

Halloween window painting by the students from the Mayfield School District is a challenging way for the students to demonstrate their talents. Each painted window is unique.

It's time to think about the falling leaves. When raking your leaves, please place them on the tree lawn, not in the street. It is easier for the Service Department to remove them from the grass area.

Look for Santa and the Fire Truck in your neighborhood on December 3. The children's party with Santa will be at the Community Room at 1:30 p.m. Pictures of the children with Santa will be available as well as a special treat.

The annual tree lighting at the Gazebo will be on December 4 at 7 p.m. Santa will be there along with students from Center School to herald in the holiday

season. Enjoy hot chocolate and donuts.

The Singing Angels will perform at the Civic Center on December 17 at 7 p.m.. Tickets are available at the Civic Center.

The Menorah Lighting Ceremony will be on December 20 at 7 p.m. in the Community Room.

Please refer to the Mayfield Township Historical Society and the Mayfield Village Garden Club articles for meeting dates and upcoming events.

There is always a need for volunteers to make these projects happen. We appreciate any time that you offer to make these events special. Call the Civic Center to offer your expertise. New committee members are welcomed in January.

Patsy Mills 440-449-4922



Patsy Mills  
Council at Large

## Tom Marrie / Council at Large

The Citizens Advisory Committee project for Malachi House and the Veterans Hospital was a wonderful success. Thanks to all who donated. Your generosity brought many smiles to these well deserving folks.

A very sincere "Thank You" to Jim Mason, a true gentleman who served as the chairman of this committee as well as serving our Village in many capacities over the years. Jim is leaving the Village to another area and he will be truly missed. Wishing you good luck and good health, Jim and Melinda.

Congratulations to Brenda Bodnar on being elected as the new chairman.

The children's Halloween Party was a great success. Thanks to the Recreation Dept. and Recreation Board for all of their dedication and hard work to make so many children happy

and safe. The children's Christmas Party and Santa's ride through the Village will take place Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Our summer programs and camps were very successful and our pool slide structure will be painted this Fall. Our Recreation Department is busy planning programs for next year for everyone of all ages.

A big Thank You to Chief Mohr, Lt. Girbino and Debbie Thomas in Administration for all their effort and work on the recent "Smoke Alarm Program". It was a huge success and 634 were ordered by 166 homes. This program is sure to make all of us a little safer.

The Community and Economic Development Committee is busy meeting and working on ways to improve our Village and tax base. They and Council are looking at the anti-poaching

agreement presented by Cuyahoga County to all cities and villages.

Road work is in full swing in Aintree Park and will be a big improvement for all the residents when done.

The Wiley Park project (driveway for Service Dept. and Police Dept and sewers) is in full swing. A grant helped us to proceed with this project.

Over 700 bulbs were planted around the Police Dept. by the Garden Club. That should certainly be beautiful next Spring.

Congratulations to our new full time police officer, John Argie, who was sworn in at the October 3<sup>rd</sup> Caucus meeting. Good luck John!



Thomas J. Marrie  
Council at Large

## Joseph M. Saponaro / Council at Large



Joseph M. Saponaro  
Council at Large

My goal of this article is to answer a question posed by many residents during my recent meetings and discussions:

### **Why does it appear that Council approves expenditures without detailed discussions?**

An expenditure that is equal to or greater than \$2,500 is placed on the Agenda of the Council Meeting in order to be voted upon by the members of Council in the form of a motion. The outcome of such vote can result in the approval or disapproval of the expenditure.

However, before the expenditure can reach the Council Agenda it must be put through the vetting process. This starts with the initial request that is discussed among the Mayor, Department Director(s) and other members of the Administration, as required. The request may be simple and placed in the form of purchase order or the request may require a memorandum with supporting research and documentation. Either way, Council receives this request documentation prior to the Caucus meeting in order to prepare questions and discussion points directed to the appropriate parties during the Caucus.

At this point it may be apparent that more information is required and Council may send this request back to the Administration for clarification or the Council President will ask that the request be placed on the agenda of various committees, such as Finance, Ordinance Review, and/or Safety and Service, for review and analysis. All expenditure requests will be sent to the Finance Committee for discussion, analysis and recommendation as a last step prior to being placed on the Council

Agenda. Fiscal responsibility and representing the Mayfield Village residents is at the center of every decision that I make as your Councilman.

As a member and current Chair of the Finance Committee, I believe that it is imperative that the first question answered is whether the request has been accounted for in the Annual Budget. Once this answer has been determined, then our discussion ensues to ultimately decide whether the Finance Committee will approve the requested item or not. The Finance Committee also meets twice each month to make sure that all items have the proper vetting before any recommendation is made. Every week, members of Council receive packets of information to review in order to prepare for the various committees that we participate in, as well as for the Caucus and Council Meetings.

As a member of Council, in addition to the documentation and information already received, I use the Annual Budget as a foundation for the decisions I make on the expenditures. (The Annual Budget must be approved by Council, therefore, prior to its approval I have reviewed, analyzed, prepared discussion points and met with the Administration to express my opinion and gather information in order to make an informed decision.)

Although the expenditure is placed on the Council Agenda, there is still opportunity for further debate and discussion. Finally, you can have a voice in this process as well by contacting me or any member of Council and/or participating in the open portion of the Council

Meeting to express your opinion. So although it may appear that Council approves expenditures without discussion, if you look at all of the steps of the process, you will see that there are many opportunities to review and analyze these agenda items openly.

It's hard to believe that I have had the privilege of serving the Mayfield Village Community for the past 8 years. In addition to the Finance Committee, I currently chair the Ordinance Review Committee and Economic and Community Development Committee, and serve as a member of the Wage Review Committee and Drainage and Infrastructure Committee.

I look forward to your continued support of my efforts as your Council-At-Large at the election polls in November. Please contact me to set up a meeting or discuss any Mayfield Village matter~~call 216.956.7756 or email me at

[JSaponaro@SaponaroLaw.com](mailto:JSaponaro@SaponaroLaw.com).

Remember that all Council meetings are open to the public and the agendas for these meetings are found on the Mayfield Village website:

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

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# Legislative Update - Noteworthy Issues on Ballot

Joseph W. Diemert, Jr. / Law Director

It's that time of the year again: campaigns, commercials, lawn signs and ballots. As the November 8, 2011 Ohio General Election approaches, it is the perfect opportunity to evaluate our legislature's work with regard to issues that will appear on our general election ballots, and in other introduced, passed and enacted legislation.

This year, Ohioans have several noteworthy issues appearing on the ballot. For example, Issue One presents Ohioans the opportunity to increase the maximum age at which a person may be elected or appointed judge from seventy years old to seventy-five years old. Issue Two requires Ohioans to make very difficult decisions regarding reforms to government employment practices in Ohio, which I covered in greater detail in the last *Voice of the Village*. Finally, Issue Three is a proposal for health care freedom, and will affect all Ohioans.

In addition to considering the legislative issues that appear on the November ballot, it is also important to review the legislative efforts that our elected representatives have made throughout his or her term. The Ohio legislature has been very active over the past few months proposing, passing and enacting legislations that address critical legal issues.

In June, the Ohio General Assembly passed Senate Bill 17, a controversial bill amending the Ohio concealed carry laws. Senate Bill 17 expands the premises in which a person with a concealed carry license may legally possess a con-

cealed handgun. Under the new law, concealed carry licensees may carry a concealed weapon onto premises that have been issued a "D liquor permit," including carry out establishments, restaurants, nightclubs, clubs, hotels, shopping malls, marinas, museums, among others.

It is important to note that these expanded permissions only apply so long as the concealed carry licensee is not consuming beer or intoxicating liquor, and is not under the influence of alcohol or a drug of abuse. The new concealed carry laws took effect on September 30, 2011.

On June 28, 2011, the Ohio House of Representatives passed House Bill 99, which addresses texting and driving. House Bill 99 would prohibit the driver of a vehicle from using an electronic communications device to write, send, or read a text-based communication. The bill allows for certain exemptions to the general prohibition, including: using an electronic communications device for emergency purposes, or for drivers of public safety vehicles who use these devices in the course of his or her duties. Further, House Bill 99 would impose a requirement on driver's education courses to instruct students on the dangers of driving while using electronic communications to write, send, or read a text-based communication.

Several municipalities have already enacted ordinances that prohibit texting and driving. If House Bill 99 is approved by the Senate, it would implement a statewide ban on such activity.

Finally, on September 7, 2011, the Ohio Senate introduced Sen-

ate Bill 216, which seeks to repeal Ohio's Alternative Energy Portfolio Standard. The Alternative Energy Portfolio Standard was enacted in 2008 with wide support, and has resulted in advanced energy development in Ohio. The standards require the state's electric utilities to provide 25 percent of their retail energy supply from advanced and renewable energy resources by 2025.

Although alternative energy remains a significant concern to Ohio legislators, Senate Bill 216 is motivated by the economic difficulties that Ohio families and businesses are experiencing, and a desire to avoid exacerbating these difficulties by driving up the cost of energy. The sponsors of Senate Bill 216 argue that its cost to Ohioans and Ohio businesses outweighs the benefits that it will bring to Ohio. Opponents of the Senate Bill 216 argue that the opposite is true.

Senate Bill 216 is still in the introductory phase of the legislative process. It is unclear when the Senate will vote on Senate Bill 216. If you have strong opinions supporting or opposing this bill, be sure to make your opinion known. Regardless of what phase of the legislative process a certain bill is in, be it: already signed into law, like Senate Bill 17; approved by one legislative body, like House Bill 99; in preliminary introductory phases, like Senate Bill 216; or appearing as a ballot issue, like Senate Bill 5; your opinion can always be heard. You can take action by contacting your elected state officials, and of course, by taking your position to the polls on election day.



Joseph W. Diemert, Jr.  
Law Director

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## Recreation Corner

Bill Thomas / Director of Recreation

Now that Summer 2011 activities are a distant memory and fall activities and our popular Halloween activities have just been completed, the recreation department now turns its attention to Winter 2011/12.

Look for your Winter Parks & Recreation Brochure very soon in the mail. In this issue we have some of our popular holiday special events that include: Santa Ride and Party, Christmas Tree Lighting and Menorah Ceremony and Singing Angels.

For those who want to get ready for Spring fishing we offer three classes on Fly Fishing. See page 3 of the Rec brochure.

Have you ever wanted to plan your "Own Murder Mystery" for your dinner party? Well, we have just the class. Come learn from the originator and former host of Murder Mystery events in Ohio.

Our Adaptive Recreation programs for persons with disabilities continue to expand. A wonderful variety of activities are offered again this winter.

Holiday excursions are planned in December and culminated by a Christmas concert at Severance Hall and dinner. Our final Rivers Casino trip to Pittsburg, before the snow melts, will be Wednesday, February 15.

Finally, a variety of youth activities will be offered this winter to keep the children busy which includes: Village Players basketball for 3 - 5 yr. olds, Making Pizza in the Village at Pizza Roma, Gingerbread House Making Workshop and Young Rembrandts Winter Break Drawing and Enrichment classes.

Happy Holidays! Join the fun and participate in our varied programs. Call us with program suggestions or comments at 461-5163 or email [bthomas@mayfieldvillage.com](mailto:bthomas@mayfieldvillage.com).



Bill Thomas  
Director of Recreation

## Village Hires Full-Time Patrol Officer

by Terry Skomrock, Police Executive Asst.

Mayor Bruce G. Rinker administered the oath of office to new full-time police officer, John "Jay" Argie, at a swearing-in ceremony during Council Caucus on October 3, 2011. Patrolman Argie was hired to fill a vacancy created by the retirement of former Police Chief Patrick Dearden earlier this year.

Jay began his career as a part-time Mayfield Village Police Officer in 2005. Mayor Rinker described Jay as a very dedicated, very competent officer. Jay completed the Civil Service testing process earlier this year with great distinction. Mayor Rinker congratulated him and told him to "stay safe".

Jay's family, friends and many peers were there to support him and congratulate him at the ceremony. Jay graduated from Mayfield High School in 1987 and grew up in Gates Mills. Jay believes that Law Enforcement is an honorable profession and one that he can be proud of, so he completed his police schooling at the Ohio Peace Officer Training Academy in Cleveland Heights in 2004, where he achieved both the academic and physical fitness honor rolls.

Jay feels one of the many roles of being a policeman is to ensure the safety of the community and feels it is an honor and privilege to serve and protect. Jay feels Mayfield Village is part of his extended family. Since he joined the department, Jay has received many complimentary letters from citizens he has helped. Jay and his wife and children reside in a neighboring community.



Mayor Rinker administered the oath of office to Patrol Officer John "Jay" Argie on Oct. 3, 2011.

Photo courtesy of Stuart Galicz.

# From the Desk of the Chief

Richard Edelman / Chief of Police

I hope everyone had an enjoyable summer. By the time of this printing we will be well into the current school year. My wife and I recently saw our daughter off to her freshman year at college. Saying our good-byes to her that day was an emotional experience. A mix of pride in her accomplishments laced with a bit of trepidation because I wouldn't be around to "protect" her any more. As parents we have an overwhelming duty to guide and protect our children as they grow, whether they are in college or coming up through primary and secondary school.

When I was young there was no Internet, no cell phone, no "sexting" and little, if any, school violence of the magnitude we've seen in the news. Our children today are faced with challenges we could not have imagined. The Internet is an extremely powerful and useful tool when used properly, but it can also be corrupted by insidious "bad-guys" who seek to victimize our children.

Social networking and texting has almost become the primary mode of communication for many young people. I am certainly not qualified to discuss the long term ramifications of this; I leave that to the sociologists who study such behavior. In-

stead, please allow me to offer some simple ideas that may help you or your children avoid being victimized.

Talk to your children. Find out what they are doing online, and who they are interacting with. Keeping an open line of communication with your kids will not only help you know what they are into, it will also let them know why you're "in their business."

Take the time to familiarize yourself with websites like *Facebook* and *Twitter*.

For our young people -

- Never give any personal information to anyone you meet online.
- Never meet up with anyone you don't already know.
- Don't fill out any "fun" questionnaires that are forwarded to you, even if they're from your friends.
- Make sure you know everyone on your buddy list.
- You do not have to answer emails or IMs from people you don't know.
- There's no such thing as "private" on the Internet. You may think so, but it's not true. People can find anything they want—and keep what you post—forever.

- Be careful about posting pictures of yourself (if you must, don't post sexy ones or ones showing behavior you wouldn't want your mom, teacher, boss, or potential college advisor to see).
- Don't send pictures of other people. Forwarding an embarrassing picture of someone else is a form of bullying. How would you like it if someone did that to you? Don't download content without your parents' permission.
- Never share your password with anyone but your parents.

The Internet has changed the world for all of us and it keeps changing and evolving every day, every minute. The law enforcement community is working diligently to protect you from electronic and telecommunication crime; but like any other forms of crime prevention, it begins at home.

Should you have any specific concerns or questions about Internet crime or if you've already been a victim, we are here to help any way we can.

Please do not hesitate to call the Police Department any time (440-461-1234).



Richard Edelman  
Chief of Police

# The New Mayfield Branch Library

## Coming Spring 2013!

On August 11, 2011, the Cuyahoga County Public Library and their designers and architects from URS Corporation made a presentation to Council, members of the Planning & Zoning Commission and residents. Executive Director Sari Feldman thanked the Mayor and Council for their support of this project and Deputy Director Tracy Strobel described the library's mission "to be at the center of community life by providing an environment where reading, life-long learning and civic engagement thrive."

URS Landscape Architect Ivan Valentic reviewed the site plan and described that one of the main goals of the Library was to provide direct access to the building from the future

*"...This will be the place where people will want to come and sit, gaze out of that wall of windows and see the wetlands and be connected to nature. I think it will be the number one place to read."*

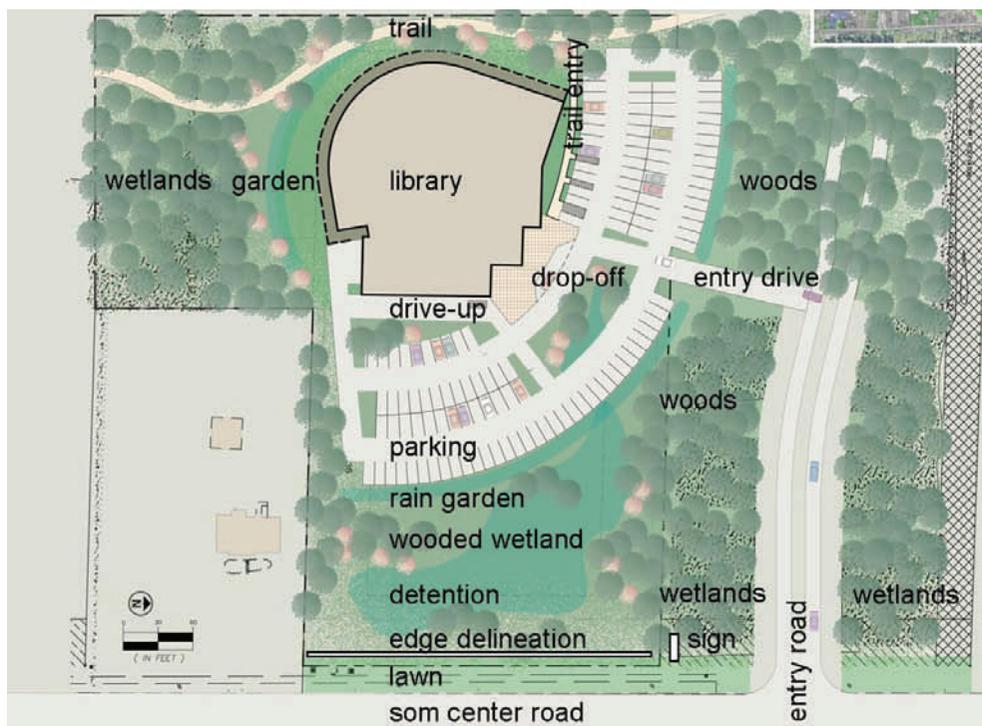
—Sari Feldman

greenway trail such that "riders can pull off and get right into the building." The Library will be a one-story building and because of the vegetation and woodland wetland surrounding the site, only the roof will be visible from SOM Center Road.

URS Creative Director Christopher Diehl described that from a programming standpoint, the proximity to the North Chagrin Metropark is crucial. "The new trail that goes north and south of Wilson Mills all the way to the North Chagrin Metropark is the reason the site was selected and the reason the Library is there and the design for the Library has to really capitalize on all of the synergy of that ..."

The proposed frontage on SOM Center Road will be used for storm water detention and the Library plans to add trees, shrubs, low-growing perennials, and ornamental grasses to create a wooded wetland that will replicate what is already happening on adjacent property. Mr. Diehl explained how the site will be engineered to direct all of its storm water to rain gardens on the property.

The floor plan is designed to make the most of natural light and will feature skylight monitors and bowed windows looking out over the trail, the rain gardens and the wetlands. The Library is taking a sustainable approach, will utilize energy wisely, and is aiming for gold LEEDS certification.



Preliminary site plan for new Library building.

In addition to its general collections, the 30,000 sq. ft. building will include areas for public computing, a technology learning center, two children's areas, a teen area, quiet study areas, a homework center, a story and craft area, a café, conference rooms and meeting spaces.

The Library will have a strong focus on customer convenience with a staffed drive-up window and customer service staff to assist people. The youth areas will be more interactive and dynamic to encourage kids to learn and play at the same time.

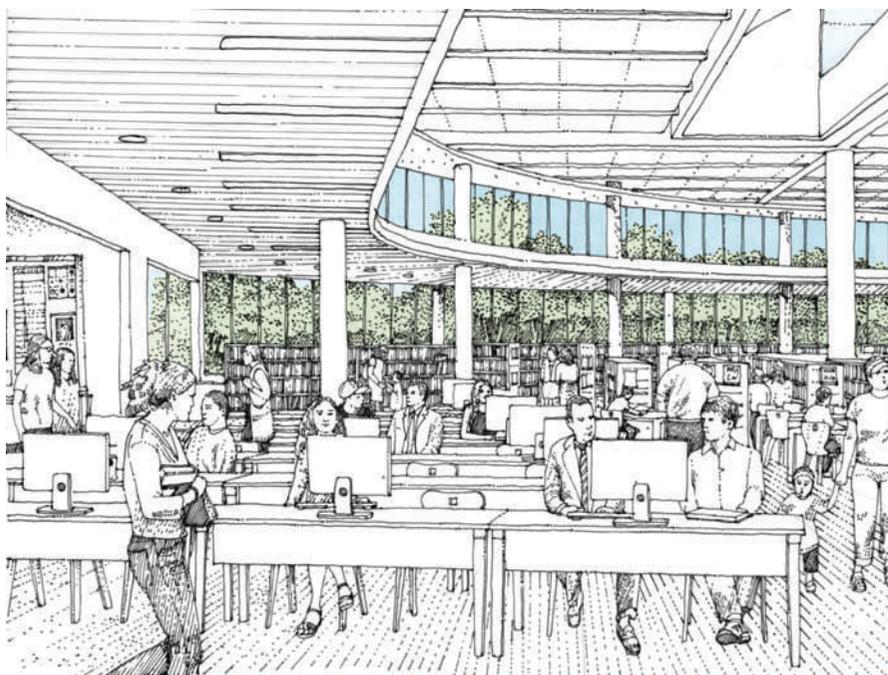
Despite the fact that the Cuyahoga County Library circulated over 20 million physical items last year (more than half being print books), Sari Feldman described how important it is that the Library provide “a place where people have an opportunity to experience hands-on media, digital learning tools, and come to us for their computer instruction and support. It will be wireless and people who need a community space where their learning continues is the kind of environment we want to provide.”

Ms. Feldman's enthusiasm was apparent. “This will be the place where people will want to come and sit whether you are working on a formal adult education course or you are running your home business or whatever you are doing, gaze out of that wall of windows and see the wetlands and be connected to nature even as you are in an indoor space. It will be spectacular. I think it will be the number one place to read.”



These renderings of the planned interior of the new Library building were part of the presentation made to Mayfield Village by the Library and its architects on August 11, 2011.

The presentation can be found in its entirety at [www.mayfieldvillage.com](http://www.mayfieldvillage.com) under “Quick Links—Current Projects”.



# October is Fire Prevention Month

by Lt. Michael Girbino, Fire Marshal



Have you ever wondered why the month of October has come to be known as fire prevention month? October is the month in which we observe Fire Prevention Week, the week in which the 9th falls. October 9th, 1871 was the second and most devastating day of the great Chicago fire, which burned for 3 days destroying more than 17,400 structures, killing more than 250, and left over 100,000 homeless.

Rumored to have been caused by a cow belonging to Mr. Patrick and Mrs. Catherine O'Leary, the fire broke out in the area of the barn, where the cow was housed, but the true cause of the conflagration has never officially been determined.

While the Great Chicago Fire was the best known blaze to start during this period, it wasn't the largest. On October 8th of the same year the most devastating forest fire in American history occurred in Peshigo, Wisconsin. The fire consumed 16 towns killing 1,152, and destroyed 1.2 million acres.

Historical accounts of the fire report that the blaze began when several railroad workers clearing land for tracks unintentionally started a brush fire. In a very short time the fast moving flames were whipping through the area "like a tornado" some survivors said. The small town of Peshigo suffered the most damage. Within an hour, the entire town had been destroyed.

In 1920, President Woodrow Wilson issued the first National Fire Prevention Day proclamation, and since 1922 Fire Prevention Week has been observed on the Sunday through Saturday period in

which October 9th falls. According to the National Archives and Records Administration's Library Information Center, Fire Prevention Week is the longest running public health and safety observance on record. The President of the United States has signed a proclamation proclaiming a national observance during that week every year since 1925.<sup>1</sup>

Fire prevention week is a good time to review some fire safety fundamentals with our families.

Develop a fire escape plan and have a fire drill. Your plan should include at least 2 routes of exit and a stationary meeting place somewhere away from your home where your family will congregate as they make their exit.

Check your smoke alarms. If your smoke alarms are 10 years old or older, replace them with new ones that use photoelectric technology to sense the products of combustion. Replace your batteries. Batteries should be changed at least once a year, preferably every 6 months unless your smoke alarm uses a special long life battery.

Check your fire extinguishers. Look at the gauge and verify it has proper pressure. Check to see that it is the proper type for the hazard you wish to protect. Type A for wood, paper and other ordinary combustibles, Type B for flammable liquids, Type C for energized electrical equipment. If you do not have a fire extinguisher, you should consider purchasing one. If you would like guidance in making your purchase, you may contact the Fire Prevention Bureau for help.

Eliminate fire hazards around your home. Store gasoline in approved containers and keep them in the garage, away from any sources of ignition. Never bring gasoline into your home for any reason.

Keep bar-b-que grills at least 10 feet away from any combustible structure when in use. Your house, detached garages and storage sheds are all combustible structures.

Use only UL listed space heaters and follow the manufacturer's recommendations. Electric space heaters should be connected directly to a receptacle. Never use an extension cord. Keep your heater at least 3 feet away from anything that can burn, including draperies, furniture, and wastebaskets.

Make sure that windows in your bedrooms operate properly and open completely.

The smoke alarm purchase program was a big success. A total of 634 smoke alarms were purchased with 166 households participating.

Have a fire safe Fall season!

<sup>1</sup> 2011 National Fire Protection Assn.

## Fire Safety Tips, by David Mohr/Fire Chief

Where did summer go? Fall is upon us. Your Fire Department suggests the following safety tips:

- Make sure your home address is clearly visible from the street. If we are called to your home, valuable time could be lost looking for house numbers covered by shrubs, tree branches or not visible on your home or mailbox.
- Never park your car or truck over a pile of leaves. The heat from the vehicle's catalytic converter or exhaust system can ignite the leaves below. The resulting fire could destroy your vehicle.
- Check all smoke and carbon monoxide detectors to make sure they work and change the batteries.
- Have heating appliances serviced and chimney flues examined for defects.
- Have fireplaces and fireplace dampers checked.
- Fireplaces should be equipped with an appropriate screen or glass enclosure to prevent sparks from flying out.
- Wood burning stoves should be examined and the flue and chimney checked for creosote buildup.
- Use only seasoned wood, and avoid soft wood like Pine.
- Never use a flammable liquid to start a fireplace.
- Never overload the hearth with wood or artificial logs, the resulting fire may be too large for the unit.
- Put all ashes outdoors and away from the house in a metal container. We have had several house fires over the years caused by hot embers in plastic containers.
- Have a useable fire extinguisher available
- REMEMBER—IT IS ILLEGAL AND DANGEROUS TO BURN LEAVES AND BRUSH.



## 2011 Annual Holiday Collections

New Mittens, Scarves, and Hats . . . for the **Mitten Tree** located in the Civic Center. Please come in and decorate the tree with your items to keep kids and adults warm this winter. Donations will go to the Rosemary Center in Cleveland.

**Canned goods and non-perishable foot items** will also be collected at the Civic Center and Police Department. These items will be donated to a local hunger center to help make the holidays happier for those in need.

**Your donations to help local individuals are greatly appreciated.**

**Thank you for your generosity.**



# Criminal & Traffic Law Update

Vince Feudo / Village Prosecutor

The Ohio Legislature has been very busy, substantially updating both criminal and traffic laws.

HB 5, which amends numerous traffic statutes, went into effect on September 23, 2011. The Act's main change results in various types of **Driving Under Suspension** offenses being made unclassified misdemeanors, with no possibility of jail. Some of the types of offenses that are affected including driving without insurance and under a judgment suspension. Under the new law, these violations are 2 point violations instead of 6. Also, sentencing provisions regarding vehicle immobilization or forfeiture have been made discretionary, rather than mandatory.

Another highlight of the Act include a court's ability to sentence a misdemeanor offender

to a definite term of jail, or substitute any community control sanction for any jail days that are not mandatory. Moreover, a court retains jurisdiction over the offender to modify the sentence or conditions of release, including the authority to substitute another sanction or impose an additional sanction.

A similar piece of legislation, HB 86, became effective on September 30, 2011.

The new Act's main change affects a wide number of criminal offenses and the sentencing parameters. However, most important in a local sense is the raising of the monetary amounts for numerous criminal offenses.

As an example, under the old law, first degree misdemeanor **Petty Theft** was for offenses that involved monetary value up to \$500. Under the Act, the amount

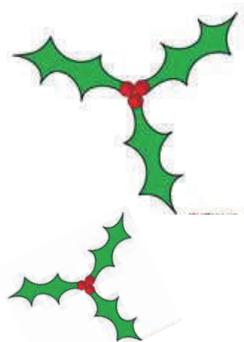
has been raised to \$1,000. The practical effect is that by raising the dollar amount, more offenses such as **Petty Theft**, **Criminal Mischief/Damaging**, **Bad Checks**, and **Arson** will be classified as first degree misdemeanors, rather than felonies. As such, these cases will now be filed in the Lyndhurst Municipal Court, as opposed to felony court downtown.

The Act also legislatively overruled a recent Ohio Supreme Court case which held that a speeder can be convicted based upon an officer's testimony as to his or her visual estimation of the speed, without corroboration of any mechanical device. No more. In order to sustain a conviction under the new law, an officer must also use a stop-watch, radar, laser, or other electrical, mechanical, or digital device to determine the speed of a vehicle.



Vince Feudo  
Prosecutor

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## GARDEN CLUB Mistletoe Market

Saturday, Dec 3 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The Garden Club will sponsor its annual Holiday Craft Show at the Mayfield Village Civic Center. The show provides an opportunity to purchase holiday gifts from over 35 exclusive artisans who craft handmade items.

The Garden Club will also sell holiday wreaths, arrangements and baked goods.

**ONE-STOP SHOPPING FOR THE ENTIRE FAMILY!**

Admission is \$2.00. Free cookies!

*Proceeds benefit the Mayfield Village Horticultural Students' Scholarship Program.*



# ART EXHIBITS AT MAYFIELD VILLAGE CIVIC CENTER

In collaboration with the Fairmount Center School of Art, Mayfield Village is proud to provide local artists with an opportunity to exhibit their work in the halls of the Civic Center.



## COMING FALL/WINTER 2011-2012

Jamyi Zentz

“Figure Paintings, Vulnerability to Resilience”

Oct 28 - Dec 15 2011

Special Watercolor Exhibit by  
Senior Art Students  
Jan 9 - 30, 2012



“Frozen Charlotte” (pencil on cloth) by Jamyi Zentz.



Watercolor Classes are offered weekly at the Mayfield Village Community Room (see description on Pg. 22).

## Kenwood Homeowners Assn - Paul Fikaris, President

The Kenwood Homeowners Association held its annual Pool Party on Sunday, July 31 at the Parkview Pool.

More than 50 people gathered at the Pavilion to enjoy a picnic and conversation. We dined on hot dogs and hamburgers as well as side dishes and dessert prepared by neighbors. Folks and their families swam in the Pool afterward and the weather was beautiful. Thanks to everyone involved!

A special thank you goes out to our members who are dedicated to making our neighborhood both beautiful and welcoming. The landscaping and flower baskets are much appreciated, as are your efforts, bravo to all of you. And thank you to everyone who makes our neighborhood and our city a great place to live!

We invite all neighborhood families to join the KHOA if you aren't already a member. The KHOA encompasses Kenwood, Oakwood, lower Thornapple, Butternut, Walnut & Sandalwood. Membership is only \$15 per year. For more information, please contact Paul Fikaris at [paul.fikaris@yahoo.com](mailto:paul.fikaris@yahoo.com). Thanks!



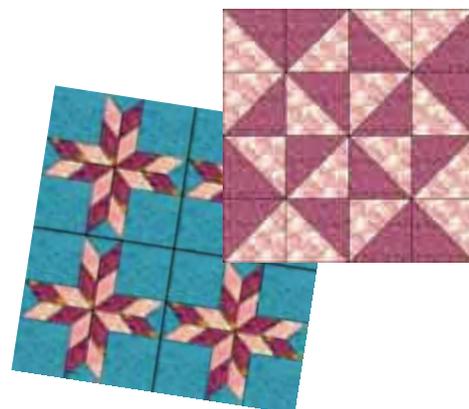
## ABC Village Quilters - Shirley Shatten

Another year-another group of bright-eyed, enthusiastic students anxious to spend their lunch hour at the Community Room. They eat lunch (home packed or school bought) and then spend the remaining time learning how to make quilts for needy babies. Some of our quilts are also sent to nursing homes for lap robes.

Along with quilt making, we are bringing the value of volunteering to these 4<sup>th</sup> graders from Center School. Our program has been going on for 20 years. It has been ever changing with the needs and other school pro-

grams. We have never had a year when we did not see the many values of this program.

We are happy to have new, interested adult volunteers join us on Wednesdays from 10:30-1:30. Donated material is really appreciated. The cost of fabric has gone up during the past year. That means we are able to make fewer quilts, so if you can help it will make a lot of adults and students and babies very happy.



## Citizens Advisory Committee - Brenda Bodnar, Chairman

Greetings from the Citizens Advisory Committee. Not long ago, I introduced myself as a new member of the Committee. I now have the privilege of introducing myself as the Committee's new chair. I am following in the footsteps of Jim Mason, the former chairman who served on the Committee for about 30 years, and I have some mighty big shoes to fill. Jim served the Committee, as well as the Community, with grace, professionalism, and a genuine enthusiasm which always came through in his one-of-a-kind smile. As you can tell, we're really going to miss Jim, and we wish him well.

Jim also managed to steer the Citizens Advisory Committee smoothly into the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. He, along with the Village's Director of Administration, Diane Wolgamuth, have kept

our diverse group well-advised and have asked our opinions about issues and plans in the Village – ranging from smoke alarms to finances.

As a "sounding board" for many concerns and ideas, it is important for the Committee members to know what you, our friends, neighbors and fellow Villagers think about what is, isn't or should be going on in the Village. So please feel free to contact us (as well as your elected officials, of course) and let us know what's on your mind.

In the months ahead I know I will be challenged to continue to keep the Citizens Advisory Committee well-informed and moving forward. (I know with Diane's guidance it will all work out.)

In the meantime, I have a challenge I would like to issue to each of you. If you haven't already, check out the Village website at [www.mayfieldvillage.com](http://www.mayfieldvillage.com), see what's going on in the Village, and bookmark the site. (OK, that's three small challenges instead of one big one.)

I'm sure you will find the website to be a wealth of information, not only about what is going on in the Village, but providing links to other helpful sites. (For instance, as I write this letter I see that the website provides information on Deacon's proposed rezoning, gives election dates and deadlines, and provides a link to obtain a vote by mail application.) Give us some feedback and share your opinions and concerns with us, and we will be able to better express your opinions as well as our own.

## Mayfield Village Garden Club

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

The fall and winter meeting dates for the 2011-2012 season are listed below:

**November 16 (third Wednesday):** "Decorating for the Holidays" presented by Chris Gilson of Gilson Nursery and President of State Garden Club of Ohio.

**December 14 (no monthly meeting):** Holiday Potluck Dinner with the Mayfield Township and South Euclid Historical Societies. Event begins at 6:30 p.m. in the MV Community Room.

**January 25 (at 1:00 p.m.):** "Gardening with Wildlife" Workshop: Making a Toad Abode presented by Mindy Murdock of the Cleveland Metroparks.

**February 22 (at 1:00 p.m.):** "Soups" presented by Judith Strauss a Mayfield City Schools' Adult Education Instructor.

**March 22:** "Wildflower Folklore" presented by Stacey Allen, a Naturalist from Garfield Nature Center.

**MAYFIELD VILLAGE MISTLETOE MARKET ~ SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

### Tis the Season!

Join us for the annual craft show, the Mistletoe Market at the Village Civic Center, 6622 Wilson Mills Road. The show provides an opportunity to purchase holiday gifts from more than 35 exclusive artisans who craft hand-made items.

The club will also sell holiday wreaths, arrangements and baked goods. *Proceeds from the Mistletoe Market benefit the Mayfield Village Horticultural Students' Scholarship Program.*



### ONE-STOP SHOPPING WITH GIFTS FOR THE ENTIRE FAMILY!

We hope to see you there. Free cookies provided. Admission is \$2.00.

Any questions regarding the Mistletoe Market, contact Helen Keating at (440) 833-0275

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

For more information about the Garden Club, check out our page at [www.mayfieldvillage.com](http://www.mayfieldvillage.com) and click on "Associations and Organizations."

# Mayfield Township Historical Society—Al Muhle, President



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

## What's happened at the Bennett-VanCuren Museum this summer?

The summer project was the painting of exterior of the house on the west side and sections of the front. This is our continued maintenance to preserve the wooded siding. The Mayfield Village Garden Club planted and weeded the gardens. The Quilters also work during the summer.

There is a need for volunteers. If you are interested in volunteering your help, it would be appreciated. There are many interesting projects from which to choose.

The Quilters have completed hand quilting two quilts for a Chesterland lady. She was very pleased with the quality of the stitching. The two quilt tops were originally sewn by her mother-in-law. She gave her husband the quilts for their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. What a surprised, happy husband!

The September meeting was the Annual Ice Cream Social.

The handmade Quilt raffled was won by Jim Bentley. Thank you for your support of the Quilt Raffle and the Turkey Raffles. Proceeds from these events are needed for the continuing maintenance of the Museum.

The following meetings will be held at the COMMUNITY ROOM at 7:30 p.m. All meetings are open to the public.

**NOVEMBER 9: Amish Culture by James Bezdek** (Pie Night—bring your favorite pie to share) and Annual Turkey Raffle with gift certificates from Heinen's, Alfredo's at the Holiday Inn, Fisher's Tavern, Tommy V's, and Chesterland Auto Body and Service. Tickets available from members or at the Community Room on Election Day.

**DECEMBER 14: Holiday Pot-Luck Buffet**—Mayfield and South Euclid Historical Societies and Mayfield Garden Club. Bring a covered dish; enough to share with 10-12 people. NOTE: Friendship time 6:30; Dinner at 7 p.m. Entertainment by Jim

Plastine and the Smakula Family

**NO JANUARY MEETING ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DRIVE FOR MEMBERS AND NEW MEMBERS.**

**FEBRUARY 8: Early Auto History in the Western Reserve by Bill Takacs.**

**MARCH 14: Wade and his Chapel by Kathey Kerrick.** (Cookie Night—bring your favorite cookies to share).

**APRIL 11: Great Estates in Wickliffe by Dan Ruminski.**

The Bennett-VanCuren Museum is open on Monday 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. or by reservation.

Contact: 440-461-0055 or [mayfieldtownshiphistoricsociety@yahoo.com](mailto:mayfieldtownshiphistoricsociety@yahoo.com)

# Human Services Department - Senior Activities

## Annual Holiday Party

As we look toward the last quarter of 2011 we would like to remind our 60+ age Mayfield Village residents of our annual Holiday Party Saturday, December 10 in the Community Room. There is no charge for this festive event which includes lunch, entertainment, and door prizes; however, we do request reservations by Thursday, December 1. These reservations can be made by calling our office at (440) 919-2332. The festivities begin at 1 p.m. and will be over at 4 p.m. Doors open at 12:30 p.m.

As of this writing a few spaces remain for the last two Human Services' trips of 2011.

## Dickens Victorian Village

On Wednesday, November 2, we will meet at the Civic Center at 7:30 a.m. and travel to Cambridge Ohio. We will tour Dickens Victorian Village, Cambridge Glass, and St. John's Church, enjoy a buffet lunch, tea and biscuits, and a "box lunch" for dinner. The cost of this trip, \$78, includes tours, transportation, and the meals/snacks mentioned above.

## Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland/Asia Plaza/Slyman's

On Tuesday, November 8 our group will meet at the Civic Center at 10:00 a.m. and travel to Asia Plaza in downtown Cleveland. We will have time to explore some of the unique shops in that complex and then have lunch at Li Wah's or Slyman's (your choice). Individual selections and checks are available at both restaurants. Following lunch we will enjoy a guided tour of the Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland.

A photo identification is required for entrance to the bank. Cameras and recording devices are prohibited. If anyone has had a hip or knee replacement, documentation must be available.

The cost for this outing is \$30.

Contact the Human Services office (440) 919-2332 for space availability, registration, or further questions about both trips.

## Tai Chi Fan for Health and Balance

The Tai Chi Fan for Health and Balance class celebrated its one year anniversary of instructions in our Community Room with a free demonstration September 21. Several persons took advantage of this opportunity or joined the group the following week for the beginning of the new session.

This type of activity/exercise has been recommended by the Centers for Disease Control as a means of improving balance, lowering blood pressure, and helping with relaxation. The group meets Wednesdays from 1 to 2 p.m. in the Community Room and is lead by Arline Bognar, certified Qi Gong for Health instructor.



The next 6-week session begins Wednesday, November 9; however, drop-ins are always welcome for \$8 per class. The cost for the 6-week session is \$30. There is also a nominal charge for the fan used in class.

## Seniorcize/Chair Exercise

This workout, held on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 9:00-9:45 a.m. will help to increase your heart rate, tone, strengthen and stretch your body. Standing exercises to improve balance and light low impact aerobics are included. Fall Session 2 will be held October 31-December 14. (No classes Nov. 23 and Nov. 25.) The cost for the 6-week session for 2 times per week is \$39; 3 times per week is \$49. Winter sessions will be 5 weeks. Session 1: January 9-February 10; Session 2: February 20-March 23. The cost for the 5-week session for 2 times per week is \$29; 3 times per week is \$39. You may drop in for \$4 per class.



## Line Dancing

Participants in this class will burn calories and get some exercise while doing familiar dances in a friendly environment where no partner is necessary. Classes are held from 10:00-11:15 a.m. on Fridays. Fall Session 2 will be

## Human Services Department (cont).

held November 4-December 16. (No class Nov. 25.) The 6-week session costs \$30. Winter sessions will be 5 weeks. Session 1: January 13-February 10. Session 2 will be held February 24- March 23. The cost for the 5-week session is \$25. You may drop in for \$5 per class.

### Mat Pilates

Health benefits of Mat Pilates include improved core stability, posture, balance, flexibility, and prevention and treatment of back pain. Participants will build strength in core muscles during this challenging class where many exercises focus on abs, back, and hips. Bring an exercise mat and light hand weights to this Monday evening, 7:00-8:00 p.m. class. The 6-week session costs \$60. Session 1 will be held January 9-February 27. (No classes Jan. 16 and Feb. 20.) Session 2 will be held March 5-April 30. (No classes March 19 and April 16.)

### Basic Yoga for ages 16 and older

This class, held on Tuesday evenings from 6:00-7:00 p.m., will help to strengthen and stretch all of your major muscle groups and release tension stored throughout your body. Note: The class is not recommended for pregnant or nursing women. Session 1 will be held January 10-February 14. Session two will be held February 21-March 27. Wear comfortable clothing and bring a blanket, yoga mat, and firm cushion to class. The cost for the 6-week session is \$54.

### Meditation

Participants in this class will perform simple warm-ups and various types of breathing exercises with a step-by-step relaxation process and meditation. Meditation can be done while sitting in a chair or lying on the floor. The classes are held Tuesday evenings from 7:15-8:15 p.m. Session 1 will be held January 10-February 14. Session two will be held February 21-March 27. Participants should bring a light blanket, throw, yoga mat, and firm cushion to class. The cost for the 6-week session is \$54.

### Watercolor Classes

No drawing skills are necessary to attend this class where you will learn a variety of tips and techniques. At the end of each 4-week series you will have created three watercolor paintings suitable for framing! Students choose Tuesdays or Thursdays and each series consists of four classes. Classes are from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. The cost for Mayfield School District Residents is \$35; for non-school district residents, \$40. As of this writing, spaces are available in the January, February, and March series. The November Thursday series is filled. Please contact us for the complete schedule or to register.

### Cards

The senior Card Group attendance continues to grow with members enjoying bridge, pinochle, and hand and foot Tuesday and Thursday afternoons from 1 to 4 p.m. in the Community Room. There is a 50 cent admission fee which entitles participants to light refreshments and an afternoon of card playing. Occasionally lunches are served, and birthdays are celebrated. Doors open at 12:45 p.m. The group will not meet Tuesday, November 8 (Election Day) and Thursday, November 24 (Thanksgiving).

### Game Day

Mondays have become "Mah Jong Monday" in the Community Room although other games such as Scrabble, Monopoly, and Dominoes would be welcome additions to the day. Jigsaw puzzles are also available and can be done by individuals, pairs, or groups. Doors open at 12:45 p.m. for the 1-4 p.m. activity for which there is no charge. Light refreshments are served.

### New—Active Game Days with Cornhole, Bowling, and Magnaggia

Shake off the snow and come inside to play these active games on Wednesdays, January 18, and March 21 from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. See why Cornhole is so popular, and discover Maggiana, a unique game played by two to twelve players. If you can sit and toss a two-ounce magnet, you can play Maggiana. If you aren't familiar with Cornhole or Maggiana, you will learn those games in about 5 minutes. Then, you will discover why people who play them become enthusiasts. This is a free activity. Please call the Human Services Department by the Monday before each activity to register at 440-919-2332.

### Meals on Wheels

Hillcrest Meals on Wheels provides nourishing, home-delivered meals at a nominal cost for those who are homebound or unable to shop and/or cook for themselves. Mayfield Village residents may be eligible for this service if deemed necessary. If you are interested in this service, contact Eunice Kalina Director of Mayfield Village Human Services at (440) 919-2332.

Hillcrest Meals on Wheels has one fundraiser per year—a CRAFT FAIR—and RAFFLE, held at the Lyndhurst Community Center (1341 Parkview Drive) Saturday, November 12 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is \$2 per person. There will be crafts, refreshments, and baked goods for sale as well as door prizes. A few tables are still available for quality crafters. Contact Lanie at (216) 481-2173 if you would like to be included as a crafter.



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All Emergencies / 911

Police Dept. (non-emergency) / 440-461-1234

Fire Dept. (non-emergency) / 440-461-1208

Civic Center / 440-461-2210

Lyndhurst Municipal Court / 440-461-6500

Parkview Pool / 440-446-1688

Mayfield City Schools / 440-995-6800

Mayfield Library / 440-473-0350

Weather Hotline for Activity Cancellations /  
440-954-4114

J&J Refuse (rubbish pickup) / 800-201-0005

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## SANTA CLAUS TO VISIT MAYFIELD VILLAGE on Saturday, Dec 3, 2011



Once again, Santa will ride through Mayfield Village while his trusty reindeer rest in the Metroparks. Look for Santa and our Fire Department at these approximate times as they travel through the Village!

**PLEASE NOTE THAT THE ROUTE HAS BEEN REVERSED SINCE LAST YEAR.**

- 10:30 am Mayfield High School driveway off Lander Road (for Ridgebury/Lander area residents)
- 10:40 am Joyce, Robin Circle, Hemingway, Worton Park, S. Woodlane, Woodlane, Norman Ln.; continue on Worton Park, N. Woodlane, again on Norman and out Worton Park
- 11:00 am Raleigh, Derby, Beechers Brook, Foxboro, Northboro, continue on Derby, Beechers Brook, Chase, Northboro back to Derby, Aintree Park, pass Hunt Circle to SOM
- 11:35 am Seneca, Glenview, left again on Beech Hill to Seneca and Bonnieview
- 11:50 am Village Trail, Hanover, Hardwood Court area
- 12:10 pm Robley, Ravine, Kenwood, Oakwood, left on Walnut, Sandalwood to Butternut, right on Walnut, Oakwood, Thornapple, Meadowood to Eastgate, right on Meadowood to Thornapple
- 12:40 pm Wildwood to Thornsway, Bramblewood, Timberline, catch Creekwood and Deepwood, Zorn, Metro Park, & Hickory Hill, catching Woodbine and Oakton out of Zorn to Metro Park
- 1:15 pm St. Bartholomew's parking lot (for Highland, White, and SOM Center Road north residents).
- 1:30 pm **SANTA ARRIVES AT THE MAYFIELD VILLAGE CIVIC CENTER!!**