

The Voice of the Village

Mayfield Village, Ohio

Beta Drive Entrepreneur Present for State of the Union Address



Dr. Hiroyuki Fujita (fourth to the right of Mrs. Obama), President of QED and eQED located on Beta Drive in Mayfield Village, attended President Obama's State of the Union Address on January 24th. See Cover Story on Page 15.

Expanded Services for Seniors

Beginning May 1, Mayfield Village seniors can take advantage of expanded services and programs, including transportation, congregate meals, social and volunteer services, and housekeeping. Volunteer opportunities are also available. See Page 12 for details.



Senior Transportation Connection bus.

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Village of Mayfield

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Civic Center / 440-461-2210

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Weather Hotline for Activity Cancellations /
440-954-4114

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1640 AM

Memo from the Mayor / Bruce G. Rinker

Council recently voted its approval of the Cuyahoga County Regional Library site plan for the newly platted acreage at 500 SOM Center Road. By the time you read this article, construction will have begun. I am taking the opportunity to recap some important policy principles that underlie this project. To be sure, I believe it is symbolic for its historic significance in capping a long planning process.

Many of you may not know this, but I personally made a commitment in 1989 to do what I could to influence the appropriate development of Mayfield Village's Northwest Quadrant. This has been an abiding priority for me over the years. The Quadrant has been the subject of multiple professional studies intended to guide our decision making, we have engaged in lawsuits where we wrestled to balance public and private interests and through all of this, we have maintained an effort to direct the improvement of largely undeveloped land in a way that maintains a balance for the Village as a whole. (My October 2010 *Voice of the Village* outlined some of that history. It was written at the point where we had just signed our agreement with the Library and were negotiating a new development agreement with Progressive Casualty Insurance Company. I would welcome feedback from anyone who chooses to review it.)

If nothing else, I ask residents to understand that between 1985 and 1995, the previous owners of 75 percent of the Quadrant were looking to develop a radically different place than we have today. There were some big lawsuits that reflected a significant clash in vision. They alternately sought subdivision of their properties to promote development that would have doubled and possibly tripled our population, disproportionately leaned upon government services while contributing far less to our tax base to meet such increased demands. There were proposals for "garden apartments," high density development featuring up to 12 units per acre, spec warehouse/distribution "parks" – or some combination of all three across nearly 250 acres of land. Our challenge was to find better options consistent with the zoning. I believe we out developed the developers.

Whether the policies and projects we undertook have earned your support, or not, I remain convinced that we have been very successful in directing Mayfield Village's destiny, and we have done so in a way that has benefitted those private property owners while also benefitting the community. By promoting success in the private sector in this fashion, we have a revenue stream that affords us much better control of land, better delivers critical services, results in better, upgraded infrastructure, much of it green, and allows better and extensive programs and services to serve an historic population of some 3,500 residents, roughly our census in 1970. We can remind skeptics that our decisions have been methodical, rational, fact-based, objective and analytical. We met our burden of retaining the Village's historic character by facing and then steering the changes we confronted. These efforts can be summed up in four key areas: *Land Use, Fiscal Management, Programs/ Services, and Relationships.*

Land Use. From a land use and zoning perspective, we succeeded in converting those 300 acres north of Highland Road into a healthy balance of optimal commercial buildings, extensive environmentally preserved green spaces and drainage systems, and diverse and attractive new recreational facilities shared by many. What were once a mom and pop golf course, a smattering of old farmsteads and a long-since abandoned light industry facility have been transformed into the seamless green space that accommodates a world class business and local parks. The conversion of these properties necessitated our collaboration; the foundation of that relationship meant we needed to recognize the independence and interdependence of our largest institutions: The School District, Progressive Insurance Company, Regional Government and Local Government. The way in which we put our land to use must serve those sometimes but certainly not necessarily competing interests.

Fiscal Management. From a fiscal standpoint, we established an economic development model in 1996 that continues to be applied today. That model has seen our ability to cur-



Mayor Bruce G. Rinker

Memo from the Mayor . . . continued

tail the need for increased pressures on such services as Police and Fire (although our Service Department has seen its responsibilities greatly expanded). Yet even more significantly, we harnessed the great increase in revenues, largely but not solely generated by Progressive, to acquire other strategic properties in the Village. Many of those properties were located at likely future but questionable development sites, or were underdeveloped if not altogether undeveloped. We repurposed them. At the same time we channeled development that was more consistent with the existing zoning scheme: We enhanced the redevelopment of residentially zoned and such commercially zoned areas as Beta Park, concurrently increasing their respective access to these new and varied public spaces. This is a very physical, tangible synergy we have achieved that serves both public and private interests well. Consequently, while we have seen our park land acreage within the corporate boundaries of Mayfield Village grow to 40 percent, we have also seen our revenues multiply four fold. And, in the long run, we believe that our principles of being “green” offer a more sustainable economic balance. The Greenway Corridor between the Northwest Quadrant and the rest of the Village has been slowly pieced together. By the end of summer 2013, we expect that the Greenway Trail will run continuously north and south from the center of town to the County Line. In the meantime, we have improved our neighborhoods through extensive conversion from septic to public sanitary sewage systems, enhanced landscaping and well maintained thoroughfares. We have made the neighborhoods more accessible to park lands and services. Ultimately, the increased revenue stream has directly benefitted our Mayfield City School District, and the businesses that choose to stay, expand or move here. The School District alone

reflects another policy decision we consciously made some 20 years ago when we pointedly decided to support the expansion of Progressive Insurance Company. It takes little insight to recognize that a healthy public school system translates to a healthy Mayfield Village. With the management of our resources, we have built new public facilities, refurbished existing facilities, all of this accomplished frugally and methodically, and at the same time ensured that what is now a very enviable tax base has sustained an enviable public school district.

Programs and Services. By managing our tax base alone and keeping our residential population steady, we have vastly improved the resources available to Police, Fire and Service Departments. We think residents would agree that these essential services are superior. In the meantime, our Recreation Program, begun in 1999, is enjoyed by a regional population as much as it is by Mayfield Village residents. The word “recreation” hardly covers all of the diverse activities people of every age can now enjoy. Our Village residents have been able to enjoy much more because of the involvement of so many others in supporting the programming and the overhead needed for it. We have introduced good quality performing arts in recent years and are currently in the process of expanding the variety and scope of services available for our older population, meeting the demographic changes within our community. By suppressing population growth yet harnessing the revenues as we have, Mayfield Village residents enjoy a proportionately higher quality of life.

Relationships. Finally, we have respected and invested in our institutions. For example, the Library, much as our schools and businesses, is an important public institution with deep

roots in Mayfield Village. Certainly no one could misconstrue the significance of having the Library stay in the Village. Apart from having that continuity, there are two very important economic factors reflected in this move: First, funding for the new facility is County wide. In the past, a new Library had to look to the local community for revenue bonds, much as we had secured for the construction of the new Police Station. (The Mayfield Village Police Station cost \$4.5 million to construct; our annual bond payment is approximately \$330,000. The Library expects to pay \$12 million to construct its new home; our annual debt payment is zero.) Second, library facilities have typically been leased. The existing Library on Wilson Mills is owned by the School District. By owning its new facility, the Library is thus able to cover the construction costs directly, and the School in turn receives a building that it certainly will put to good use on its grounds. By supporting our School District and Library in this fashion, Mayfield Village supports itself. These institutions matter.

As Mayfield Village’s chief political officer, I have made it a point to seek ways for our various public institutions to work well with each other; in doing so, we maximize the public dollars that sustain them. Not all share this philosophy. I can only urge all to be mindful that such seemingly independent public entities as Cuyahoga County, Mayfield City Schools, the County Regional Library System, the Cuyahoga County Board of Health – all are but different facets of “government.” Government is fueled by taxes, the big chunk you don’t get to take home. There is a reason Tea Party activists have become so incensed about government waste. Why should government entities compete with each other? Our goal has been to channel dollars wisely in order to collaborate rather than compete with government entities.

Memo from the Mayor . . . continued

We can thus choose to view the new Library project as a nice, finite event; we can treat it as akin to a commercial transaction, much as competing businesses do in the marketplace. I propose that we instead view this as just one more step in cultivating these long term and important relationships. Institutions, by definition, are here to stay. We make it a point to make their stay a successful one.

Similarly, we have strived to be good neighbors with Gates Mills, Mayfield Heights, Highland Heights and our new County Government. The historic working relationships with our Hillcrest Communities and our newly established relationship with County Government are positive and constructive. Residents in all these communities should see this as a plus.

We have had a colorful and frankly amazing working relationship with

Progressive Casualty Insurance Company, as well. As distinctly different as we are as a public entity from that very private entity, the two *institutions* have nonetheless accomplished great things together. We certainly hope and expect that this relationship will continue to flourish.

By the end of 2013, the Library should be completed and residents will be able to get there equally well by car or on foot. If one were to take a snapshot of Mayfield Village in 1993 and compare it with 2013, one would not help but remark that the landscape has improved. In one sense, much of the green space remains as it was; however, closer inspection discloses a very different Village. In a very important sense, the tangible investment of many millions of dollars has yielded many new and useful facilities and services, actually expanded the availability and sustainability of our green spaces and all

with an improved ability to control our welfare for many years to come. This is a legacy of which we can be rightfully proud.

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The Village Charter requires that a State of the Village report be provided in April of each year. On Page 22 is a table showing that the Village's financial position in 2011 improved by \$3,858,326 or 83.0 percent as compared to 2010. The table reflects the changes in the Village's financial position in 2011 and 2010 as well as our budget projections for 2012.

The outstanding debt for the Village as of December 31, 2011 was \$13,267,634. This balance reflects a decrease of \$1,690,890 from the balance at December 31, 2010 of \$14,958,524. The Village's budgeted outstanding debt at December 31, 2012 is \$11,538,813.

ART EXHIBITS AT MAYFIELD VILLAGE CIVIC CENTER



Stanka Kordic's winning art from the 2011 Fairmount Art Exhibition.

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, 6622 Wilson Mills Road (daily 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.).

COMING SPRING/SUMMER 2012

Sawsan Alahaddad Watercolors and Oils
May 4 - June 9 2012

Award Winners
36th Annual Fairmount Art Exhibition
June 18—Aug 30 2012

Patsy Mills / Council Ward 2

Detective Sgt. Don Smith is retiring from the Village Police Department after serving 51 years to this community. We all wish him the best.

If you have not participated in the **CodeRED** enlistment there is still time. Forms are available at the Police Station 440-461-1234 (non-emergency number) or online at www.mayfieldvillage.com.

The Commission on Aging will be participating with the Community Partnership on Aging which includes South Euclid, Lyndhurst, Highland Heights and Mayfield Heights. Benefits of this program will include additional services, programs and activities. The existing programs that have been in place will continue. For more information call 440-919-2332.

The Village has entered into a new contract for Rubbish Collection with Kimbell (formally J & J). Residents will be receiving new containers for recycling sometime in June. The Service Department will mail information regarding materials that can be recycled.

Sidewalk repair in the Aintree Park area will be done this summer. Joe Prcela, chairman of the Aintree Park Homeowners Association, was instrumental in this program along with the Service Department. Information will follow.

The Groundbreaking Ceremony for the new Mayfield branch of the Cuyahoga County Public Library will be on Wednesday May 2, 2012 at 10:30 am at 500 S.O.M. Center Road.

The Mother's Day Pancake Breakfast is on May 13, at the Service Garage from 8:30 am to 1 p.m. with delicious pancakes, sausage, and many extras. Enjoy the morning with your family, the Harpist, and the Balloon Clown for the children. Also the Garden Club will have their annual Plant Sale. Purchase plants and flowers to help beautify your yard. Proceeds from the Plant Sale benefit the Scholarships for students of the Mayfield City Schools. Thanks to the Service Department for all their work in making this affair one to remember.

Shred Day for residents will be May 19 from 9 a.m. till noon at the Civic Center Parking Lot.

Memorial Day Services at Whitehaven Cemetery will be held on Sunday May 27. Flags will be placed on the Veterans' graves here as well as at Mayfield Union Cemetery on Saturday by residents and Boy Scouts. Thanks to Mary and Merv Singer for their hard work in planning this every year.

Mark your Calendar for Special Events:

CRUISE NIGHT is on June 9 at 6 p.m.. Enjoy the parade of cars, 50's music and entertainment, and food by the local restaurants. The concession stand will have delicious popcorn, ice cream fancies, and soft drinks.

FIREWORKS IN THE VILLAGE WILL BE ON JUNE 30 AT APPROXIMATELY 10 P.M. FAMILY ENTERTAINMENT WILL START AT 7 PM, INCLUDING BINGO, MUSIC, AND CLOWNS.

Summer Concerts at the Gazebo will be on July 12 & 26, and August 23 from 7 to 9 p.m. These concerts are a relaxing way to spend a summer evening. The Village provides chairs and the concession stand provides delicious popcorn, ice cream and soft drinks. In case of rain, the concert will be moved to the Community Room. The Friends of the Library will host their annual Ice Cream Social and Concert on August 9 at 7 to 9 p.m.. This concert is a fund raiser for the Friends.

Don't forget to enjoy the swimming pool, see a ballgame or soccer game or two.

Have a great summer.

Patsy Mills
440-449-4922



Patsy Mills
Council at Large

Tom Marrie / Council at Large

Our new Emergency Communication System (CodeRED) is up and working and it's a wonderful system that allows the Police and Fire Departments to warn residents of any kind of emergency. It allows them to notify every Village resident within 4 minutes. This system is much faster than Reverse 911. If you have not signed up please do it by calling our Police Dept. at 440-461-1234 or visiting our website at www.mayfieldvillage.com. It's a wonderful safety addition for our residents.

The Police and Fire Departments as well as the Village Administration & Council have always had many systems and plans to protect our children in our schools. Due to the terrible tragedy in Chardon, Police Chief Edelman requested additional safety items and presented them to the Citizens Advisory Committee and to Council, who approved them immediately.

Our Fire Department will again be bringing our "Fire Safety House" to the local schools to teach children how to get out of a fire situation as well as other safety issues where a fire is involved. This is a great teaching tool.

Our Village will be participating with the Community Partnership on Aging starting in May and lasting at least until December so we can see how many people will participate and in what programs.

Additional security and video cameras were installed at the Police Station for coverage of every area, inside and outside.

Our new recycling contract was signed and our new containers will allow us to recycle everything: glass, metal, plastic, paper, boxes, and cardboard.

Plans are underway for the road work to be done in Aintree North this year. In 2013 the Kenwood area will be completed.

Our Village associates' health care benefits & plans, etc. have been finalized through the hard work of the Health Care Task Force and Ron Wynne, our Finance Director.

The locker rooms and rest rooms at Parkview Pool will see some much needed improvement and will be re-tiled by opening day. This will resolve some water problems and give them a great fresh look. The pool opens on Friday, June 8th.

The playground at Parkview Pool will be updated to make it ADA compliant. Plans are underway to replace the playground equipment at Wiley Park. This project was postponed due to the construction of the Police Department and the new driveway.

Mary & Merv Singer will again be organizing and running the Memorial Day event at Whitehaven Cemetery. The flags will be placed on the Veterans graves on Sat-

urday, May 26th and the service will be held on Sunday, May 27th at 1:00 p.m. Please try and attend the service and pay your respects to the Veterans who fought and died for our freedom. I know it's a busy weekend but your attendance would be greatly appreciated.

The 700 daffodils that the Garden Club planted around the new Police Station sure look good. Thanks!

The Easter Egg Party for the children was a huge success. Approximately 60 or 70 children had a great time with the Easter Bunny, games, and finding all those eggs, especially the ones with the prizes inside. A very special thanks to Meg Stifler, the chairperson, and all of the committee members from the Recreation Board for their effort to make this a success. The group puts in a lot of time and effort to insure all of our recreation areas are excellent. This is a very dedicated group with some members serving our Village for well over 20 years. Thanks to all of you!

The demolition of the old Village Hall building is expected to take place in early June. The demolition does not include the Community room.

The Annual Mother's Day Pancake Breakfast will be held on Sunday, May 13th at the Service Department. Be sure to attend and treat Mom!



Thomas J. Marrie
Council at Large

Ted Esborn our Economic Development Director worked on acquiring a grant and we will now have recycling bins at Parkview pool, the ball fields, and Wiley Pavilion.

Congratulations and best wishes to Detective Sergeant Don Smith on his recent retirement, after serving our Village for 51 years. Deepest appreciation for all that you've done to keep us safe. God bless you. You will be missed.

Congratulations to Officer Kevin Miller on his recent and well deserved promotion to Sergeant and to Officer Matt Hocevar on becoming a full-time Officer. Good luck to both of you and stay safe.

The Annual Debbie Hudacko Memorial Scholarship 5 mile and 2 mile runs and 2 mile walk will be held on Sunday, July 8th.

Wishing all of you a very healthy and happy summer. Enjoy your families and friends and stay safe!

Bill Buckholtz / Council President, Ward 4

It has been a very long time since I wrote an article for the VOV. In fact, I believe it has been since my folks died in '08; happens to all of us sooner or later; that's what parents and grandparents do... the cycle of life you know. They had a good life... moderately abundant and exceptionally serene. As for me and my life these last few years... I find that hard work with long hours and many careers, are apparently my way of dealing with grief.

So why did I stop writing? It is certainly not for lack of things to say. I just stopped writing it down. I mean, who has that kind of time? Really? It occurs to me that with so many people living busier lives, maybe what I was experiencing was not that unusual.

There have been so many changes sweeping our world, it would be fruitless to pinpoint any one thing as the main issue in our personal lives. Some of us, at times, are affected by distant events that tragically affect people we don't even know in places we will never visit. Other times, we are moved by the troubles of friends, neighbors and family, some whom are very near and dear; some of whom we rarely see or barely know.

The common challenge among our new breed of "energizer" humans, is how to keep in touch with our own feelings. How well do we know ourselves and how often do we "check in" to see how we are doing. At first reading, it seems like a vague and peculiar notion. It has always been my belief that people spend most of their lives living behind a curtain or veil or in a blurry haze and still

they insist, "No one knows me, as well as I know myself!" But this is not the case; it's not even the question. Does it really matter who knows us; who *thinks* they know us, or who doesn't have clue? This is a private commentary on how we acknowledge our needs or handle our feelings; this about how our thoughts process information and how our emotions respond to daily drama or catastrophic life-changing events. If we don't find time for introspective self-assessment, we may end up becoming the worst judge of our own character.

It may take several moments to unravel that last tangled pile of words – like separating twisted string, wires or sticky tape. On the other hand; it takes a split second to simply ignore it. We, as human beings, have been genetically and intellectually bred to avoid, deflect or flee most unfamiliar encounters. As our intuition is continually being replaced with knowledge and learned behavior, we socialize and 'familialize' by creating communities and families. In doing so, we often lose our own sense of individuality. Our primal existence becomes domesticated. Innate behavior is shaped into sophisticated and conforming methods, and ultimately, we sacrifice ourselves for the sake of the herd.

As if this isn't confusing enough, I readily admit, it isn't even entirely true! It seems that as we live, love and learn in the civilized world, certain aspects of our individuality become strengthened while other personality traits are stripped away. As infants we enter this world as self-centered, self-absorbed, needy little creatures,

and, a bit anti-social to boot. Most of us live our lives riding along a bumpy track that follows the left side of a "bell curve", the statistical graph of normal distribution, which resembles the Liberty Bell when plotted out. Our lives have a simple beginning on a universal baseline. We spend the majority of our lives rising slowly on the sharp incline; chasing friends & acquaintances, knowledge & understanding; reaching a mid-life peak of accomplishments & affiliations, possessions & wealth, relationships & fulfillment. Then, in a frenzied blink of an eye, we find ourselves sliding down the right-hand slope trying to make sense of it all... followed by the inevitable decline that leads us out of this world much the in same way we entered it.

How we handle this rickety roller coaster ride is a matter of perspective... that's right... point-of-view. Like most things in the physical world, there is no right or wrong. There is only point-of-view. And for those of us who still believe in science, there is no better way to understand the human condition than through a study of the animal kingdom. Drawing from genetics and evolutionary biology allows us to realize the diversity among living creatures and, when applied to us, opens doors and windows to the myriad of possibilities and subtle differences in human behavior.

Physiologically speaking, there are two uniquely opposite types of vision that demonstrate the important role in the interactions and interdependence of animals upon one another. Most predators, carnivorous mammals including humans and all birds of prey, have bin-



Bill Buckholtz
Council President

ocular vision, in which two eyes both face forward. Binocular vision allows predators to hone in on prey using both eyes to send information to the brain, calculations can be made that focus on depth perception to quickly and accurately determine striking distance of their prey.

Conversely, monocular vision exists in animals of prey, with eyes located on opposite sides of the head. This prevents having a common focal point but highly increases their field of vision. It is a matter of instinct and survival for these animals to see what's coming at them from all sides.

A third type is a unique combination called compound vision,

found in insects, spiders and crustaceans. These creatures far outnumber all other species both in population and in survival rates. Compound vision can have thousands of lenses in each eye viewing many different things concurrently. This works with the brain to produce unusual, high-resolution, fused images and, in some cases, the ability to give a full 360° field of vision.

As usual, I find that physical science and social science serve to give us insight into where we came from, how we developed, and who we are. It appears to make us less self-conscious to study the habits of wildlife, or to reveal the

secrets of ancient fossils, rather than to confront ourselves directly; like suddenly having all our imperfections exposed in a magic mirror. Suppose for a moment that three people, standing in front of one mirror, had the three different vision types. What would each person see? What would they know? How would they react?

It would be most interesting to compare and contrast the differences in perception of self and surroundings. As each one of us roll and tumble through the cycles of life, we come to certain points of reckoning. I would toy with the notions that, "We are what we see." In the final reckoning however, I would ask, "Do we see what we are?"

Citizens Advisory Committee - Brenda Bodnar, Chairman

As one who cherishes home and hearth, as well as life's simple pleasures, Spring is a time when I am particularly delighted to call Mayfield Village my home. As brown lawns turn to green, and buds appear and begin to bloom everywhere, I look forward to all of the hometown delights of the greening season.

I need not venture beyond the Village confines to take a leisurely walk with my dog through an emerald necklace, gather picnic fare for a concert at the gazebo, attend a top-notch theatre production, or participate in a Memorial Day Service that captures the true spirit of the holiday. Indeed, I don't even have to hop in the car. And I look forward to inviting friends and family over to enjoy Cruise In and Fourth of July Fireworks – events that enable me to feel a

sense of connectedness to my community, say hello to friends and neighbors, and show off the laid-back, congenial style of entertaining that typifies the Village.

Here on the Citizens Advisory Committee, we have been busy discussing topics from trash collection to industrial development, and from senior services to safety. Our goal is to maintain a high level of services to our citizens while keeping an eye on the costs involved, and the many Village leaders who have met with us have echoed those concerns. For example, the new recyclable containers we will be using may be a little more cumbersome than the old, but in the long run will save the Village money. We have also networked with other local com-

munities to obtain services – such as senior services and CodeRed, for a lower cost. We are always interested in learning about what is happening in the Village – or what you think should be happening, so, as always, I invite your participation. Our website is filled with helpful information as to whom you can call to make a suggestion or ask a question. And if that doesn't work, hit the "contact us" button to email any question or comment you have, and it will be forwarded to the right person.

On behalf of the Citizens Advisory Committee, I wish you all a wonderful Spring and Summer, and I hope you are able to take advantage of the sunshine, the good weather, and all the Village has to offer!

Recreation Corner

Bill Thomas / Director of Recreation

We know Spring has arrived when the Annual Easter Party and Egg Hunt has been held!

This past February the Ohio Parks and Recreation State Association asked the Mayfield Communities Adaptive (persons with disability) Recreation Committee to give a presentation on our adaptive programs for youth through adults. The panel consisted of Jim Meadows Manager of Outdoor Education for Lake Metroparks, Steve Smutak Manager of (LEAP) Linking Employment Abilities and Potential for Adults, Ann Regan, resident of Mayfield Village and very active member on the committee and program, and myself.

Our presentation started off with an 8 ½ minute movie that showed all our fall program offerings. The film was shot, edited, scripted with background music by Mayfield High School Sophomore Michael Galloway. Michael was taking a digital media class last fall and did this as one of his projects. Michael did an exceptional job of showing a wonderful representation of our program offerings. The film is available for viewing on the Village's website under the "Recreation" tab.

The adaptive recreation program started with Ann Regan in 2004 suggesting that Mayfield Village recreation offer programs for our persons with disability. The recreation department offered 2 programs that were being offered by Lake Metroparks in the spring

of 2004. In the Fall of 2004 those two same programs were offered again. Ann was looking for programs that could be offered for the Mayfield School District and surrounding communities. Ann made her point quite clear to me that we needed to offer more. Well, if we flash forward to 2012, Mayfield Village Recreation and our collaborative organizations are now offering over 60 programs a year. During our presentation one of the attendees from Westerville, Ohio mentioned they had 29 programs throughout the year and were amazed with the variety and magnitude of our offerings. The Adaptive Committee is now priding itself in thinking we have one of the largest program offerings for "Persons with Disability" in the country!

The program has over 1000 participants taking part in a variety of year round activities that include social activity with our popular Friday Game Nights at Mayfield Middle School and Pizza Bowls at Roseland Lanes once a month, to Fitness to Wellness to Fun at Health 360 on Beta Drive, Pizza Making at Pizza Roma, to our popular 7th Annual Kickball and Beach Volleyball offered by Ann's family just to mention a few. And through our collaboration with Mayfield City Schools, Mayfield Heights, LEAP, Lake Metroparks, Solon Blue Ribbon, Cleveland Metroparks, John Carroll University, Notre Dame and Ursuline Colleges, Mayfield High School Key

Club, the surrounding recreation departments, the Mayfield Adaptive Committee and the many instructors and parent volunteers who help support the program, the program has become a model for the Northeast, Ohio, the state and the country.

This summer look for a new playground at Wiley Park and a new tile floor throughout Parkview Pool locker rooms and main entrance.

The parks and recreation staff look forward to seeing you this spring and summer participating in our many activities. And as always, we welcome your comments or suggestions by emailing me at bthomas@mayfieldvillage.com or calling us at 461-5163.



Bill Thomas
Director of Recreation



Easter Party and Egg Hunt

Danielle Eght / Asst. Recreation Director

The Easter Bunny stopped at the Mayfield Village Civic Center on Saturday, March 31. The bunny greeted the families with a friendly wave while some children cautiously approached and others ran over to give a great big hug. Children were able to have their picture taken with the Easter Bunny but there was additional activity during the event as well. One of the most popular balloon artist clowns, Swifty, was on hand making creatures from aliens, to chickens to monkeys and flowers. Rick Smith Junior also performed a show which captivated the young audience. Parents and grandparents were also fascinated by his tricks and his amazing card throwing abili-

ties. It is certain that nobody went home empty handed. There was a craft to create, pictures to color, a raffle of an adorable stuffed bunny, a guessing game for candy pieces creatively put together by Councilwoman Patsy Mills, and there of course was the egg hunt. Everyone gathered on the front lawn near the gazebo and the various age groups each made a run towards the colorful eggs in the grass. Every child received a toy or candy in their eggs and some children found the lucky eggs which warranted a special prize.

The party was planned and staffed by the Mayfield Village Recreation Board. The committee members worked hard to get ready for the party and

keep things running smoothly during the party. Without their commitment to the Village and these special events, the programs wouldn't be as successful and enjoyable. Many thanks to the Recreation Board Members, especially chairperson Meg Stifler, for all their time and effort!



New Services Offered to Senior Residents

Community Partnership on Aging / Stacey O'Brien, Director

The Community Partnership on Aging (CPA) provides programs and services to older adults and volunteer opportunities for all ages, to the cities of South Euclid, Lyndhurst, Highland Heights and Mayfield Heights.

In March, the Mayfield Village Council made a decision to utilize the services of the agency for the remainder of the year. Effective May 1st and through the remainder of 2012, the Community Partnership on Aging will offer services to Mayfield Village residents. We hope to get to know many of you in the coming months and encourage you to contact us with questions, concerns or comments.

The following is an overview of our services and programs:

Social Work

If you need help understanding your Medicare, choosing a plan, understanding the benefits available to you through a variety of local programs, managing your depression or another chronic health condition, talking with someone about the options available to you during a transition, or information on long term care planning, consider meeting with a Social Worker who can see you in one of our offices or come to your home.

Transportation

Those who wish to register for transportation services with Senior Transportation Connection can call 216-548-8010 or 216-291-3902 to schedule an appointment for registration. Up to two round trips per week may be scheduled for eligible residents.

Meals on Wheels

Information about Meals on Wheels programs and registration for Hillcrest Meals on Wheels can be arranged by calling 216-548-8010 or 216-291-3902. An appointment will be sched-

uled to come out to visit you at your home.

Volunteer Opportunities

We are actively recruiting volunteers of all backgrounds, ages and experiences to help with projects as well as seeking residents who might be in need of volunteer services including (but not limited to):

- Delivering monthly newsletters throughout the Village;
- Helping with home maintenance projects including weekly trash removal, painting, seasonal yard clean up;
- Errand running;
- Computer instruction; and
- Working with local schools.

Volunteer Services are available to eligible residents for a wide range of projects including seasonal yard clean up, home maintenance projects, removal of trash or recycling, painting, computer instruction, friendly visits, and help with sorting or filing.

Mayfield Village's **usual programming** will continue to run as normal with your favorite activities—cards, games, exercise and watercolor classes being offered, just as you are used to. Contact

Donna Heath to ask questions about programming you have participated in.

In coming months we hope to work collaboratively with the Recreation Department to add some additional programs, as space and time allow. If you have ideas for programs, **please call us!**

You may also participate in any class, event or the congregate meal currently offered in the CPA cities. Please call us at 216-650-4029 for a current schedule of programs and meals or look for our CPA newsletter at the Community Room or on the Web at www.communitypartnershiponaging.org.

Our **trip program** visits destinations both near and far. For more information about current trips or to register, contact 440-473-5138 or see the current CPA newsletter.

You can locate current information on programming at our website or at a number of places throughout your community where our green "Community Partnership News" is delivered. This newsletter, published monthly, is the best source of information for the dates, times and places of our current programming.



Seniors enjoy a congregate luncheon.

Senior News

Donna Heath/ Senior Program Coordinator

Great news for Mayfield Village residents ages 60 and over! Mayfield Village has joined the Community Partnership on Aging. Look for more information about the many services available after May 1st in upcoming mailings and newsletters.

We were happy to see the early arrival of spring. Through the winter season, driveways were plowed very few times. If you opted into the senior snow plow program, please remember that if you incurred any damage you must report it to us on or before May 15.

In January, a special exhibit of watercolor paintings was held at the Civic Center. These beautiful paintings were done by students from our Tuesday and Thursday watercolor classes. Nearly 100 people attended the artist reception on January 14 for the artists and their families and friends. This display was so popular that we have scheduled a fall exhibit during the month of October. Be sure to stop by the Civic Center weekdays in October between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. to take a look at these stunning pictures.

About 25 people learned interior decorating tips at the April 4th program sponsored by Aetna.

A special **thank you** goes out to our AARP income tax counselors—Charles Green and Cathy Murphy who prepared income tax returns for our residents during February, March, and April.

The first session of the **Senior Stroll/Nature Walk** in the Metroparks began Monday, April 9. The second session will begin Monday, July 2 and run through September 21.

Contact us at 440-919-2332 for series dates and details about other activities and programs held in the Mayfield Village Community Room:

If you want to brush up on your driving skills or possibly receive a discount on your auto insurance, take the **AARP Safe Driving Course** on Wednesday, June 6. There is no driving involved in this refresher class held from 12:30-4:30 p.m. Cost for AARP members is \$12; non-members pay \$14.

On September 28, we will travel to Cumberland Ohio to **"The Wilds."** We will have lunch, then we'll board an enclosed Safari Transport Vehicle and knowledgeable guides will take us through the Wilds' open-range animal areas. We will see Rhinos, Giraffes, and many other rare and endangered animals. The cost for this trip is \$64 which includes a hot lunch.

We will take a trip to **Amish country** on Friday, October 12. We will stop at Heini's, the shops at Troyer Foods, and Lehman's Hardware. We will have lunch at Der Dutchman. The cost for this trip is \$45 which includes a hot lunch.

It is time to make your reservation for the **30th annual Anniversary Party** for Village seniors ages 60 and older. The party will be held Saturday, May 19 from 1 to 4 p.m. in the Community Room. RSVP by Wednesday, May 9.

If you are not receiving the Senior Services newsletter and would like to, please contact me. Have a safe and enjoyable summer!

IMPORTANT CONTACT INFORMATION:

MV Senior Services Office - Donna Heath:	440-919-2332
Community Partnership on Aging - Main Offices:	216-291-3902
Outreach Social Worker:	216-548-8010
Volunteer Services—Corinne Dunn:	216-291-3901
All CPA programming and activities—Therese Grida:	216-650-4029
CPA Trip Office:	440-473-5138

By email: dheath@mayfieldvillage.com or
contactus@communitypartnershiponaging.org

Summertime Safety

Lt. Michael Girbino, Fire Marshal

Spring is upon us and soon summer will arrive. Many of us have already enjoyed some summertime activities outdoors with the early arrival of mild weather in mid-March. The warm weather brings thoughts of grilling, camping, picnics and family reunions and of course independence day celebrations. With all of these fun warm weather activities comes an increased occurrence of fires and injuries, many due to grilling and consumer fireworks.

According to the U.S. Fire Administration just under 8,600 Americans are injured by fireworks and almost 5,000 are injured by charcoal/wood-burning and propane grill fires annually. The National Fire Protection Association reports an average of 6,500 grill fires result in nearly \$27 million in property loss, 150 injuries and less than 5 fatalities each year. Most of these fires are associated with residences and mechanical failure or malfunction is the leading cause.

Summertime should be a time for fun and making happy memories. Knowing a few fire safety tips and following instructions will help everyone have a safe summer.

General Grilling Safety¹

Position any outdoor cooking appliance or device regardless of its fuel source at least 10 feet away from any combustible structure including your house, outbuildings, fences, wood and plastic play sets, deck railings, eaves and overhangs and well away from overhanging branches on nearby trees.

Keep grills and other outdoor cooking equipment a safe distance from areas where children play and congregate while in use.

Keep children and pets at least 3 feet away from the grill in all directions while in use

Watch what you heat-stay at the grill while you are cooking and don't leave the grill unattended while operating.

Only use your grill in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions. Never use indoors in a garage or other enclosed space or in a tent. Grills not only pose a fire hazard, but they can create a carbon monoxide exposure hazard if used in an enclosed space.

Don't wear loose clothing while grilling. If your clothes catch on fire, don't forget to STOP, DROP, (cover your face with your hands) and ROLL! Keep rolling until the fire is out.

Charcoal Grills¹

Use only appropriate charcoal starter fluid and store fluid out of the reach of children.

Never add charcoal starter fluid when coals or kindling have already been ignited and never use any flammable or combustible liquid other than charcoal starter fluid to get the fire going.

Dispose of hot coals properly. Douse with water if necessary, or leave in place until cool. Never place hot coals in combustible plastic or wood containers.



Propane and natural gas Grills¹

Check the propane cylinder hose for leaks before the first use each season. A mix of mild liquid soap in water applied to fittings and connections will reveal escaping gas by producing bubbles.

If you determine your grill has a leak by either the smell of gas or the soapy bubble test and there is no flame, turn off the propane tank or gas supply and grill. If the leak stops do not use the grill again until it is serviced by a professional.

If you smell gas while cooking and cannot safely reach the shut off at the tank or the natural gas line, get away from the grill and call the fire department. Do not attempt to move the grill.

Use only equipment bearing the mark of an independent testing laboratory such as Intertek or Underwriters Laboratories. Follow manufacturer's recommendations and instructions for set up, operation and storage.

Never store propane cylinders indoors or in attached garages. If you store a gas grill indoors during the winter, disconnect the propane cylinder and keep it outdoors.

Consumer Fireworks

In Ohio consumer fireworks (also known as 1.4G fireworks) can only be legally purchased by those 18 years of age or older and must be purchased from a licensed manufacturer or wholesaler. With few exceptions, these devices cannot lawfully remain within the States boundaries beyond 48 hours after purchase and cannot be discharged. Trick or novelty fireworks are exempted. These include snakes, sparklers, noisemakers, punks and some smoke generating novelties.



Fireworks are responsible for thousands of fires and injuries every year. In 2010, 73 percent of fireworks injuries occurred between June 18 and July 18. According to the NFPA, in 2009 fireworks caused an estimated 18,000 reported fires, including 1,300 structure

fires, 400 vehicle fires, and 16,300 outside and other fires. These fires resulted in no civilian deaths, 30 injuries and \$38 million in property damage. In the same year, U.S. hospital emergency rooms treated an estimated

8,800 people for fireworks related injuries; 53% of these were to the extremities and 42% were to the head. 51% of these injuries were burns and one-quarter were contusions and lacerations. Children ages 10-14 were more than twice as likely to be injured by fireworks than the general population.

Even legal trick and novelty fireworks are dangerous. The NFPA reports sparklers and novelty fireworks alone accounted for 32% of the fireworks injuries reported to emergency rooms in 2009. Sparklers can reach temperatures over 1000 degrees and cause serious burns.

Enjoy fireworks responsibly and safely by attending our annual Independence Day celebration on Saturday, June 30th (Rain date Sunday July 1st). Contact Village hall at 440-461-2210 for more information on the days scheduled festivities.



¹U.S. Fire Administration 16825 S. Seton Ave., Emmitsburg, MD 21727



Dr. Hiroyuki Fujita, President
Quality Electrodynamics

Mayfield Village Business Owner Receives Numerous Awards and Invitations to the White House

Dr. Hiroyuki Fujita, founder, president and CEO of Quality Electrodynamics (QED) sat in first lady Michelle Obama's box at the President's State of the Union Address on January 24th. Dr. Fujita came to America from Japan in 1988 and after receiving his Ph.D. in physics from Case Western Reserve University, chose to continue his training in America. Since 2006, Dr. Fujita has based his manufacturing business in Mayfield Village.

QED produces state-of-the-art MRI radiofrequency antennas and has become one of the world's largest supplier of these products. Dr. Fujita recently founded his second company, eQED, a solar energy electronics development and manufacturing company. Since 2006, QED has grown from three to approximately 90 employees.



Dr. Fujita and QED have received numerous awards and honors from Ernest & Young and the State of Ohio and QED was named 11th in the Nation on *Forbes* 2009 list of America's Most Promising Companies. Most recently, eQED received the Crain's Cleveland Business Nortech Innovation Award for the design of a solar microinverter that converts direct current into alternating current at a modular level. In March, Dr. Fujita was invited back to the White House to attend the 2012 Cleveland Business Leaders Briefing.

Drug Convictions and Financial Aid

Vince Feudo / Prosecutor

We have all heard of the old saying, "crime doesn't pay." But did you know that committing certain crimes can now stop college students from getting paid? Students convicted of a federal or state offense of selling or possessing illegal drugs while receiving federal student aid disqualifies them from receiving aid for a period of time. The period of ineligibility depends on whether the conviction was for possession or sale of (including conspiring to sell) illegal drugs.

After a first conviction involving possession, the student is ineligible for one year. After a second conviction, two years, and after a third, the ineligibility is indefinite.

Similarly, for a first conviction involving selling drugs, the student is ineligible two years after the date of conviction. For a second or subse-

quent conviction, the financial aid ineligibility is indefinite. Convictions only count if the offense occurred during a period of enrollment for which the student was receiving financial aid. They do not count if the offense was not during such a period.

A student who is under a one or two year penalty may regain eligibility **before** the expiration of the period by successfully completing a drug rehabilitation program. If not, they become eligible the day after the penalty period ends. A student whose financial aid eligibility has been suspended indefinitely may regain eligibility only by successfully completing a drug rehabilitation program.

Not every drug rehabilitation program is sufficient. In order to qualify, the drug rehabilitation program must include at least two unan-

... From the Lyndhurst Municipal Court

Spring is here and summer is right around the corner. Along with the warm, sunny weather and longer daylight hours comes increased traffic and various road construction projects along the streets and highways. Another frequent sight during the summer months is people riding on motorcycles. Remember that helmets are required for all motorcyclists and passengers under 18, or one holding a motorcycle license bearing "novice" designation.

Also safety glasses or protective eye gear is required for all riders and passengers. Drivers who ride over the speed limit on I-271, in a reckless manner, may face a revocation or suspension of their motorcycle endorsement!

Judge Bozza has been very busy with outreach programs during the past few months. In January, she spoke at the Lyndhurst Presbyterian Church, followed by the Municipal Court Judges Conference held in Columbus, Ohio the first week in February. Mayfield High School's Excel TECC Public Safety Class visited the Court along with their Instructor, Robert Szabo in February and the Court entertained a visit from the Fellowship Church Home School Group in March. On May 1st the Judge will speak at the Hillcrest Rotary Club Annual Career Technical Recognition Dinner.

D.A.R.E. Graduations are being celebrated and the Judge was the guest speaker at Millridge Elementary School and at St. Paschal Bay-



Vince Feudo
Prosecutor

nounced drug tests, and either have received or be qualified to receive funds directly or indirectly under a federal, state, or local government program. Further, the program must be administered or recognized by a federal or state government agency or court, as well as by a licensed hospital, health clinic or medical doctor.

Yet another reason to keep young adults on the right path. The wrong one can have long-lasting implications.

On May 10th Judge Bozza will be the guest speaker at Lander School.

Summer senior school projects will begin soon. A student from Brush High School, Megan, who participates in the "Step Up" accelerated program and has shown an interest in criminal justice, has been shadowing Judge Bozza this semester. She has recently witnessed a jury verdict of not guilty for a theft by deception case.

The second courtroom in the Court Annex has been in full operation for one year. Having a second courtroom provides the Judge with additional time to spend adjudicating contested matters.

For information about Court outreach programs please contact Patti at (440) 461-6500 ext 205.

Ohio Law Requires Schools to Establish a Policy Prohibiting Bullying

Joseph W. Diemert, Jr. / Law Director

After the tragic events at Chardon High School, Ohio citizens may wonder if such a senseless tragedy could have been prevented. In considering the history of school violence in America, there is a common trend of the shooters being outcasts who were bullied in school. That is how classmates at Chardon High described the recent shooter.

While the sheriffs and authorities made a quick response to the incident, the schools themselves may need to crack down on violence with prevention programs. Under Ohio Revised Code section 3313.666, all public schools are required to implement policies to prevent bullying.

Ohio's law against bullying in schools, "Policy Prohibiting Harassment", requires that all public schools adopt a policy prohibiting bullying. This law has been around since March of 2007, and prohibits physical as well as verbal abuse. Schools are required to develop their bullying policies in consultation with parents, students, teachers, and community members. Additionally, the law requires procedures for reporting bullying, involving teachers, students, school employees, and parents. Schools are required by law to post a summary of all reported bullying incidents on their district websites at least twice a year.

The law defines bullying as

any intentional written, verbal, or physical act that a student has exhibited toward another particular student more than once. That severe and persistent behavior causes the child mental or physical harm to the point that it creates an abusive educational environment. Once a school is notified as to a bullying incident, they must investigate the incident and develop a strategy to protect the child from additional bullying or retaliation for reporting. Finally, the school must implement a disciplinary procedure for a student guilty of bullying another student.

In addition to the traditional schoolyard notions of bullying, social media and the use of technology have opened the floodgates to a new form of bullying that is termed "cyberbullying." While children once feared the playground bully or the lunch stealer, they knew they would be safe once they came home. But now, children are subject to constant bullying at home via Facebook, Twitter, and texting. As a result of the expansion of bullying possibilities, Ohio has created a cyberbullying law, signed into law on Feb. 2, 2012 that requires compliance by November 2012 and specifically requires school boards to adopt a policy for the possible suspension of a student who is found responsible for harassment, intimidation, or bullying via an electronic device. This law is called the "Jessica Logan Act," and is named after a teen who committed suicide after nude

pictures, intended only for her boyfriend, went viral at school via texting and the internet.

Various actions can be taken to prevent bullying. Talk to your children and their teachers and be aware of their experiences at school. Encourage open communication with your child in order to be aware of how they feel about peer pressure and social powers at school. Additionally, serve as a positive role model and stress the importance of respect for others in your daily activities and interactions.

It is important to communicate with your children and work with the school officials to maintain a safe and welcoming educational environment. If you find out your child has been bullying other students, don't ignore the problem. Work towards stopping your child's behavior by finding a trusted source to help in the prevention. If you find that your child is a victim of bullying, report the incident immediately. Ask the school to follow up with you on how they chose to address the problem. If your child is still bullied, contact the superintendent of your school and explain the situation. If the school fails to protect your child, contact an attorney to find out if the school's refusal to correct the problem violates the Ohio bullying laws.



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Mayfield Township Historical Society—Al Muhle, President



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

Spring is here and since January the Historical Society volunteer docents have educated over 300 Third Grade Students from the Mayfield School District about the history of 'Our Township'. The students spend their day touring the Bennett-VanCuren Museum. This is an annual event for the students of the District and each school has a specific day for their tour. The docents are there at least seven days to complete these tours.

The monthly meetings (second Wednesdays in February, March, April, May, October, November and December) are at the Community Room and start at 7:30 pm.. The speakers' programs relate to historical subjects. A thank you to Pat Negrelli, chairperson for 34 years, for arranging these interesting programs.

Mark your calendars for these upcoming programs:

MAY 9. "A Passion for Railroads and Real Estate Career of Van-Sweringen Brothers".

SEPTEMBER 12. Ice Cream Social and Museum Tour at Wiley Park (6:30 p.m.).

OCTOBER 12-13. Biennial Quilt Show at the Civic Center.

If you are not a member and would like to hear a speaker and enjoy refreshments, you are welcome to join the meeting.

The Curator Committee has spent many hours inventorying and arranging our stored artifacts. Each

artifact is photographed and placed in our computer files.

The Museum maintenance continues. A painting contractor was contracted this winter to paint the twelve indoor window sashes on the second floor. The exterior of the east side house and the Hearse Room will be painted. Forty feet of the Memorial Brick Walkway will be raised and leveled.

The Librarians have been able to aide local and out of town residents with information regarding their families, past property ownership, and cemetery burials. These ladies are very helpful. A visit to the Library is informative.

Additional information: 440-461-0055 or mayfieldtownshiphistoricsociety@yahoo.com



The Mayfield Township Quilters Present 14th Biennial Quilt Show

October 12-13 Friday and Saturday 9:30 am to 6 pm
Mayfield Village Civic Center

A Hand-quilted Quilt will be Ruffled / Quilt Displays by Local Quilters / Refreshments
**October 13 at 1 p.m., Caroline Urban will present APRON MEMORIES **

If you have a quilt you would like to display please contact Nancy @ 440-442-2212
or the Mayfield Township Museum @ 440-461-0055
Quilts must be registered by Septembr 5

COMING SOON TO RESERVE HALL

FAIRMOUNT
CENTER

for the Arts



Fairmount Performing Arts Conservatory Presents Little Women, the Broadway Musical

Little Women, the Musical follows the saga of the March sisters—Meg, Jo, Beth and Amy—as they grow up in Civil War America. Based on Louisa May Alcott's family experiences, the much loved story is timeless as it deals with issues as relevant today as when they were written. This wonderful narrative, brought to life as an exhilarating musical, is filled with glorious music, dancing and heart. It is a production that will appeal to audiences of all ages.

July 6 - 15, 2012

Thursday – Saturday performances: 7:30 p.m.

Sunday performance: 2:00 p.m.

Fairmount Performing Arts Conservatory Presents Urinetown, the Musical

Urinetown is a hilarious tale of greed, corruption, love, and revolution in a time when water is worth its weight in gold. Set in a Gotham-like city, a terrible water shortage, caused by a 20-year drought, has led to a government-enforced ban on private toilets. The citizens must use public amenities, regulated by a single malevolent company that profits by charging admission for one of humanity's most basic needs. Amid the people, a hero decides he's had enough, and plans a revolution to lead them all to freedom. The story has an outrageous perspective, wickedly modern wit, and sustained ability to produce gales of unbridled laughter.



August 10 - 19, 2012

Thursday – Saturday performances: 7:30 p.m.

Sunday performance: 2:00 p.m.

Tickets to both *Little Women* and *Urinetown* are \$15 for adults, \$13 for seniors, and \$11 for children. Mayfield Village residents receive a \$2 discount when purchasing online with code MAYRES. Tickets can be purchased at www.fairmountcenter.tix.com or by calling 440-338-3171.



Mayfield Village Garden Club

Mayfield City Schools: A Tradition of Pride Remains

District grateful for levy passage; Levy maintains excellence in our classrooms



“We are enormously appreciative,” stated Mayfield Superintendent Phillip Price regarding the passage of Issue 11, a 5.9 mill combined operating/permanent improvement levy that will maintain vital staff, programs and technology.

“It took a tremendous team effort including parents and other volunteers to pass this levy. Everyone knew that the stakes were high, and it speaks volumes that Mayfield residents backed their schools in these uncertain economic times. This was a magnificent win for the community and for our children,” said Dr. Price.

“I think a key to victory was the district’s stress on ‘value,’” added School Board President Sue Groszek. “Polling showed that more than 75% of our citizens agreed that the schools are a good value in these four communities. When our teachers and staff agreed to salary freezes, that also sent a powerful message. Shared sacrifice is important in these tough times. Also, retaining the Excellent With Distinction rating was important because it showed that the schools are doing a great job and deserve support.”

Aintree North Homeowner’s Association

Blase Pietrafese / President

We are scheduled to have our streets repaved this year which should greatly enhance the look of our development. We will also be contracting to have the cul-de-sac areas weeded, mulched, and maintained for the season. Just as a reminder, we do not contract for the maintenance of the entranceway. Those areas are the responsibility of the homeowners on either side.

We hope to schedule a homeowner’s meeting/event for the summer. We will let you know when and where, and anyone who would like to assist with the planning, etc., can call Cheryl Pietrafese at 440-461-8843.

We wish you all a happy and safe spring season. Please do not hesitate to call any of the officers with any questions or concerns. Also, if anyone does not have an Aintree North Directory, please let me know. We do have a few extra copies.

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.

GARDEN CLUB MOTHER’S DAY PLANT SALE ~ SUNDAY, MAY 13, 8:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. – The Mayfield Village Garden Club will hold its annual Plant Sale during the Pancake breakfast at the Mayfield Village Service Department (610 SOM Center Road). Perennials from member’s gardens will be available for sale along with hanging baskets. Flower arrangements and garden-related decorations will also be sold.

Proceeds from the Plant Sale benefit the Mayfield Village Horticultural Students’ Scholarship Program.

Any questions regarding the Plant Sale, contact Patsy Mills at (440) 449-4922.

There is only one more spring meeting date for the remainder of the 2011-2012 season:

May 23 at 6:00 p.m.: End of the Year Spring Dinner - contact Patsy Mills at (440) 449-4922 for details.

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 and click on “Associations and Organizations.”

Calendar of Events / May - July 2012

May

- 11 Red Cross Blood Drive (Community Room 2 - 7 pm)
- 13 Mother's Day Pancake Breakfast (Service Garage 8:30 - 1 pm)
- 19 Commission on Aging Anniversary Party (Community Room 1 - 4 pm)
- 19 Shred Day (Civic Center 9 - 12 pm)
- 27 Memorial Day Ceremony (Whitehaven Cemetery 1 pm)
- 28 Memorial Day (Offices Closed). Rubbish delayed one day.

June

- 9 Cruise Night (6 - 10 pm). Rain Date June 10.
- 11 Red Cross Blood Drive (Civic Center 2 - 7 pm)
- 30 Independence Day Celebration (Fireworks at Dusk)

July

- 4 Offices closed.
- 6 Red Cross Blood Drive (Community Room 2 - 7 pm)
- 12 Summer Concert (Gazebo 7 - 9 pm) featuring Joe Mayer
- 26 Summer Concert (Gazebo 7 - 9 pm) featuring Swing Era

29th Annual Mother's Day Pancake Breakfast & Garden Club Plant Sale

**Sunday, May 13th
8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**

See the Coloring Contest entry on the inside back cover.



Call 440-461-5163 for tickets or information.



MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE

Sunday, May 27 at 1:00 p.m.

Whitehaven Memorial Park
615 SOM Center Road



2012 State of the Village

	2012 Budget	2011 Actual	2010 Actual	Change
Receipts:				
Property Taxes	\$676,000	\$693,984	\$681,587	\$12,397
Municipal Income Taxes	13,170,000	14,758,495	10,999,623	3,758,872
Hotel Taxes	185,000	235,559	194,531	41,028
Payments in Lieu of Taxes - TIF's	944,000	948,377	950,775	(2,398)
Charges for Services and Sales	1,340,585	1,356,864	1,603,688	(246,824)
Grants, Entitlements and Contributions	823,070	1,210,180	1,517,328	(307,148)
Franchise Taxes	40,000	55,561	36,032	19,529
Interest	5,110	2,946	78,116	(75,170)
Proceeds of Notes	2,400,000	2,900,000	3,400,000	(500,000)
Sale of Capital Assets	15,000	8,943	5,858	3,085
Miscellaneous	112,250	416,934	175,886	241,048
<i>Total Receipts</i>	<u>19,711,015</u>	<u>22,587,843</u>	<u>19,643,424</u>	<u>2,944,419</u>
Disbursements:				
General Government	3,020,602	2,386,524	2,500,053	(113,529)
Security of Persons and Property	5,569,090	5,361,210	5,175,646	185,564
Public Health Services	18,000	14,726	14,205	521
Leisure Time Activities	998,282	923,088	929,914	(6,826)
Basic Utility Services	270,400	245,284	222,439	22,845
Community Development	394,307	374,593	354,682	19,911
Transportation	2,285,931	2,134,222	2,080,824	53,398
Capital Outlay	2,160,000	2,277,047	5,293,202	(3,016,155)
Debt Service				
Principal Retirement	4,128,821	4,590,890	4,758,660	(167,770)
Interest and Fiscal Charges	377,377	421,933	475,363	(53,430)
<i>Total Disbursements</i>	<u>19,222,810</u>	<u>18,729,517</u>	<u>21,804,988</u>	<u>(3,075,471)</u>
<i>Increase (Decrease) in Financial Position</i>	488,205	3,858,326	(2,161,564)	6,019,890
<i>Financial Position, Beginning of Year</i>	8,504,714	4,646,388	6,807,952	(2,161,564)
<i>Financial Position, End of Year</i>	<u>\$8,992,919</u>	<u>\$8,504,714</u>	<u>\$4,646,388</u>	<u>\$ 3,858,326</u>

Outstanding Debt at December 31

	2012 Budget	2011 Actual	2010 Actual	Change
Notes Payable	\$2,400,000	\$2,900,000	\$3,400,000	(\$500,000)
General Obligation Bonds	5,150,000	5,565,000	5,965,000	(400,000)
OPWC Loans	744,125	804,210	864,295	(60,085)
OWDA Loans	728,963	780,722	830,684	(49,962)
State Infrastructure Bank Loans	2,515,725	3,217,702	3,898,545	(680,843)
Totals	<u>\$11,538,813</u>	<u>\$13,267,634</u>	<u>\$14,958,524</u>	<u>(\$1,690,890)</u>



Hey Kids! Enter Mayfield Village's Mother's Day Coloring Contest and win your mom a great prize. Just color this picture and return it. Your picture will automatically be entered in the contest. All entries will be displayed at the Mother's Day Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, May 13th at the Service Building. Return your entry on or before Monday, May 4 to: Mayfield Village Civic Center, 6622 Wilson Mills Road, Mayfield Village, Ohio 44143, or drop it off at the Mayfield Village Police Department. The contest is open to all Mayfield Village children ages 10 and under. Winners will be selected at random and notified by phone. Entries may also be picked up at the Pancake Breakfast.

Parent Name: _____ My Name is: _____

My Age: _____ Phone: _____ Address: _____

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