

The Voice of the Village

Mayfield Village, Ohio

Wetlands Bridge Constructed by Village Eagle Scout



Eagle Scout David Girbino (with the help of friends, family and volunteers) designed and built this bridge in the Mayfield Village Wetlands, just west of Parkview Pool. See more photos and story on pg. 12.



 Wetlands Bridge location.

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Recent Accomplishments & Future Goals

Memo from the Mayor / Bruce G. Rinker

I recently began my fifth full term as Mayor of Mayfield Village. Since 1993, I have enjoyed presenting an annual review of our accomplishments from the preceding 12 months, while proposing new ideas and goals for the future.

As in 2010, we improved communications in 2011:

- Our website is continually updated with current information.
- E-mail blasts to those who wish to subscribe are sent out weekly with special announcements and information on upcoming meetings and events. (Send an email to contactus@mayfieldvillage.com to subscribe).
- For those who prefer to get their information through social media—Village news and activities can be followed on both Facebook and Twitter.
- Weekly Council Packets are now posted on the website so that everyone can review all the information that is provided to Council members.

We intend to continue to improve our ability to communicate during 2012 and urge you to consult our website regularly. Notably, we have entered into a contract to provide a service known as “Code Red”, which will allow us to alert residents and businesses of emergencies and public safety issues quickly. (See Chief Edelman’s article on Page 11 for details).

Future planned enhancements to the website will make it more user-friendly for mobile devices and we are considering on-line registration for all programs.

2011 also brought some personnel changes:

- We welcomed a new Chief of Police, Lieutenant and Sergeant.
- We said goodbye to our Human Services Director and combined that Department with our Recreation Department.
- We welcomed our first new Council member in eight years as Nick Delguyd was sworn in on Jan 3rd.
- We created the position of Director of Administration which has proved invaluable in keeping me apprised of day-to-day activities and coordinating the efforts of all Village Departments.
- We established a Community & Economic Development Committee—comprised of the Mayor, select staff and Council members—to provide a forum to discuss policy and direction early in the process.

We also completed some exciting projects in 2011. The Wiley Park driveway and parking lot renovation includes an 8,000 sq. ft. permeable paver parking lot and a 650 sq. ft. bioretention basin to treat and slow storm water from the parking lot and diverting that flow to the Fosters Run tributary. We received grant funding of \$184,429 from the EPA to complete this project, keeping the Village’s contribution at just over \$46,000.

We repaved the entire Aintree Park neighborhood. Some landscaping and entryway signage will be completed this Spring, working with neighborhood residents. We also replaced the roof on the Civic Center, resurfaced the SOM/Wilson Mills intersection, and restored the gazebo.



Mayor Bruce G. Rinker

With an incredible show of cooperation and enthusiasm, Eagle Scout candidate David Girbino and a group of volunteers designed and built a bridge in the Wetlands Park. Now, enthusiasts can walk or run the loop conveniently. As you can see from the photos in this issue, the bridge is very impressive —kudos to all involved!

There were other changes in the landscape. The Costanzo barn was torn down to make way for the new Mayfield Branch Library. The Musca Plaza got a handsome facelift and residents gave Deacon's a "thumbs up" on its rezoning bid.

Some exciting and some much-needed projects are on the horizon:

- The Library construction is scheduled to begin with an expected opening in 2013.
- The streets in the North Aintree neighborhood are scheduled to be resurfaced.
- The old Village Hall and Police Station will be razed.
- Improvements will be made at Parkview Pool.
- Final engineering plans for the Greenway Trail will be completed so that we can take advantage of the \$600,000 construction grant received from NOACA.

With the passage of the income tax increase in mid-2010, a welcomed rebound of our businesses in an improving economy, and under the steady hand of Finance Director Ron Wynne, we have substantially improved the Village's



The Wiley Park Parking Lot Retrofit Project was completed in November 2011.



The streets in the Aintree Park neighborhood were resurfaced in 2011. Similar work is planned for Aintree North in 2012.

balance sheet. I am pleased to say we are able to fund these projects without incurring additional debt. We continue to apply a business management plan that sees the methodical reduction of our long-term debt and concurrent increase of our reserves.

The April issue of the *Voice of the Village* will include my annual State of the Village report. In addition, Mr. Wynne and I intend to hold another Town Hall meeting in May to discuss Village finances. We look forward to sharing the details with you.

2012 Administration of Oaths of Office

Some old and new faces at Council



Mayor Rinker administered the Oath of Office to incoming At-Large Councilman Nick Delguyd at the January 3rd Council Caucus.



Asst. Law Director Diane Calta administered the Oath of Office to Mayor Bruce G. Rinker. Mayor Rinker has been in office since 1993 and began his fifth full term this year.



Human Services Director Eunice Kalina Retires after Nearly 25 Years of Service

Council President Bill Buckholtz and retiring Human Services Director Eunice Kalina.



After nearly 25 years as Mayfield Village's Human Services Director, Eunice Kalina retired effective December 31, 2011.

Director Kalina was presented with a Resolution of Appreciation from the Mayor and Council at the December 19th Council Meeting. Earlier that month, at the Commission on Aging Holiday Party, Mayor Rinker presented her with a commemorative clock inscribed to read:

Eunice Kalina

*In Appreciation for Years of Dedication to our Seniors
Mayfield Village - 2011*

We all wish Eunice good health and happiness in her retirement years.



Ward 1 Councilman, Bill Marquardt, and Ward 3 Councilman, Dr. Stephan Parker, have been members of Council since 1996. Both were sworn in on January 3rd to begin their fifth terms in office.

Patsy Mills / Council Ward 2

Goodbye to year 2011, and also to Eunice Kalina, Human Services Director. Her dedication to the needs of the Village's Seniors has been outstanding. She will be missed. Recreation Director, Bill Thomas and Donna Heath will continue the existing programs

Welcome to Nicholas Delguyd as the new At-Large Councilman.

The Activities Committee's plans for the coming year are in full swing. Mother's Day Pancake Breakfast, Band Concerts, Fifties Night, and 4th of July Fireworks are

in the planning stages. Volunteers for the festivities are always needed, so check your calendars. Your help would be appreciated.

Restoration work on the monuments at the Union Cemetery is in progress. The weather this fall prohibited the completion of the work.

The Mayfield Village Garden Club will continue to plant annuals and weed the gardens. The Garden Club also volunteers many hours in the gardens at the Bennett-VanCuren Historical House.

The Historical Society has

interesting meetings the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. in the Community Room. The Meetings are open to the everyone so bring a friend, enjoy the program and delicious refreshments. See the Historical article on Page 20 for specific information.

The new Regional Library, Deacon's Chrysler-Plymouth, and the new Sports Complex at the High School are in the planning stage. Hopefully it won't be long before all these projects will be breaking ground.



Patsy Mills
Council at Large

Drug Law Update

Vince Feudo / Village Prosecutor

House Bill 64 became effective on October 15, 2011. This bill defines various synthetic marijuana compounds, commonly known as "Spice" or "K2", as drugs of abuse. Simple possession is a minor misdemeanor, while trafficking is a felony. Additionally, while there is no set limit for synthetic marijuana driving under the influence offenses, it will be a violation to be under the influence of synthetic marijuana.

The bill also classifies various synthetic derivatives of cathinone, a compound found in bath salts, as drugs of abuse, specifically Schedule I hallucinogens. This classification puts them at the same danger level as LSD and makes almost all crimes associated

with them serious felonies. Bath salts contain stimulants that act much like methamphetamine and cocaine, but produce the added effect of hallucinations. Common names for these products are Ivory Wave, Bliss, White Lightning, Hurricane Charlie, Vanilla Sky, Charge, and White Knight.

Bath salts can be ingested in a variety of ways, and prior to being outlawed in many states, had widespread availability on the Internet, local convenience stores, and smoke shops. Side effects are serious, and can include dizziness and vomiting, agitation and paranoia, hallucinations, seizures, increased

heart rate and chest pains, suicidal thoughts, psychosis or death.

Lastly, due to an increase in incidents of illegal abuse from across the country, the manufacturer of Opana ER, a highly potent narcotic pain reliever even stronger than Oxycontin, has altered the formula. This change has made the pill almost impossible to crush. Abusers were crushing pills and injecting, smoking or snorting the powder. As with other opiate-based pills, Opana is considered a Schedule II drug, and illegal possession and trafficking are serious felonies under Ohio law.



Vince Feudo
Prosecutor

Tom Marrie / Council at Large

Congratulations to our new Councilman at Large, Nicholas Delguyd. Wishing you good luck and great success. Welcome aboard!

I want to sincerely thank Joe Saponaro for all of his effort, hard work and dedication to our Village during the eight years he served on Council. Good Luck Joe!

Thanks again this year to our Service Dept. for their usual great job picking up the tons of leaves. This program is a real winner along with the many others that our Village offers its residents.

With all the crazy things that are going on that you read in the paper, it is a great feeling to know that we have an outstanding police and fire department watching over our residents.

Our annual subscription to OneCommunity has been renewed for our fiber ring around Beta Park and our

subscribers. This covers all of our internet and our Voice Over IP Phone System.

Zambelli Co. will be doing our fireworks for the July 4th celebration again this year. They do a great job and make a very safe presentation.

All of our wonderful Committee volunteers were sworn in at the Jan 17 Council meeting. A really big THANK YOU to all of these ladies and gentlemen for their time and effort. You make this the wonderful Village it is!

The Recreation Dept. is busy getting involved with details for our spring and summer programs. For the record—our Recreation Dept. offers over 150 different programs involving over 50,000 participants.

Get well wishes are sent out to Lt. Ken Shrefler of our Fire Dept. Our prayers and best wishes are sent your way for a complete recovery.

Many meetings are going on for our new Library. P&Z, ARB and our Building Dept. are busy with the details to get this wonderful project going!

Discussions are being held for additional programs and services for our senior citizens. We will keep you informed as things move forward.

Thanks to all the volunteers involved (especially Santa Claus) in our Children's Christmas Party and Santa ride through the Village on the Fire Engine. It was a huge success. Thanks also to the Key Club members from MHS for all their help.

In January, The Senior Watercolors class put on a beautiful exhibit in the halls of the Civic Center. We look forward to having them back in October.

Stay warm! Spring is on its way!



Thomas J. Marrie
Council at Large

SAVE THE DATE

COMMUNITY SHRED DAY

In the Parking Lot of the Mayfield Village Civic Center

6622 Wilson Mills Road

Saturday, May 19, 2012

9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon

Residents or businesses may bring a maximum of five storage boxes of paper to shred.

Documents shred on-site by: Cintas Document Management

Questions? Call 440-461-2210.

... From the Lyndhurst Municipal Court

On December 1, 2011, Judge Mary Kaye Bozza and her staff welcomed dignitaries and public officials from each community in the jurisdiction, to an open house in order to showcase the new Court Annex located on the lower level of Lyndhurst City Municipal Center. As part of the celebration, Judge Mary Kaye Bozza was administered her Oath of Office as Municipal Judge by Judge Anthony J. Russo of Cuyahoga County Common Pleas Probate Division.

Judge Bozza has now begun her third term in office commencing January 1, 2012. In addition to the tour of the new facility, Judge Mary Kaye Bozza introduced her personal security bailiff,

Sophia, a four legged black and tan German shepherd. Sophia was particularly selected for Judge Bozza by the breeder for protection.

Judge Mary Kaye Bozza continues to educate the community through her "Make the Right Choice Program", various community speaking engagements and an open invitation to any teachers wanting to schedule field trips to the Court. Richmond Heights High School teacher and Junior Class Advisor, Keith Manos took advantage of this opportunity in November and brought 60 students to the Court to observe a Court session. The students found the experience very interesting and informative. They par-

ticularly appreciated the time Judge Bozza spent at the end of the court session, answering their questions.

Judge Bozza also spoke to the senior residents of Sherri Park Apartments in November and the 32nd Club Masonic Order in December. When speaking to these groups, the Judge covers senior safety topics, informs the audience about the court room dramas and answers their questions about the law.

The next Men's "Make the Right Choice Program" is scheduled for Friday February 24, and the Women's Program is scheduled for Friday, March 23, 2012. Both programs begin at 9:30 am and are held at the Lyndhurst Community Center at 1341 Parkview Drive. The programs usually last for three hours and lunch is included. The topics at these meetings cover the medical, psychological and legal consequences of alcohol and substance abuse.

There is no fee for these educational programs and they are open to the public. For information call Patti at (440) 461-6500 extension 205.

"The students found the experience very interesting and informative. They particularly appreciated the time Judge Bozza spent at the end of the court session, answering their questions."



Sophia, Judge Bozza's new personal security bailiff.

Ohio Lawmakers Approve New Congressional District Boundaries

Joseph W. Diemert, Jr. / Law Director

Following months of debate, Ohio lawmakers have finally reached a compromise regarding Ohio's new congressional district boundaries. Lawmakers must redraw congressional district lines every decade in order to account for population changes noted in the most recent U.S. Census. By law, the redistricting process is done with the approval of the Ohio House of Representatives, the Ohio Senate, and the governor. This time around, the Ohio legislature was required to redraw district lines when slow population growth in Ohio caused the state to lose two Congressional seats in the United States House of Representatives. Ohio went from having 18 congressional districts under the previous U.S. Census to having only 16 congressional districts under the recently approved redistricting plan.

While the Ohio House of Representatives and Senate had initially approved new congressional district maps in September, Democrats objected to the redistricting plan, stating that the new district boundaries were drawn to ensure Republican victories in upcoming elections. Currently, the Republican Party controls the governor's office and also has control of both chambers of the state legislature. The

recent redistricting process constitutes only the second time in the past 60 years that one political party controlled all three steps in the redistricting process.

Because the Ohio Democratic Party was discontent with the originally proposed redistricting plan, Democrats sought to have the plan repealed and launched a referendum to place the redistricting plan before voters in the November 2012 election. In October, the Ohio Supreme Court held that the redistricting plan was subject to referendum. Ohio lawmakers, however, ultimately sought to avoid a referendum on the issue because a referendum on congressional redistricting would have required the state to hold two separate primaries in 2012, costing taxpayers an additional \$15 million. Therefore, in an attempt to reach a compromise with Democratic leaders and avoid the costly need for a second primary, Republicans from the House of Representatives introduced a new redistricting plan in November.

The two parties eventually reached a compromise on December 14, 2011, when a new redistricting map was approved by a House vote of 77-17 and a Senate vote of 27-6. The bill's sponsor, Republican Matt Huffman, called

the compromise an early Christmas present for the state of Ohio. The new congressional district map was signed into law by Governor John Kasich on December 16, 2011.

However, several Democratic leaders continue to object to the new redistricting map, claiming that the new map still favors Republicans in many districts. Under the new congressional district map, Mayfield Village will be in Ohio's 14th Congressional District. The 14th District also contains other local suburbs, such as Gates Mills and Mayfield Heights, all of Ashtabula, Geauga, and Lake Counties, as well as parts of Portage, Summit, and Trumbull counties. Cleveland and several eastside suburbs, including Shaker Heights, Beachwood, Richmond Heights, and Euclid, are located in Ohio's 11th Congressional District. For more information on Ohio's redistricting process and to view a copy of Ohio's new congressional district map, please visit reshapeohio.org.



Joseph W. Diemert, Jr.
Law Director

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Recreation Corner

Bill Thomas / Director of Recreation

With the 2011 holidays a recent memory, we wanted to share a couple of pictures of our Annual Santa Ride and a short story that reflects the spirit of the holidays.

On December 3, Santa with his two elves, Rachel Haycox and Danielle Jablonski, left the fire station at 10:30 a.m. on a big shiny fire truck with fire fighter and driver Jason Brothers. For 3 ½ hours or more, the fire truck made many stops along all the streets in the Village to handout popcorn balls to young and old alike. (Note: special thanks to Fritz Quaglata, owner of the Holiday Inn and Alfredo's Restaurant, who donated 460 popcorn balls this year and for many previous years). The day was unseasonably warm which added to the many stops and Village residents waiting to see Santa.

On Monday, December 5, I received a call from Village resident Janelle Finnie saying her five-year-old son Jake had waited for Santa but, for some reason, Santa and the fire truck passed him by. Jake and his parents were very disappointed. When fireman Jason Brothers and the other fire department staff heard about the family's disappointment, they wrote a letter to Jake from Santa and invited Jake up to the fire station to receive his letter, a personal tour of the fire station and his very own popcorn ball. The fire department staff, and espe-

cially Jason Brothers, made this a special holiday for many, but in particular Jake. Santa will definitely be keeping an eye out for Jake during next year's ride.

As I write this article, our first snow storm has arrived for Winter 2012. Hopefully, this will remind our novice or skilled skiers that we have a ski trip planned on President's Day February 20 to Holimont Ski Resort in western New York. So dust off the skis and join us for a fun day on the slopes!

Beginning January 1, 2012, the Human Services Depart-



ment (senior programs) will operate under the auspices of the Parks and Recreation Department. Both departments have worked closely together to coordinate programs and facilities and to advertise senior programs in the Parks and Recreation Brochure. In addition, Eunice Kalina, after almost 25 years of coordinating the Human Services Department, retired on December 31. We wish Eunice the best

and hope to see her in some of the programs she created.

The Recreation Department welcomes Donna Heath, Senior Program Coordinator, to the department.

The Parks and Recreation staff is in the process of planning for Spring and Summer programs. We are just a few months away from our annual Spring Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 31 and Parkview Pool's opening on Friday, June 8th.

If you have a suggestion for programs or comments, please don't hesitate to call us at 461-5163 or email me: bthomas@mayfieldvillage.com



Bill Thomas
Director of Recreation



Village Implements “Code Red”

Richard Edelman / Chief of Police

Greetings to all and Happy New Year. As we begin this new year it is my pleasure to announce that your safety forces now have another tool in our arsenal for helping to keep you safe and secure.

We are entering into a partnership with the Emergency Communications Network, also known as Code Red. This is a state-of-the-art web-based system to alert our residents and businesses of emergencies and public safety issues. In the event of such an issue (for example; missing child, gas leak, crime alert, etc.), you will receive an automated phone message with information to that effect. The basic system is already pro-

vided with local phone book information, but it can also be customized to your preference; home phone, cell phone, text message or email (or all of the above).

Once we go online there will be a link on the Mayfield Village web site to direct you to the Code Red home page. One of the unique features of Code Red is that we can direct where the emergency messages go—to the entire Village, an individual street, or a specific area. This system has the capability of calling every home phone in the Village in approximately four minutes, so if the need arises to use it, you can be sure of receiving fresh information.

As an additional feature, we have also included emergency

weather warnings. Unlike the information on the news that covers a broad area, the Code Red weather warning system can alert only those areas in the direct path of severe weather conditions. Again this is customizable, so individual residents can “opt-out” of this if so desired. Please be sure to check the village web site regularly for additional information. Our staff here at the police department can also help with any specific questions you may have about this.

On Page 16 are some FAQs about this program; additional information will be on the Village website.

I wish you all a very happy and healthy new year.



Richard Edelman
Chief of Police

The call before the storm.

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WARNING



STAY SAFE We have purchased CodeRED Weather Warning™ to alert citizens in the path of severe weather.

ALERT TYPES Moments after a **severe thunderstorm, flash flood or tornado warning** has been issued by the National Weather Service, telephone messages will be sent to affected citizens.

CALLER ID You'll know the call is from CodeRED Weather Warning when you see 800-566-9780. If you'd like to hear the last message delivered to your phone, simply dial the number back.

PRIVACY Your contact information remains private. It will only be used for severe weather alerts, and in areas that have CodeRED® for community notification, you will also receive messages delivered through that system.

OPT-IN TO GET THE CALL Sign up to receive alerts for any combination of severe weather warnings at www.mayfieldvillage.com.

Construction of Wetlands Bridge Brings Out Volunteers

In Spring of 2011, Troop 433 Eagle Scout candidate David Girbino presented to the Mayfield Village Service Director a bridge design that he had developed. David was seeking permission to construct the bridge in the Wetlands Park, just west of Parkview Pool.

The bridge has been on the radar of the Wetlands Committee for many years and the Village was more than happy to give David the “go ahead” and to help by purchasing materials and providing Service Department personnel to assist with the project, as needed.

David, along with members of his family, his troop, and many friends and volunteers, completed the bridge on October 23, 2011. A commemorative plaque will be installed on the bridge to acknowledge David for his time and effort. David was also presented with a Resolution of Appreciation from the Mayor and Council (reproduced on Page 14) at the November 21st Council Meeting.

Thanks to all who participated!





Resolution of Appreciation to the Volunteers Who Helped to Build the Mayfield Village Wetlands Bridge

WHEREAS, Eagle Scout candidate David Girbino from Troop 433 submitted a plan to Service Director Doug Metzung to build a bridge at the wetlands located in Mayfield Village, Ohio.

WHEREAS, this project was something the Mayfield Village Wetlands Committee had been looking to build since its inception a decade ago.

WHEREAS, David Girbino supplied all the engineering and the labor to construct the bridge.

WHEREAS, with the assistance of the Service Department, David Girbino, fellow Scouts, Village residents and other volunteers worked tirelessly on this project through its completion. After hours of work, nails and rain, the final piece was bolted into the side of the bridge on October 23, 2011.

WHEREAS, the following volunteers assisted David Girbino and the Mayfield Village Service Department in the building of the bridge at the Mayfield Village wetlands:

Tim Stickley	Michael Girbino	Debra Girbino
John Strasshofer	David Strasshofer	Jeesoo Kim
Tiffany Pham	Julianna Kocsis	Kaitlyn Wene
Nate Pappenhagen	Denny Nelson	Peter Gall
John Gall	Julie Green	Dylan Green
Conar Lewis	Alex Ashley	Matt Granitto
Mark Granitto	Charlie Kander	Michael Fallon
Luke Fakaris	Drew Shaw	Bob Pappenhagen
Charlene Strasshofer	Dave Strasshofer	Maggie Stickley
Rebecca Pappenhagen		

WHEREAS, this major improvement constructed by volunteers for the purpose of beautifying the Mayfield Village Wetlands for public benefit will be remembered and enjoyed by many for years to come.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF MAYFIELD VILLAGE, OHIO, THAT:

Eagle Scout candidate David Girbino from Troop 433, the Mayfield Village Service Department and the above-named volunteers are to be commended for donating their time and talent to complete the plan for a bridge at the Mayfield Village Wetlands. Their work on this project is hereby recognized and appreciated by Mayor Rinker, Mayfield Village Council and the residents of Mayfield Village.

RESOLUTION NO. 2011-13 - PASSED AND ADOPTED: November 21, 2011

Senior News, by Donna Heath, Senior Program Coordinator

So far, it has been a festive winter season for our seniors. The annual holiday party was held December 10. Partygoers enjoyed appetizers, lunch, and dessert as harp music played softly in the background. The highlight of the party was the visit from Santa, who greeted everyone with a cheery “ho ho ho” and a popcorn ball. We had another special visitor—Mayor Bruce Rinker—who stopped by with his daughters Alexa and Kristen. Mayor Rinker presented Eunice Kalina, Director of Human Services, with a clock to commemorate her nearly 25 years of service to Mayfield Village. Eunice retired on December 31st.

The next occasion was to honor the milestone birthday of Esther Saginor, a member of the card group, who turned 101 on December 14. Esther was presented with a cake and card while the card players sang happy birthday. Then, reporters from the Hillcrest Patch and Fox 8 interviewed Esther. Congratulations, Esther!



Esther Saginor celebrated her 101st Birthday on December 14th.

The final celebrations of the year were in honor of the retirement of Eunice Kalina. The ABC Village Quilters presented Eunice with a cake and extended best wishes on December 14. Mayor Rinker and Council presented Eunice with a Proclamation and a cake at the Regular Council Meeting on December 19. Then, on December 27, the Card Group had lunch and cake for Eunice. Everyone extended congratulations and best wishes. Many members of the Game Group, the Card Group, Tai Chi Fan, and the ABC Villagers Quilters told Eunice that they were sorry to see her leave; she will be greatly missed. We echo those sentiments and wish Eunice well.

Amidst the festivities, regular activities continued. The Game Group, Pilates, and Yoga met on Mondays; Seniorize met on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays; the Card Group and Watercolor classes met on Tuesdays and Thursdays; the Quilters and Tai Chi Fan met on Wednesdays, and Line Dancing met on Fridays.

Soon it will be spring and that means the return of the Senior Stroll. Session 1 will begin on Monday, April 9 and

will run through Friday, June 29. Participants meet our guide at the Metroparks and stroll at their own pace for about an hour. The cost for this activity which runs 12 weeks is \$12.

AARP Tax counselors will provide **income tax assistance** to Mayfield Village senior and/or disabled residents. Appointments are available at 12:00, 1:00, 2:00 and 3:00 p.m. on the following Mondays: February 20, March 19, and April 9. Appointments are limited in number and will be on a first come, first served basis. Please call the Human Services Department (440-919-2332) to schedule your appointment.

An **AARP Safe Driving Class** will be held on Wednesday, June 6 from 12:30-4:30 p.m. Participants will be able to brush up on their driving skills. (There is no driving involved.) The cost for this class is \$12 for AARP members and \$14 for non-members. Some insurance companies offer a discount to those who take this refresher course.

Look for detailed information in the Spring/Summer Parks & Recreation brochure about the activities, classes, and trips planned for the upcoming months. Or call our office at 440-919-2332 for more information.



The annual Commission on Aging Holiday Party was a great success.

Mayfield Village CodeRED Frequently Asked Questions

Does the Village have my telephone number, or do I have to sign up to receive CodeRED emergency calls?

The Code Red Database does use information received from public databases including regional phonebooks. Cellphones and Unlisted numbers may not be available. The home page of the Mayfield Village website, <http://www.mayfieldvillage.com>, will have a link to a CodeRED registration form you can fill out online. This is the quickest way to sign up because the information you supply will immediately update Mayfield Village's CodeRED telephone number database. If you do not have access to the internet at home, please consider using a computer at the Mayfield Regional Library or ask a friend or family member for assistance. On-line registration is the most efficient, accurate and private way to supply your information.

I have a business located in Mayfield Village. Can I arrange to have CodeRED call my business?

Yes. Fill out the CodeRed registration form but be sure to select the "This address is business" option. Please note that emergency calls can only be delivered to a direct dial number. Automated attendants will disrupt the process and the calls will not be delivered. Businesses should register their main number and establish a procedure for distributing the CodeRED message to their workforce.

The registration form only allows me to enter a primary and secondary telephone number. What if I want to register additional numbers for my address?

After you submit the initial registration form, you may start the registration process again and submit more numbers for the same address.

What precautions are being taken to protect personal information?

CodeRED is a service of Network Emergency Communications (ECN) which takes security and privacy concerns very seriously and does not sell trade, lease or loan any data about clients to any third party.

How will I recognize a CodeRED message?

A CodeRED Emergency message will have a caller ID of 866-419-5000. A CodeRED General message will have a caller ID 855-969-4636. We suggest you program both numbers in your cell phone as a "new contact" and use "CodeRED Emergency" and "CodeRED General" as the contact name. If you need to replay the emergency notification message again, simply dial the number and you will be able to hear the message again. A CodeRED message will begin with the same standard announcement: "Hello, this is ____ calling with an important message from the Mayfield Village Police (or) Fire Department." The message content will follow this standard introduction.

What should I do if I receive a CodeRED message?

Listen carefully to the entire message. It will be brief and at the end of the message, you will have the option to repeat the message by pressing any key. Follow the instructions given. Do not hang up until you have heard the entire message or you might miss vital information. Do not call 911 for further information unless directed to do so or if you need immediate aid from the Police or Fire department.

I have a cordless phone, and it does not work when the power goes out. How is the Village going to be able to contact me?

Make sure you have at least one working corded telephone – and be sure to turn the ringer on.

Will CodeRED leave a message on a machine?

Yes, CodeRED will leave a message on a machine or on voice mail. Part of the CodeRED solution is the patented ability to recognize answering devices and leave the message completely in one pass.

What happens if the line is busy?

If the line is busy, CodeRED will try two more times to connect.

COMING SOON TO RESERVE HALL



Fairmount Performing Arts Conservatory Presents:
The Music Man
February 23 - March 4

Join us for a family-friendly theater experience featuring some of the area's most promising young performers!

Winner of the Tony Award for Best Musical, *The Music Man* is an affectionate salute to Smalltown, U.S.A. of a bygone era. Meredith Wilson's *The Music Man* follows fast-talking traveling salesman Harold Hill as he cons the people of River City, Iowa into buying instruments and uniforms for a boy's band he vows to organize – this despite the fact he doesn't know a trombone from a treble clef.

His plans to skip town with the cash are foiled when he falls for Marian the librarian, who transforms him into a respectable citizen by curtain's fall.

This classic musical is filled with memorable music – "Trouble," "Good Night My Someone" and "76 Trombones" and big, flashy dance numbers along with a story that will touch your heart.

The show runs February 23 - March 4 at Mayfield Village Civic Center. Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$13 for seniors, and \$11 for children and Mayfield Village residents receive a \$5 discount when purchasing online with code MAYRES. Tickets can be purchased at www.fairmountcenter.tix.com or by calling 440-338-3171.

FAIRMOUNT
CENTER
for the Arts

**Flamenco Completo: An Evening
of Spanish Dance and Music**
Saturday, April 21, 7:30 p.m.

Join us for a special evening of Spanish dance, guitar and singing featuring internationally-known musicians Marija Temo and Ulrika Frank. Tickets start at \$25 and can be purchased by calling 440-338-3171.



It Takes a Village

Citizens Advisory Committee - Brenda Bodnar, Chairman

A new year brings new hope and anticipation. What are you planning for this year – better health, better finances, better landscaping? (I'm hoping for all three.) But what might get in the way – increased costs of living, wage freezes, torrential rains, deep-fried Oreos? How do we navigate the mine-studded path to reach our goals?

May I suggest it takes a Village – a village of citizens working together and supporting each other. On behalf of the Citizens Advisory Committee, I look forward to working with you, our citizens, and our elected officials and capable leaders, toward achieving the goals of maintaining the high level of services the Village provides, keeping spending (and consequent financial burdens) in check, and seeking more and better ways to serve those who call Mayfield Village home.

Toward these lofty goals, I pledge to employ three very practical tools this year – the Three C's as I call them: collaboration, cooperation and caring.

Working together with Village personnel gives our Committee

unique opportunities to find solutions to issues through collaboration and cooperation. Not only do many hands make light work, but they make less work, too – open dialogue and the sharing of ideas and insights often lead to better and faster solutions. Citizens Advisory Committee meetings offer us the opportunity to gain up-to-date information on plans currently in effect and those being considered for the future, as well as to chime in with our own related ideas and possible solutions. In 2011, we reviewed information on new smoke detectors, we discussed signage restrictions, and we addressed flooding, road repairs and sewer issues, among other things. While our Committee members represent a variety of opinions, I can assure you that all of those opinions have been taken seriously and given weight by our community leaders.

Last, I pledge to take a more caring approach to this year, meaning that I will try to be more cognizant of what my neighbors think, listen carefully to what people tell me, raise and deal with issues that may lead to making our community a better place, and stay better informed about what is happening in Mayfield Village,

Northeast Ohio, the United States of America and the World. (That's a tall order for me, so I think I'll focus on local issues first!)

You probably saw this coming, but I cannot by myself achieve the goals I have set. Collaboration and cooperation require your input too, so that the Citizens Advisory Committee can learn about and address all those issues that concern and relate to Village life. So I invite you to join in my quest to keep well-informed, and I invite you to contact any Committee member, or Diane Wolgamuth at the Village Hall, to let us know what issues or problems you would like us to address.

After all, it takes a Village.

ABC Village Quilters - Shirley Shatten

We are lucky to have a group of so many devoted adult quilters. These ladies work hard when we meet on Wednesdays, and then take home quilts to finish or work on at home. Because of all their hard work, we have more finished quilts than we had expected.

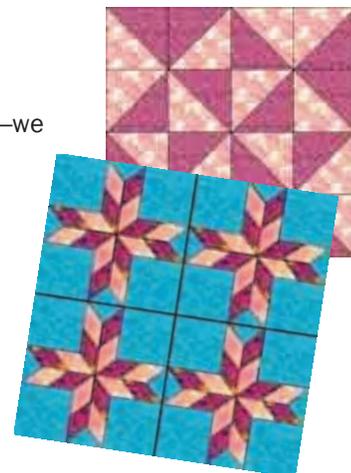
The student quilters were excited about the quilts they had designed and asked to buy the ones they had made to give as Christmas presents. They were

very happy when we decided that the sale of some of our quilts would give us money to buy batting (stuffing). The price really went up this year!

It was fun to see how happy each person was with their own creation, and hear their plans for the presentation they were planning. The recipients of these beautiful quilts were certainly thrilled and appreciated the artist endeavor that each student put into their gift.

Thanks to many of you—we used the beautiful material you donated. We still can use more materials. Your donation can be dropped off at the Community Room, or we can pick it up.

Our program teaches students to think of and do for others. It's exciting watching each student's personal growth.



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 winter and spring meeting dates for the remainder of the 2011-2012 season are listed below:

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

March 28: "Wildflower Folklore" presented by Stacey Allen, a Naturalist from Garfield Nature Center

April 25: "Containing Your Gardening" presented by Carol Thomas, Manager and Designer at Szabo's Nursery

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

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 Pan-

cake breakfast. Perennials from member's gardens will be available for sale along with annual flats, and hanging baskets. Silk flower arrangements and garden-related decorations will also be sold. A raffle of items created by garden club members will also be held.

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.

It's cold outside now but warm weather will soon be upon us. Members volunteer to plant and maintain gardens at the Historical House and

Cemetery, assisted by a hired student. All members are welcome and needed to participate in this vital Garden Club project. Beginning in June, volunteers gather every Monday from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

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."



This fall, Garden Club members planted daffodils at the Police Station.

Mayfield Township Historical Society—Al Muhle, President



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

The Members of the Mayfield Township Historical Society wish the readers of the *Voice of the Village* a healthy 2012.

What is happening at the Bennett-VanCuren Museum and the Historical Society?

Since early October, the Museum has not been open because of the construction of the new drive and parking lot. Now that the construction is complete and the parking lot has been striped, the Quilters will once again return and the Museum will be open on Mondays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The Historical Society and the Garden Club had their annual "Pot Luck Dinner" on December 14th. Some 78 people enjoyed a delicious gourmet feast. Jim Plastine and Joanne Smakula provided the musical entertainment. The South Euclid-Lyndhurst Historical Society also joined the festivities.

From February thru May, the Museum will have the annual educational tours for the 3rd grade students of the Mayfield School District (about 350 students participate in the tours). These tours called "Our Town" are part of their Ohio history class.

Mark your calendar for the QUILT SHOW on OCTOBER 12 & 13 AT THE CIVIC CENTER.

January : No Meeting. Membership Drive. For information regarding Membership or volunteering at the Bennett-VanCuren Museum, call 440-461-0055 or Email: mayfieldtownshiphistoricsociety@yahoo.com. We are in need of docents and quilters.

All Meetings are held at the Mayfield Village Community Room at 7:30 p.m.

February 8: "Early Auto History in the Western Reserve" presented by Bill Takacs.

March 14: "Wade and His Chapel" presented by Kathy Kerrick. COOKIE NIGHT. Bring your favorite cookies to share.

April 11: "Great Estates of Wickliffe" presented by Dan Ruminski .

May 9: "A Passion for Railroads and Real Estate Career of the VanSweringen Brothers" presented by Cathie Winans.

All Meetings are open to the public. Please bring a friend.

Best Wishes to All—
Al Muhle, President

Reminders from the Service Department

Doug Metzger, Service Director

Spring Mulch Deliveries

Once again this spring, the Mayfield Village Service Department will be delivering, free of charge, up to 4 yards of mulch and/or wood chips to all residents who request it. Deliveries will begin in late May and will continue until we get to the end of the list or we run out, whichever comes first.

We will begin taking orders on March 1st. Call the Service Department at 440-442-5506 to place your name on the list. Deliveries will be made on a first-come, first-served basis.

Please remember, even though you have had a delivery in the past, you must call to put your name on the list every year.

Reminder - there is no spring leaf collection.

Items Accepted at Recycling Events

Computers:

CPU's, monitors, keyboards, mice, printers, terminals, modems, cables, software, cell phones & accessories and printer cartridges are accepted.

Computers are recycled by RET3 Job Corp., a not-for-profit computer recycler.



All equipment will either be refurbished and donated to schools or dismantled for recycling. Computer hard drives are erased of all data to protect your confidentiality.

Hazardous Household Waste:

- **Oil or solvent-based paint** (liquid and aerosol) and related products, including sealers, primers, coatings, varnishes, polyurethanes, shellacs, paint thinner, mineral spirits, turpentine, and spray paint. **Latex paint will NOT be accepted and should be dried out and disposed of with your regular trash.**
- **Pesticides** (bug and rodent killers),
- **Herbicides** (weed killers),
- **Insecticides** (bug killers),
- **Fungicides** (mold killers).
- **Caustic Cleaners** including oven cleaner, drain cleaner, muriatic acid, etc.
- **Automotive products**, adhesives, roof tar, driveway sealer, motor oil, kerosene, gasoline, lighter fluid, car/home batteries

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And sign up for E-mail Blast notifications at contactus@mayfieldvillage.com



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Village of Mayfield

Rain Barrel Workshop and Compost Seminar

Thur. March 22, 2012 6:30PM - 8:30PM

Mayfield Village Community Room - 6621 Wilson Mills Road, 44143

Learn about composting and rain barrels!!

Rain Barrels help to combat storm water pollution in your community and give you a fresh source of free water for your plants.

Workshop participants will construct a rain barrel to take home.

Composting is a great way to keep organic materials out of landfills and an inexpensive way of adding nutrients back into your soil.

Register by March 14th:

Contact Claire Posius

216/524-6580, ext 16 or

cposius@cuyahogawcd.org

Workshop Sponsors:



Slow it down, spread it out, soak it in!

Put together a Rain Barrel for \$60



Includes 55 gallon barrel, downspout diverter and all materials

AND/OR

Purchase a Compost Bin for \$50



Wishing Well Composter
135 gallons



Ultimate Dirt Machine Digester
80 gallons

Save the Date!

29th Annual Mother's Day

Pancake Breakfast & Garden Club Plant Sale

Sunday, May 13th

8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Check our website in April to download our Mother's Day Coloring Contest entry or pick one up at the Civic Center.

Call 440-461-5163 for tickets or information.



Calendar of Events / Feb - April 2012

February

23-26 "Music Man" (performed in Reserve Hall @ 7:30 pm Thurs, Fri & Sat; 2:00 pm on Sunday)

March

1-4 "Music Man" (performed in Reserve Hall @ 7:30 pm Thurs, Fri & Sat; 2:00 pm on Sunday)

6 Election Day (Community Room - all Wards)

9 Red Cross Blood Drive (Community Room from 1:00-7:00 pm)

22 Rain Barrel and Compost Workshop (Community Room @ 6:30 pm)

31 Easter Party (Community Room from 1:30-3:00 pm)

April

7 Learn about the Timberdoodle (Meet at the North Chagrin Reservation @ 7:30 pm)

21 An Evening of Spanish Dance and Music (Reserve Hall @ 7:30 pm)

News from the Wetlands Committee

Timberdoodles have been spotted at the Wetlands! The Timberdoodle is also known as a Bogsucker or the American Woodcock. This bird has chosen the fields surrounding the Wetlands for its annual spring mating ritual. If you would like to witness this elusive bird and learn about its life history, a naturalist-led program is being offered through the Cleveland Metroparks.

Saturday, April 7th @ 7:30 p.m.

Meet at North Chagrin Nature Center

(we will walk to the Wetlands from there)

3 miles- crushed gravel surface

Contact Naturalist Deb Marcinski @ 440-473-3370
for more information



Timberdoodles now inhabit an area near the Mayfield Village Wetlands Park.

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Join our E-mail List!**

Send an e-mail to contactus@mayfieldvillage.com to receive important reminders and announcements.



Mayfield Village Recycles!

2012 Round-Up Dates

(see Page 21 for details on items accepted)

In cooperation with the Cuyahoga County Solid Waste District, Mayfield Village will sponsor the following recycling events for Village residents:

COMPUTERS

SCRAP TIRES

HOUSEHOLD

HAZARDOUS WASTE

Drop-off dates at Service Dept:

- February 4 thru 11, 2012
- April 28 thru May 5, 2012
- August 4 thru 11, 2012
- November 10 thru 17, 2012