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MEMO FROM THE MAYOR**BRUCE G. RINKER**

On November 3rd, voters will be presented with three ballot issues that I wish to discuss here. The first is Mayfield Village's 2.3 mill property tax renewal. It directly relates to the operating expenses of our municipality. The second two are interrelated county governance issues that may seem distant or even abstract, but arguably they will have significant long-term impact on Mayfield Village. My intent here is to offer some perspectives to pique your curiosity and encourage your *informed* vote on them. I urge you to look into them further and hope to give you a nudge in that direction.

Issue #48: Mayfield Village Tax Levy

Here is the ballot language:

A renewal of a tax for the benefit of Mayfield Village for the purpose of current expenses to a rate not exceeding 2.3 mills for each one dollar of valuation, for five (5) years, commencing in January 2010, first due in calendar year 2011.

It is over simplifying, but not altogether inaccurate, to characterize this five-year renewal of our current property tax millage as akin to committing to a utility rate that won't go up for the next five years. To be sure, as underlying property values change, so too will the actual taxes derived from each of them; however, there is to be no increase in the tax rate itself. This operating levy will remain a staple of our General Fund.

The cost of the levy remains \$14.22 per year for each \$100,000 of valuation of your home. This is identical to the first five-year levy passed in 1975. By operation of the anti-inflationary provisions of House Bill 920, passed in the late 1970's, the amount is actually less in today's dollars.

Mayfield Village voters have historically approved these five-year renewals. We are both proud of that solid record and highly conscious of our obligation as public officials to respect that record by exercising responsible stewardship over these revenues. We believe our track record respects voters' support of our progress.

As a community, Mayfield Village has accomplished much over the past five years: We have continued the process of converting roughly two-thirds of our Village homes from septic to sanitary sewer systems in a fashion that has equitably kept costs to a minimum; we have constructed new and rehabilitated aged storm water infrastructure (that come in all shapes and sizes) improving the value of our environment and properties; we also have revamped this diverse infrastructure in a way that is pleasing to the eye and increases the opportunity for residents to enjoy our environs (i.e., *Fosters Run*); we have built new and upgraded parks and recreational facilities; we have made tangible gains in retooling the Beta Park commercial district, already enjoying early returns in income and property tax revenues from new-generation businesses that we are cultivating there; and, not least of all, we have sustained top-quality safety and service while trimming expenditures--especially in the last two years--to adapt to the downturn in world markets. We have been fortunate, but nonetheless have felt its effects.

In summary, Mayfield Village government tries to practice what it preaches: think big and stay small. (We hope you agree the best things come in small packages!) This levy renews our mutual commitment to maintain solid results. We ask for your renewal of it.

County Government

As you have undoubtedly heard and read off and on over the past year, Cuyahoga County government has been assailed. At one level, all of this is the dissonance of political yammering. But there is another, less sensational level where the chords being struck today may resonate for decades to come. I write here to suggest that the underlying structural change being called for is an important and even essential matter for civic-minded people to act upon.

Mayfield Village has long been well served by various departments of the County. One example is the County Planning Commission, which has worked with us professionally and collegially to facilitate the unglamorous, complicated and expensive process of converting to sanitary sewers. The professional staff have helped in our efforts to obtain federal, state, and local funding to underwrite much of this massive infrastructure change and we have been the beneficiary of their resources. In short, this is a specific example of something that ain't broke, so why fix it?

I do not offer a definitive reply, but suggest an important consideration: effective and more inclusive county-wide governance is the most likely mechanism to place our region on better footing nationally, even globally. The fundamental question is whether and to what extent we need a new engine, not just a tune-up. Here are the two ballot texts and the order in which they will appear:

Issue #5: Proposed Charter Commission

Shall a County Charter Commission be Chosen?

Issue #6: Proposed Charter (By Petition)

Shall a county charter be adopted providing for an elected county executive, an elected county prosecutor, eleven county council members elected by district, and all other county officers appointed by the county executives whose appointments are subject to the confirmation by council and who shall serve at the pleasure of the county executive?

No one can really predict how these two issues may affect one another. They do not appear mutually exclusive, but together they pose no little confusion.

The first asks voters to install a commission (much like our Charter Review Commission) to *study* County Government and then make a *recommendation*. This issue does not guarantee a *change*, it guarantees a *study*. No less than eight (8) studies of County government have been undertaken since The Great Depression. Each *study* has *recommended* reforming County government. These studies have gathered dust. (Pop Quiz: Name the studies. Any one of them come to mind?) The Charter Commission will be number 9.

The second issue guarantees specific changes to the structure of County government. Some have characterized the proposal as provocative and radical. Consider this *radical* change: to convert a three-person commission (which presently exercises *both* legislative and executive powers) into a one-person executive and eleven-member council (where the Executive exercises *executive* powers and the Council exercises *legislative* powers.) This is comparable to the Mayor/Council structure of most cities and villages. The Executive would be elected countywide, as are the current Commissioners, while the eleven

Council representatives would be elected from individual districts into which the County is to be divided, similar to municipal wards.

There is historic precedent for this *radical* way to redistribute governmental powers. Here is a quote from the eighteenth century Enlightenment philosopher Montesquieu:

“There can be no liberty where the legislative and executive powers are united in the same person, or body of magistrates....”

He is quoted by none other than that notorious revolutionary James Madison in *The Federalist No. 47*, one of eighty-five essays written by him, Alexander Hamilton, and the first Chief Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court, John Jay. (Collectively, their pen name was “Publius”, the “public”). *The Federalist* was written between late 1787 and early 1788 to convince Americans to adopt a radically new structure of government contained in a *Constitution* (as in government of, by and for *The People*). Madison wrote further:

“...that where the whole power of one department is exercised by the same hands which possess the whole power of another department, the fundamental principles of a free constitution are subverted.” (Emphasis Madison’s).

We live in a much more technologically sophisticated age, but the founders of our national government were locked in a struggle about human nature that is timeless. They were politically passionate--they almost involuntarily created the two-party system that continues today--but they were particularly *dispassionate* in their analysis of POWER. They saw power not as an immoral force, but as a natural force that, left unbalanced, leads to immorality. The concentration of Power is not good government. Power corrupts. Our radical revolutionaries sought to structure government to harness Power, much as one would harness a team of horses. The federal Constitution is designed to separate sufficiently the executive, legislative and judicial powers: consider three horses linked together, from time to time stepping on one another, but constrained to pull together, driving forward with combined energy. Now add “The People” who ride in the wagon and so hold the reins, constrained to steer the team with one eye on them and one eye on the road ahead.

In the eighteenth century, the accepted image of government was far more regal, a monarch in a carriage of gold drawn by a livery of white stallions, geared to impress and instill awe—the divine right of lineage. The royals held all the power. Americans smashed the royal icons. The colonials presented a very different image: a rustic farmer’s cart hauled by a motley collection of work horses and driven by unruly and rambunctious commoners. There can be little doubt *The Federalist* essays mounted a major marketing campaign to gain public acceptance of the radical plan. But by then, Americans had experienced monarchy, war and an ineffectual confederacy. *The People* chose a “more perfect union.”

Your choices: another study; a *radically* changed structure of County government.

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Taxes, politics, studies and restructured democratic institutions will never be perfect, to say the least. But if we inform ourselves and exercise an informed vote, we will be doing our part to take the reins of government and steer team and wagon forward.



**Bill
Buckholtz**

Council President

**“There’s No
Place Like
Home”**

I just thought that I would give fair warning to the citizens of Mayfield Village that if you see me on the street or in the grocery store you may not want to say hello or ask me what’s new. Not unless you have a whole lot of time to kill.

You see I’ve done it again. Yes, at the age of 57 $\frac{3}{4}$, I have enrolled in grad-school. My head is filled with so many thoughts. New thoughts. Old thoughts. New ways of looking at old subjects; correcting misnomers of the mind about the way things really work. Believe me, it’s a great feeling to become better informed.

What am I studying at the moment? Public Administration... go figure... the field that I have been wrapped up in for the last twenty years of my adult life and, in some very unique ways, for much of my youth. The fine folks at the Maxine Goodman Levin College of Urban Affairs at Cleveland State University have been trying to snag me since they handed over my undergraduate diploma in 2003. And I am so tired of hearing myself repeat over and over and over, “I woulda, shoulda, coulda!” Had I rolled up my sleeves in ‘03, it is possible that I would be finishing up a combined Juris Doctor/Masters of Public Administration degree today. Yeah, I know, I know, just what we need... another lawyer... another bureaucrat. No! But what we do need are skilled and experienced people who understand how these complex systems were originally designed to work, and how they

have grown and changed over time and circumstance. The reform that the public has called for and we desperately need in government first requires a rewiring of our individual mindset. There will be no significant change unless we educate ourselves. We get what we give. Self-improvement and reinventing our own character... these are the moral imperatives that, “we the people” have direct control over. This transformation does not have to happen in a classroom. In fact, in most cases it will not. The real “light bulb” of knowledge, wisdom and understanding becomes illuminated when and where we least expect it. But this is *my* choice.

There has never been a better time to be in school. The academic learning environment provides something that we just can’t seem to find in our busy schedules; unless we make the commitment and make the time. To be interacting with bright curious minds of all age groups; to be filling in the gaps of knowledge between what we do and what we actually know. Michele has enrolled in college as well. She will start off studying Psychology. Why not... she has been holding our family together forever while “counseling” her clients daily on everything from recipes, investing, wellness and on and on to a thousand subjects... and she is respected and adored for it. Samantha is at OSU; Mikey is at NYU; and if we could find an arts or crafts class at USC (the University of Senior Citizens) we’d sign Grandpa Mike up too. I know, “What about the debt?!!” So we’ll take finance and economics courses next.

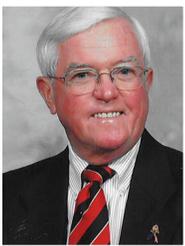
I never took Civics in high school, no Political Science in college; and not a History course – I am no longer proud to admit – that I didn’t sleep through. My skills flourished outside

of the classroom. I always found it easy to work with people. It didn’t matter what I did... it’s always been about listening to people, finding answers or solutions, and trying to make things better. And as an entertainer, since childhood, it’s been about having fun while doing it... ‘cause guess what? Everyday that we are alive, and every problem we face both public and private, every meeting we attend, every family dinner we share... So enjoy it. “These are the days when anything goes,” *Everyday Is A Winding Road*, Sheryl Crow.

We are, of course, coming up on an election day. There will be hotly contested issues and races, as well as, unopposed candidates – on behalf of my colleagues and myself, I wish to thank Mayfield Village residents, for your support. Four of our Council Reps: Joanne Cinco, Patsy Mills, Tom Marrie and me – Bill Buckholtz – are proud and grateful to be running unopposed. Also on the ballot is our 5-year Renewal Levy that, since 1975, assures our community continued excellence in services and lifestyle without any increase in taxes.

What voting really means for Americans is the opportunity to let their voices be heard. But this is NOT enough. We need to be looking inside our hearts for strength, courage and perseverance; and we need to be gathering good information from reputable sources. We need to turn down the rhetoric from Infotainment and other pseudo-news shows and learn to recognize the difference between journalism and the desperate telling and selling of distorted stories that serve to distract us and further divide or inflame us.

And finally I would be remiss if I did not thank Mayor Rinker who presented Joanne Cinco, Merv & Mary Singer and me "Outstanding Mayfield Village Citizen Awards for 2009" at the Appreciation Luau. It was truly an honor and the most well-guarded secret. It's not that we didn't deserve it... we just never expected it! My only regret is that I am told the Mayor's tribute to me was a wonderful metaphor of the magical imagery and characterizations in the Wizard of Oz. I missed most of the speech as I was busy congratulating Merv Singer... everyone in my family was kicking me and trying to get me to listen and I'm like, "What for? It's only Bruce talking!" Aaaah... *there's no place like home.*



Thomas J. Marrie

Council
At Large

Thanks to the Beautification Committee for the beautiful flowers this summer. It certainly made the Village very attractive. Thanks also to the Service Department for maintaining them.

Special thanks to the men of the Service Department for their great job of cleaning up all the debris caused by our summer storms.

Congratulations to our firemen on their Firefighter Appreciation month during August.

A great big sincere thank you to Mary and Merv Singer for their dedication and hard work in organizing the Memorial Day Services in honoring our veterans. They and their many volunteers placed over 3000 flags on Veterans' graves.

Our Police Station to be constructed at Wiley Park is moving along in pre-construction planning and physical construction will start in the very near future. Panzica Construction Company of Mayfield Village is the builder. They were the top pick of 14 bids.

The 50's Cruise Night and 4th of July festivities were both very successful.

Much work is being done by our Planning Development Committee to bring new companies onto Beta Drive. This plus the installation of the fiber ring will help insure growth in that very important area and assuring us an increase in tax revenue.

Thanks to the Recreation Department and Committee for the outstanding and successful summer programs. The many youth activities (softball, soccer, camps, swimming lessons, etc.) were all full.

All the Adult Softball leagues were at capacity as were the Adaptive programs. The Summer Sizzler Swim meet had 413 participants and gave our Village much notoriety. The total numbers at the pool this summer were down because of poor weather.

Don't forget to sign up for the Polar Express train trip. This sold out almost immediately last year, and buying your ticket through the Village guarantees you a place on the train. Everyone else must go into a lottery because of capacity.

Don't forget to vote on November 3. Speaking of voting, please vote for our Tax Renewal levy. It's a 5-year renewal and it has been around since 1975 and will incur NO increases in taxes. We use the money from this tax levy for our everyday operation, like Police, Fire,

Service, etc. We have outstanding services in our Village and this will help to continue our service.

Have a nice Fall with your family and enjoy all the upcoming holidays.



Patsy Mills

Council
Ward 2

Important Dates for the Mayfield Village Community

Mid October. Look for the window paintings at the merchants in the Village, Eastgate, and along S.O.M. Center Road. Art students from the School Systems paint these windows. Their work is always outstanding. Children 's Halloween Party is October 24 at 1 pm in the Civic Center.

Mayfield Township Historical Meetings the second Wednesday each month in the Community Room at 7:30 pm. Join this group, learn history, and enjoy the company and homemade cookies. Annual turkey raffle tickets will be available in October. Proceeds from the fund raisers are used to maintain the Bennett-VanCuren Historical House at 606 S.O.M. Center Road. If you have not visited this house, please take time to do so, and learn the history of the community. The Historical Society's library contains interesting information about residents and would like you to share your family history.

Mayfield Garden Club meets every 4th Wednesday in the Community Room at 7:30 pm. Learn techniques of gardening, The Garden Club will have their annual Holiday Mart at the Community Room on November 28 in the Community Room from 9 am

to 4 pm. Selected crafters and the fresh holiday arrangements designed by the Club Members will be available. Proceeds from this fund raiser is for a Mayfield School scholarship fund. The Garden Club has been dedicated in maintaining the gardens at the Historical House and the Union Cemetery.

This Holiday Season the Historical Society and Garden Club Members will have a combined Pot-Luck dinner December 9.

VOTE

NOVEMBER 3, 2009

Important issue

2.3- MILL RENEWAL LEVY

This is a renewal levy that was first passed in 1975 and passed 6 times since. Monies generated are used to fund the operations of the Village as the Police, Fire, Service Department, and Administration office.

It also funds the garbage collection, snow removal, park maintenance, recreation, service, activities and many other services that are provided to the residents. **PASSAGE OF THIS LEVY** will continue the services to the Community. The Board of Elections posted 2,087 residents voted in 2008.

Thank you for the supporting the many projects in the Village, your help makes our Community a special place to live. If you would like to volunteer please contact me, help is always needed.



**Judge Mary
Kaye Bozza**

Lyndhurst
Municipal Court

Our summer interns, Ryan and Michael have returned to their respective colleges, Miami University

and Canisius. Because of their excellent organizational and computer skills, they were major helpers with the Court's record retention requirements and updating the collection process. Now that the new school year has begun, keep in mind that Judge Bozza welcomes student visits and field trips to the Court. It was great to see interested seniors who visited the Court this summer, staying abreast of the Community's legal activities.

Judge Bozza is a mentor for the Lawyer to Lawyer Mentoring Program designed by the Supreme Court's Commission on Professionalism. She has been matched with Darcy, a newly licensed lawyer. Judge Bozza is committed to meet with the young lawyer for one year. At their last meeting they discussed time management, ethics and professional responsibility within the corporate law office. One of the requirements of the mentoring program is to discuss substance abuse. Judge Bozza was able to incorporate the mentoring into the Women's Make the Right Choice program. Darcy attended the program and remarked that it was very educational regarding the detrimental effects alcohol abuse has on a young women's physical and emotional health. She was amazed to learn that statistically the numbers of women, who are experiencing the negative legal consequences of alcohol, are rising.

The Court's latest presentation of the men's "Make the Right Choice" program was held on Friday August 7, 2009 at the Lyndhurst Community Center. In addition to the regular speaker, a special guest, Bob, who is an attorney, a certified substance abuse counselor at Y-Haven, and a former pharmacist addressed the

group regarding his personal and professional experiences with substance abuse and how he has overcome his addiction. Bob's presentation was well received, and it stimulated audience participation. Another guest, Larry, who is also affiliated with Y-Haven, spoke about his past drug and alcohol addiction, maintaining his sobriety, and his efforts sponsoring other recovering addicts/alcoholics. Y-Haven is an inpatient/outpatient treatment center for men.

The Court's next "Make the Right Choice" outreach program, which is designed to educate women about the consequences of alcohol and drug abuse, is scheduled on November 6, 2009. It is anticipated that the next men's program will be held in January 2010. If you are interested in attending Court, the Judge's outreach program, planning a field trip, or arranging to have Judge Mary Kaye Bozza speak to your organization, please contact Patti Anderson at 440.461.6500 ext. 205 or visit our website at www.lyndhurstmunicipalcourt.org.

On Friday October 23rd Judge Bozza will be speaking to the seniors of the Keenagers group at the Bethany Covenant Church.

For Your Information: MOVING?

Incorporated in the Ohio Administrative Code, and pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 4506.14(D) and 4507.09(C) all licensed drivers are required to notify the BMV of their change of address, within 10 days of the change. Failure to do so will prevent a person from receiving communications from the BMV regarding the status of your license. Many driving under suspension cases could be avoided if people would maintain current addresses

with the BMV, so that they could timely receive notifications.

Lastly, and most importantly, Judge Bozza and the entire staff of the Lyndhurst Municipal Court would like to extend our best wishes to staff member Joanne, who retired August 31st after a 34 year career in our Civil Department. We sincerely express our gratitude to you Joanne, for the service you have provided to our community, and wish you a happy, healthy retirement.



Vincent Feudo
Village Prosecutor

Legislative Update

Now that the Ohio Legislature has enacted the most recent biennial budget, the House and Senate can turn their attention to moving along other pieces of legislation that are currently pending. Below are some of the more interesting bills that, if passed, may affect Ohio's criminal laws.

House Bill 95 proposes to prohibit a person from being able to legally change his or her name if he or she is required to register as a sex offender, or if the person was convicted of committing identity fraud. In a related bill, Senate Bill 67 would require certain sexually violent predators to be monitored by GPS (global positioning system) devices. Obviously, these bills would enable law enforcement to more easily track such offenders.

In a contemporary effort to curb serious motor vehicle accidents involving teens, House Bill 130 would prohibit any minor from talking or texting on a cell phone while driving.

Further, in a very logical amendment to the Ohio Traffic Code, House Bill 204 would permit motorcycles to be backed into angled parking spaces, so the operator could pull out for greater safety, rather than back out into traffic, which is much more dangerous. Current law requires that motorcycles can only be pulled forward into angled parking spaces.

Senate Bill 49 provides for a mandatory 10 year prison sentence for injuring or killing a minor by discharging a firearm while committing a felony. This sentence is in addition to whatever sentence is handed out for the underlying felony charge.

Citing a reason that tanning beds are bad for one's health, Senate Bill 173 prohibits minors from using tanning salons unless the minor has a prescription to do so from a physician. Violations can result in a salon having its license suspended or revoked.

Senate Bill 56 prohibits a person from negligently leaving a child who is less than five years of age unattended in a passenger car, truck or other motorized vehicle that has a passenger compartment. The offense, called "Leaving a child unattended in an automobile," generally is a minor misdemeanor, punishable by up to a \$150 fine. However, if a child suffers serious physical harm as a result of the violation, the offense is a misdemeanor of the third degree, punishable by up to 60 days in jail and a \$500 fine. Should a child die as a result of this violation, the penalty can then be up to 6 months in jail and a \$1,000 fine.

Finally, Senate Bill 58, which has already been passed by the Senate, would allow EMT's and paramedics to draw blood for drunk driving and

drunk boating cases. This would change the current law, which permits only a physician, a registered nurse, a chemist, or phlebotomist to perform blood draws.

If you are interested in following the progress of any of these bills, as well as all others that are pending before the 128th General Assembly of the Ohio Legislature, you can find status reports, bill analysis and other information at

<http://www.lsc.state.oh.us>.



David R. Mohr
Fire Chief

Flu

As everyone is aware, the Swine Flu is constantly in the news. There is a real concern regarding spreading this influenza now that school is back in session and winter is approaching.

Mayfield Village, Mayfield Heights, Highland Heights and Gates Mills will be conducting a flu shot clinic for seasonal flu as a public health emergency exercise on Sunday, November 8, 2009. (See page 22 of this VOV)

Overview

Staying safe relies on good planning and preparation. And that is especially true for a flu pandemic. To help you prepare for such an event, there are checklists that make getting ready easier.

The current H1N1 swine flu is a new type of flu; therefore you will not have any protection from the seasonal flu shot or from having had the flu before. Since we have not experienced this particular flu strain, there is no way to predict how severe or virulent the flu will be.

Stay Healthy

- Get a flu shot to help protect yourself from seasonal flu.
- Get a pneumonia shot to prevent secondary infection if you are over the age of 65 or have a chronic illness such as diabetes or asthma. For specific guidelines, talk to your health care provider or call the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Hotline at 1.800.232.4636.
- Make sure that your family's immunizations are up-to-date.

Symptoms

The symptoms of this new H1N1 swine flu virus in people are similar to the symptoms of seasonal flu and include fever, cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, body aches, headache, chills and fatigue. A significant number of sick people also reported diarrhea and vomiting.

The high-risk groups for this new flu are not known at this time, but they may be the same as for seasonal influenza. People at higher risk of serious complications from seasonal flu include:

- people age 65 years and older
- children younger than 5 years old
- pregnant women
- people of any age with chronic medical conditions (such as asthma, diabetes, or heart disease), and people whose immune systems are not strong (such as chemotherapy patients or those infected with HIV).

For Children, emergency warning signs that need urgent medical attention include:

- Fast breathing or trouble breathing

- Bluish or gray skin color
- Not drinking enough fluids
- Severe or persistent vomiting
- Not waking up or not interacting
- Being so irritable that the child does not want to be held
- Flu-like symptoms improve but then return with fever and worse cough

For Adults, emergency warning signs that need urgent medical attention include:

- Difficulty breathing or shortness of breath
- Pain or pressure in the chest or abdomen
- Sudden dizziness
- Confusion
- Severe or persistent vomiting
- Flu-like symptoms improve but then return with fever and worse cough

If You are Sick, Stay Home from School and Work

You may be ill for a week or longer. You should stay home and avoid contact with other persons, except to seek medical care. If you leave the house to seek medical care, wear a mask or cover your coughs and sneezes with a tissue. In general you should avoid contact with other people as much as possible to keep from spreading your illness. With seasonal flu, people may be contagious from one day before they develop symptoms to up to 7 days after they get sick. Children, especially younger children, might be contagious for longer periods.

How to Care for a Sick Person at

Home

People with H1N1 swine flu who are cared for at home should:

- check with their health care provider about any special care they might need if they are pregnant or have a health condition such as diabetes, heart disease, asthma, or emphysema
 - check with their health care provider about whether they should take anti-viral medications
 - stay home for 7 days after your symptoms begin or until you have been symptom-free for 24 hours, whichever is longer
 - get plenty of rest
 - drink clear fluids (such as water, broth, sports drinks, electrolyte beverages for infants) to keep from being dehydrated
 - cover coughs and sneezes. Clean hands with soap and water or an alcohol-based hand rub often and especially after using tissues and after coughing or sneezing into hands.
 - avoid close contact with others – do not go to work or school while ill
 - be watchful for emergency warning signs (see above) that might indicate you need to seek medical attention
- When providing care to a household member who is sick with influenza, the most important ways to protect yourself and others who are not sick are to:
- Keep the sick person away from other people as much as possible (see “placement of the sick person”)
 - Remind the sick person to cover their coughs, and clean their hands

with soap and water or an alcohol-based hand rub often, especially after coughing and/or sneezing.

☑ Have everyone in the household clean their hands often, using soap and water or an alcohol-based hand rub

☑ Ask your healthcare provider if household contacts of the sick person—particularly those contacts who may have chronic health conditions—should take anti-viral medications such as oseltamivir (Tamiflu®) or Zanamivir (Relenza®) to prevent the flu.

More Resources

How to Clean and Disinfect Surfaces at Home and in Public Places (U.S. Environmental Protection Agency)

Interim Recommendations for Facemask and Respirator Use to Reduce Novel Influenza A (H1N1) Virus Transmission (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention)

HHS YouTube Video: H1N1: What if a family member gets infected?

CDC YouTube Video: Symptoms of Swine Flu



Bill Thomas
Recreation Director

Recreation Corner

Summer officially ended on Labor Day but by Parkview Pool weather standards summer concluded on Tuesday, June 30. This summer went down as one of the coolest and wettest summers in history. Just to give you one statistic in July 2008 our attendance figures were over 12,300. In July 2009 our numbers were just over 6,000 or

50% less in attendance. Summer arrived for about 1 ½ weeks in late August just before the summer pool season concluded. Even with uncooperative weather, the feedback about our Parkview Pool programs and staff was very positive. Our pool staff looks forward to seeing you on opening day, Monday, June 7, 2010, 12 Noon. Have a great off season.

Even though the weather put a damper on Parkview Pool our summer day camp program of Junior, Sports `n More and Teen Adventure Camp had great enrollment and positive feedback from campers and parents alike. Our first time offering of First Star Media Script to Screen Film Screen Camp was a huge success. Look for it next summer.

Our special interest programs such as fly fishing for youth and adult, kite making workshop, rocket man, Little Racquets Tennis, horseback riding and clay classes continue to be enjoyed by Mayfield Village residents.

The Mayfield Communities Person with Disability Adaptive Recreation Program continues to offer a year round an innovative program for our participants. New this fall in the Adaptive Recreation is Beginner Golf for teens to adults along with our other popular programs of Yoga Reach, Pizza Bowl and Game Nights at Mayfield Middle School.

Hopefully by now you have received your Fall Parks and Recreation Brochure with new programs including The Competitive Edge: Business and Dining Etiquette and other dance and youth etiquette classes by Dick Blake, many new excursion, youth running club, Jump Start Sports after school program at Center School, Making Pizza In the Village, After School Bowling, Teen

Sports Massage to help prevent teen sports injuries and Adult Only Fly Fishing.

So please join us this fall for a variety of offerings. We welcome your comments and suggestions for a new program offering. Have a great fall!



Joseph W. Diemert, Jr.
Mayfield Village Law Director

ANCIENT GREECE TO MAYFIELD VILLAGE

Surely you recall the traditional new school year writing assignment about “What I did on my summer vacation.” My wife and I had the good fortune of joining some dear friends this summer in Athens, Greece and touring the ancient waters and Islands in our own little skiff. The well preserved history of the region refreshed my recollection that in 500 B.C. ancient Greece was the birthplace of democracy (from the Greek words “demos” – people, and “kratos” – power). Popular vote and local governance replaced more tyrannical forms of government such as tribal chieftain control. What the Greek Empire created, the Roman Empire perfected and after Rome conquered most of the Mediterranean world, including Greece, it was faced with governing a very complex political system.

Roman leaders clearly perceived the impossibility of making all of the citizens of their empire homogenous. Furthermore, they shrewdly noted that local policies could vary without effecting their ultimate control over

the Empire. Thus, they conceived of a city as a separate legal entity. These legally independent entities were called municipalities and were granted the authority to direct their own local affairs. Municipal is the root word and means all policies except foreign affairs. Therefore, Rome controlled the external affairs and cities were able to direct their own governing within their boundaries. It is no accident that all of our concepts for government have Latin roots. In spite of Athens being the home of democracy, we have almost no Greek terms in our governing language, except one very important one, "democracy". Rome was the first complex western political system which paved the way for the later development of the "nation state".

Our U.S. forefathers took these historical forms of governmental and molded those successes into our democratic society that is the envy of all of the free world for its inclusiveness of all the people. States' rights and local government was at the core of the U.S. Constitution.

And so the Ohio Constitution has empowered local governments to do just that as well – to recognize and serve the interests of their citizens. Article XVIII, the "Home Rule Amendment," was added to the Ohio Constitution in 1912. It provides local municipalities the power to self-govern, and to adopt and enforce within their limits such local, police, sanitary and other similar regulations, so long as such governance does not conflict with general laws of the State or Federal government.

The empowerment granted by the Ohio Constitution is best manifested through the enactment of a Charter.

A Charter functions essentially as a miniature Constitution for the local government. Mayfield Village originally adopted its Charter by voters at an election on May 7, 1974. The Village Charter is reviewed every five years pursuant to a Charter Review Commission process. Any changes to the Village's Charter must be submitted to the Village Electorate for Approval.

What is a general law and the extent to which it supersedes a local ordinance or municipal charter has been the origins of a steady, if not consistent, stream of case law. Notwithstanding, Charter municipalities still enjoy considerable latitude to conduct their business as they deem appropriate and in their own fashion.

Thus, from 500 B.C. in Ancient Athens to 2009 in modern Mayfield Village, the "demos kratos" (people power) continues and prevails!



Ted Esborn
Executive Assistant
Planning &
Development

The young Planning & Development Department is gelling nicely, especially with the addition of our new Planning Director, David Hartt. Council approved Mr. Hartt's services in their July meeting, and he has already led us through multiple meetings with outside parties interested in Mayfield Village. Mr. Hartt, Jeff Thomas, and I are working very closely with the Planning Development Committee, which at its last meeting identified planning priorities for the next 2-3 years. The committee came to a conclusion that council and Mayor Rinker have stated in the last few years—Beta Drive is an underutilized area of the Village that is due for expanded development and redevelopment. We are constantly working with the

businesses and the property owners on Beta to identify their needs, and we are doing research on what types of businesses would make a good fit on Beta. Planning is critical at this juncture in our country's economic crisis. When the economy reawakens and credit loosens up, the economic development is going to go to the cities that have plans and infrastructure in place. Putting the Village in that position is one of the major goals of the Planning & Development Department.



Danielle Echt
Assistant
Recreation
Director

9 Years of The Mayfield Village Youth and Family Triathlon

It started with a certain volunteer who wanted to introduce the sport of Triathlon to children and families. He was so passionate about his idea and this sport he approached the Recreation Department with his plan. I do believe this was my first encounter with Michael Wolfe. The first Youth and Family Triathlon was born on July 15, 2001. Twenty-two people participated.

The event was held each consecutive summer. And each year the numbers grew. We started with 22 and ended with 134 participants. In the summer of 2008, we had 150 participants, our highest number yet. The event climbed the popularity charts quickly as participants were drawn from all over Ohio and more. Families came from our neighboring communities, Columbus, Wadsworth, Columbia Station, Reminderville, Macedonia, Westlake, Norwalk and even a few from Michigan. This year we had our furthest participant; a young man from Florida.

Over the years volunteer coordinator Michael Wolfe and the Recreation Department reviewed feedback from the participants. New age groups were formed with the youngest being 6 – 9 year olds and area lifeguards were invited to participate. The distances for the swim, bike and run were adjusted accordingly. The run course was also adjusted to better suit the runners. We had to add multiple heats to some age groups due to increased participation. We learned that it was too chaotic and too difficult to organize the event with race day registrations so registration was cut off a few days prior to the event. The event became very refined and over the last few years, Michael, volunteers and the Recreation Department had it down to a science.

There were many key people involved in this event. Michael had family and friends who volunteered every year. Over the last few years, each volunteer knew their role well. This summer, everything fell into place and volunteers felt most at ease when participants asked them questions about how the event would proceed that day. Progressive and the Mayfield Village Police Department were also critical during the triathlon. Bill Thomas worked with Progressive and our police department. They were all key to directing traffic and keeping the participants safe while they were on the bike and run courses. Parkview Pool staff did a great job each year as the guards were attentive to each group of swimmers which is pretty tough when you have twenty plus people racing to the same location in the pool. Sean Supler was the man of



many duties, helping out wherever needed and getting to and from each location quickly on the gator. It was a collaborative effort by many!

The event had an excellent 9 year run because of the people involved. Michael Wolfe thought of every detail. From the safety of the course, to securing volunteers, to convincing anyone with the slightest interest to participate in the Village's Triathlon and to marketing the event. Each year Michael probably went through over 1,000 flyers; stuffing them into windshields, bringing them to local races and setting up a table for questions and answers at the annual Sizzler Swim Meet. Michael Wolfe thought about the triathlon all year long. Because of his commitment to the event, Michael created an extremely positive reputation for the annual Mayfield Village Youth and Family Triathlon.

And so it goes, as they often do, that all good things must come to an end. Michael Wolfe is officially retiring from the Mayfield Village Triathlon. He has spent quite an enormous amount of time on the event over the last nine years. I would personally like to thank him for all of his efforts with this program. It truly was a unique event and it was great to have his service here for it here in Mayfield Village. The success of the

annual Youth and Family Triathlon has been overwhelming over the years and we couldn't have done it without Michael! Thank you to everyone involved in this event!

Mayfield Township Historical Society

By Richard Negrelli

Programs Fall 2009

Our meetings are at 7:30 p.m. at the Mayfield Village Community Room unless otherwise noted.

The subscription Turkey Raffle Tickets will be sent in our October Newsletter. The Drawing will be at the November 11th meeting. Gift Certificates for Thanksgiving Dinner items will be given at that time.

October 14 – 7:30 p.m.
Guest Speaker Holsey Gates
Handyside, retired U.S. Ambassador & descendant of Township Pioneer Holsey Gates.

October 24
Mayfield Township Historical Society hosts a Consortium of local Historical Societies to discuss similar concerns and problems.

November 11 – 7:30 p.m. Guest Speaker is Madeline Dantartes – who was a French Resistance fighter in World War II. It is "Pie Night" – bring a favorite to share.

December 9 – 6:30 p.m. Christmas Potluck Dinner – Bring a dish to share (8) – Meat, veggies, salad, casserole, and of course dessert! Begin the holiday season with friends and family. We welcome the South Euclid Historical Society and Mayfield Garden Club members to celebrate this Holiday time with us. Join us for good food and a good time. Hope to see you all there.

Mayfield Village Garden Club

By Nancy Gray

The Mayfield Village Garden Club meets the 4th Wednesday of each month (unless otherwise noted) at 7:30 p.m. at the Mayfield Village Community Room, 6621 Wilson Mills Road. In addition, the Garden Club has Out-to-Lunch programs for members and guests.

Join us for fun-filled, educational programs, presented by guest speakers, as we launch our new season and learn about gardening and the environment.

For further information contact Patsy Mills, 440.449.4922 or Pres. Helen Keating, 440.833.0275.

Club Programs:

September 23:

"Having Fun Making Terrariums", presented by Master Gardener, Joyce Braun. Please bring a container that could be used as a terrarium. There will be a small fee.

October 28:

"Flower Show Briefing", presented by Elaine Perampol.

November 3:

PLEASE NOTE: THE ELECTION DAY CAFE BY THE GARDEN CLUB MEMBERS HAS BEEN CANCELED FOR THIS ELECTION.

November 18:

"Holiday Workshop" Using Live Greens", presented by Maggie Fusco. Fee TBA

November 28:

Holiday Mart at the Community Room. Decorations for your home, fresh arrangements, wreaths, gifts, and bakery can be purchased. Visit the Cafe for complimentary fresh

brewed coffee, tea, and tasty bakery. \$2.00 admission. Hours 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Proceeds from the projects are used for the Mayfield Horticultural Students' Scholarships.

December 9:

Members and guests "Holiday Potluck Dinner" 6:30 p.m. at the Community Room.

Meetings are open to the public and new members always welcome.

Mayfield Village Wetlands

By Karen Mueller

As reported before, one of the main goals of the Wetland Committee is to keep a natural balance of plants and animals. Invasive plants can overtake areas and ruin the balance needed to keep the area healthy.

Deb Marcinski, our naturalist works hard to meet this goal. Over the last few years we have had assistance in clearing areas in trouble. Once the invasive plants are taken care of, Deb has had school groups spread seeds of plants that will benefit our balance. We are now seeing signs of healthy new growth. Deb reports that milkweed, blue verain, aster, bone set, ironweed and black-eyed susans are enjoying their new home.

We also would like to again acknowledge the hard work of the Mayfield Village Garden Club. If you have stopped by to see our Monarch butterfly way station, you will note well-tended plants that are flourishing. Many thanks to all who help keep the Wetlands healthy.

Any Interest in a Community Garden?

(Need Feedback)

Mayfield Village is thinking about the possibility of putting in a community garden somewhere in the Village. Feedback on this idea is critical. The garden would be set up so each gardener would receive their own plot of land, while plots last. Each plot would be approximately 20"x15" or 15"x15". A minimal fee would be charged for the use of the plot for the entire planting and harvesting season, and water would be provided. All the Village needs from you is the seasonal fee and a commitment to taking care of your plot of land. Please call 440.461.5163 for more information and feedback on the idea. Hear from you soon!



Citizen's Advisory Committee

By Jim Mason

All of us on the Citizen's Advisory Committee hope that all of the citizens of Mayfield Village had a very enjoyable summer.

We have been very fortunate with the great weather that has allowed us to enjoy the many amenities throughout the Village & Northeast Ohio. And as we head into autumn it should be an even more enjoyable time for all of us to enjoy the many activities throughout the community & the region.

Our citizens and neighbors have told us about the good times they have had at our Parkview Pool and the many Recreation events in the Village including the Concerts on the Green & the 50's Cruise Night just to mention a few.

I would be remiss if I didn't extend Congratulations again to Mary & Merv Singer – long time members of the Citizen's Advisory Committee for being recognized as Citizen's of the Year – they have been great – volunteering all year and especially on Memorial Day – with a wonderful tribute to our Veterans.

Although it's a little early, I hope you don't forget to sign up for the Senior Snow removal program.

Our Committee recently met with Police Chief Dearden and received an update on the proposed Police Station, which will be a welcome improvement for the Village. We are also represented on the Planning & Development Committee looking at ways to broaden Economic Development for the Village.

Let us hear from you and how we can be of assistance. Enjoy!

Aintree Park Homeowners Association

By Phil Stella

Aintree Park and the Drilling Issue

For the last six months, a group of dedicated volunteers in Aintree Park have been working on the drilling issue relative to our neighborhood. Members include Kim and Jim Price, Dan Reiber, Phil Stella, Dick Green, Mary Gerber and Ron Lear. We also received guidance from Dave Perout, the Aintree Park Homeowners Association President. Our goal was to learn what we could about the advantages and disadvantages of oil and gas leases in our area, determine how our neighbors felt about the issue and recommend some action steps. We also wanted to take advantage of what our neighbors in Hanover Woods had learned and accomplished in the year plus they had been dealing with drilling issues in their neighborhood.

We assumed two important facts from the very beginning:

We can't keep wells out of the Village. They're already here on Beta Drive. Ohio HB 278 that went into effect in 2005 striped municipalities from any control or authority over leasing companies operating in their communities.

We can't even keep wells out of our immediate neighborhood. Because our area borders an apartment complex to the east and a condo complex to the south, adjacent homeowners could have wells on their properties if they included the apartments or condos in the 20-acre minimum continuous tract requirements.

Our first task was to facilitate an informational meeting at the Civic Center in April. Residents shared their views and concerns. Not surprising, the sentiment was generally opposed to drilling. People also indicated an interest in learning more about both sides of the issue.

We then planned a second informational meeting intended to give residents enough basic information so they could make educated decisions if approached by the drilling companies offering leases for their properties. That event in June involved speakers from the Village Law, Building, Fire departments and Council, representatives from two drilling companies active in the area and several residents who had wells on their property. Again, the meeting was lively and productive.

Our committee then created a simple survey for all Aintree Park residents to indicate their views. Of the 123 surveys distributed in July, 68 were returned, a 55% response rate.

* Of the completed surveys, 57 (84%) of the homeowners are opposed to drilling

* This includes 37 homeowners who are willing to sign a one-year non-binding drilling moratorium petition

* 7 Aintree homeowners support drilling (10% of respondents), which includes 4 people who have signed a drilling or non-drilling lease

* 4 respondents (6%) are neutral on the subject of oil & gas drilling

* The survey asked if homeowners wanted guidance regarding terms & conditions they should consider including in a lease to help protect their interests. Only one respondent

indicated that he was interested in obtaining such guidance.

Based on the above input, our committee is now creating and circulating a petition to those homeowners who said they would sign the drilling moratorium. One of the objectives of the petition is to have people hold off on signing gas/oil leases while the state legislative changes are in process, which might result in improved regulatory environment for homeowners and local communities.

Our Committee will keep working on this issue until we see definite results that will maximize the safety of our homes and value of our properties. Until then, we'll keep our Aintree Park neighbors and the Village as a whole informed of the ongoing issues relating to oil and gas drilling with updates in future VOV issues.

Service Department

Rake it or Leave it!

The Chagrin River Watershed Partners assists Mayfield Village with our continuing effort to keep the storm waters clean in our area. Rake it or Leave it!, a program focusing on keeping leaves and yard waste out of storm drains, ditches and/or creeks. Here are three options you can do for your yard full of leaves.....

Rake it! Decaying leaves use up the water's oxygen, harming stream inhabitants. Mayfield Village offers curbside leaf pick-up. The results of this program are two-fold. First, we keep the storm waters clean. Secondly, we use these leaves to provide nutrient-rich mulch for our residents in the Spring.

Please see information in this edition of the VOV for more details on the curb-side leaf pick-up program.

Leave it! Mulch leaves by running over them with your lawn mower at the next cutting. Leaves and grass clippings are the best fertilizer for your lawn.

Rake it and Leave it! Rake leaves into a compost pile for a nutrient-rich fertilizer to use on your garden next spring. If this interests you, contact Mayfield Village Service Department at 440-442-5506 for more information on creating a compost pile or the Cuyahoga Solid Waste District website at www.cuyahogawd.org/pdf/backyard_composting.pdf

Autumn Leaf Pickup Reminder

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

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

Thank you for your cooperation. Don't forget to call the Service Department at 440.442.5506 beginning in March 2010 to put your name on the mulch delivery list.

NEWS FROM NOPEC REGARDING YOUR ELECTRICAL SUPPLIER

For those residential customers who are members of NOPEC's electric program, an agreement has been reached with Gexa Energy Ohio LLC to provide discounted electricity. This offer represents a savings of 12% through 2009, 8% for the first six months of 2010 and 2% for the last six months of 2010. If you received a letter from FirstEnergy referencing GEXA, you need to take no further action. GEXA Energy Ohio LLC is your NOPEC supplier. Mayfield Village has no direct affiliation with NOPEC except as a member. If you have any questions about NOPEC's electric program, please call 1.888.848.7914 or 1.800.292.9284. You can also find information <http://www.nopecinfo.org>. If you encounter any problems following your communication with NOPEC about either the electric or gas program, please feel free to contact Mary Beth at the Village offices at 440.461.2210.

COMMUNITY SHRED DAY

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10TH
FROM 9-12:00 p.m.**
MV Civic Center
6622 WILSON MILLS

Shredding provides a safe and efficient way to discard appropriate documents.

Residents may bring as many as five storage boxes of paper to shred. You can either get out of your car and watch through the camera of the shredding truck or have a representative unload your documents for you.

Documents will be shred on-site by Iron Mountain. Contact 440.461.2210 with any questions.

Become Involved with your Mayfield City Schools!

Contact: Adult Volunteer Services;
440.995.7796;
solson@mayfieldschools.org

Residents and Businesses are welcome to become involved with our schools: Mayfield City Schools welcomes local residents and businesses, including our senior adults, to share their time and skills at Mayfield Schools. This collaboration contributes to the health of our community and enriches the experiences of our students. We strive to match your interests with the needs of the school. Some positions require a weekly commitment to provide consistency in the school environment, while other positions last only as long as the project requires. If you have a special interest we may be able to customize a position especially for you. Please consider contacting us!

Science Olympiad Coaches:

Individuals with a background in nature, science or math to instruct small groups of elementary, middle and high school students to prepare for the Science Olympiad regional competition. Weekly practice sessions are held January thru February.

Basic Aid Training Program:

Individuals with a health or medical background to teach an American Red Cross basic aid training program to 4th graders in the spring during six weekly lessons.

CPR Instructors: Individuals certified in CPR instruction to assist high school teachers with 10th grade CPR training during one week in December and one week in May.

Clerical Positions: In offices, classrooms and libraries on a weekly and/or as-needed basis.

Tutor Positions: Remedial and enrichment tutoring in reading, math, science and foreign language.

Foreign Language Tutors: For our high school English-speaking students to improve their skills in Spanish, Italian, German and French.

ESL Tutors: For our foreign-born students to improve their skills in the English language.

Art Docent Program: Individuals with an interest in art teach basic art appreciation to Kindergarten thru 3rd graders during January thru May. Training and materials are provided.

Science Fair Judges: Judges are needed for the high school science fair held in January.

Sewers: Individuals with machine and/or hand-sewing skills are welcome to join the ABC Quilters, a group of senior adult women who meet weekly with 5th graders from Center Elementary School to design and sew small quilts that are donated to local charities. The quilts are sewn by machine using straight stitching. Sewers may come to the Mayfield Village Community Center during program time with the students, or may choose to have the unfinished quilts delivered to their homes to sew at their own convenience. The ABC Quilters also accept donations of 100% cotton fabric for the quilts.

Speakers' Bureau: Individuals with a working knowledge in their field of interest.

Local Business Opportunities: Businesses to host and motivate middle school students in math and

science, possibly in the form of a tour and sharing with professionals in these fields. Businesses are needed to host Career Shadow days for high school sophomores and juniors.

"The strength of one generation meets the needs of another."

Mayfield City School District

Community Connection

Excellent with Distinction

Mayfield Schools earn top rating from the Ohio Department of Education on state report card

Mayfield City Schools was rated EXCELLENT WITH DISTINCTION for the 2008-09 school year by the Ohio Department of Education during the release of the ODE's annual report card on Aug. 25th.

This year marks the first time Mayfield has earned EXCELLENT WITH DISTINCTION, an honor achieved by only 116 of Ohio's 610 school districts.

"We can attribute the success of the state tests to our commitment to deliver relevant, quality instruction to students every day," said Susan Beatty, Director of Curriculum. "Our consistent success on the state-mandated tests is an outgrowth of our commitment to the students and families of Mayfield Schools."

Superintendent Dr. Phillip Price said while he is "delighted" Mayfield Schools received the state's top rating, he concedes there is still much room for improvement.

"It's not about having the highest score in the state. It's about getting individual kids to where they need to be in their learning," Dr. Price said.

Mayfield By the Numbers:

The gains the district achieved led Mayfield to jump two ratings categories from Effective to Excellent with Distinction

- Performance Index: 85 percent of Mayfield students scored proficient or above.
- State Indicators: Mayfield students exceeded the Graduation Rate (94.2 percent) and Attendance Rate (95.1 percent). The district met 26 of the 30 indicators (86.7 percent).
- Value Added: Mayfield Schools made progress above what would be expected for the last two years, leading to the Excellent with Distinction rating.
- Adequate Yearly Progress: Mayfield Schools have met AYP for two consecutive years.
- The four state indicators Mayfield did not meet are 5th grade Mathematics, 5th grade Social Studies, 8th grade Social Studies; and 8th grade Science. In each of these areas less than 75 percent of students scored at the state proficient level.

While the top rating proves to be a significant measure of achievement, Mrs. Beatty is quick to point out that the state test is only one measure for Mayfield Schools.

“While we do pay attention to the results from previous tests and make every effort to address areas of concern, we do not focus on teaching the tests,” she said. “Mayfield teachers deliver a standards-based curriculum and use local assessment data to monitor progress throughout the year.”



Ohio Department of Education Report Card Measures:

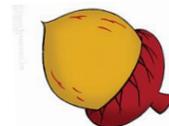
- Mayfield improved two ratings categories from Effective to Excellent with Distinction
- None of our schools are in school improvement because the district has consistently met AYP.
- Mayfield Schools are diverse – eight subgroups met AYP for two consecutive years at the district level.
- On the Ohio Graduation test, Mayfield students scored above the students from like districts on every test.

Mayfield Schools have initiated new literacy practices that strengthen students’ ability to access, understand and use information, making them better readers, writers and thinkers. Mayfield Schools continually evaluates all of its programs and resources to ensure the district is providing the education students need to become 21st century learners.

Human Services/ Commission on Aging

By Eunice Kalina, M.A.

Autumn is officially here. Have you planned your activities for this season and the next one? The Human Services Department has a number of new as well as existing programs which we hope will appeal to you. Some of the activities are just for fun, and some provide important information. You can learn about these offerings in the following article or by calling our office at 440.919.2332.



FLU SHOTS

We hope that you did not miss our flu shot registration sessions, but, if you did, call our office and we will try to accommodate you. Our flu shot program is Monday, October 26 from 9 to 11 a.m. at the Civic Center. Pre-registration is required. The H1N1 shot (swine flu) will not be administered at our program—it is not targeted for seniors.

SENIOR SPEAKER SERIES

Informative sessions designed especially for ages 50+ are held at 2 p.m. many Wednesdays in the Community Room. In addition to programs of general interest, a series of Memory Fitness Programs will be presented by Nicole Evanchuck of Senior Independence. There is no charge for any of the programs, but a reservation is requested. Light refreshments are served.

Our upcoming programs include:

- Wednesday, Oct. 14, 1 p.m.**
Fire Safety presented by Lt. Michael Girbino of the Mayfield Village Fire Department
- Wednesday, Oct. 21, 1 p.m.**
Hey Genius! (Intelligence, Memory, Learning Styles, and Creativity. Part of our Memory Fitness Series.) In addition to this program, Housing Options will be presented by Hilltop Independent Living.
- Wednesday, Nov. 4, 2 p.m.**
Emotions and the Brain (Part of our Memory Fitness Series)
- Wednesday, Nov. 18, 1 p.m.**
Amish Country presented by Jim Bezdek, retired teacher
- Wednesday, Dec. 16, 2 p.m.**
Eating for Brilliance (Part of our Memory Fitness Series)

Wednesday, Jan. 6, 2 p.m.

Meditation and a Bigger Perspective
(Part of our Memory Fitness Series)

Wednesday, Jan. 20, 2 p.m.

Neurobics
(Part of our Memory Fitness Series)

MEALS ON WHEELS

Hillcrest Meals on Wheels delivers meals to the homebound for a nominal fee. This service is provided to qualified recipients by dedicated volunteers. Additional volunteers are needed to help with this worthwhile program. Anyone who can spare only two hours per week to help should contact Dottie Goldstein at 440.449.3551.

If you are in need of this service contact Mayfield Village Human Services Director, Eunice Kalina at 440.919.2332.

CRAFT FAIR

Another means of supporting this group is to attend their annual Craft Fair at the Lyndhurst Community Center Saturday, October 17 between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. There will be great gift-buying opportunities and chances to win prizes in the fabulous annual raffle and at the Chinese auction. This is always a great event.

SENIOR HOLIDAY PARTY

Saturday, December 19 will be the senior holiday party in the Community Room from 1 to 4 p.m. This event is for Village residents at least 60 years of age. There will be lunch, entertainment, favors, and door prizes. There is no charge for this event, but reservations are required by Friday, December 4. Call us at 440.919.2332 to reserve your spot now. Doors will open at 12:30 p.m.

ONGOING ACTIVITIES

Cards: Every Tuesday & Thursday from 1-4 p.m. in the Community Room. Cost: 50¢ Games currently being played include bridge, pinochle, and hand and foot. Light refreshments/occasional lunches. On November 3, cards will be played from 2-4 p.m. at the Civic Center. No cards November 26 and December 24.

Blood Pressure Testing/Glucose Screening:

*** 1st Tuesday of each month at approximately 1:00 p.m. –**

A nurse from Providence Home Health Care will take blood pressures and provide glucose screenings. Free; just drop in.

*** 3rd Tuesday of each month at approximately 1:00 p.m. –**

Members of the Mayfield Village Fire Department will take blood pressures. Free; just drop in.

Games and Puzzles:

Every Monday from 1-4 p.m. in the Community Room.

Currently, people are playing Mah Jong and Progressive Rummy. Light refreshments are served. There is no charge for this activity.

CLASSES

Safe Driving. Licensed drivers ages 50 or older who would like to sharpen their driving skills and help make the highways safer may want to attend the AARP Driver Safety Program: Wednesday, October 28, 12:00-4:30 p.m. at the Mayfield Village Civic Center. This AARP program is the nation's first and largest refresher course for drivers ages 50 and older. Studies show that graduates of an adult refresher course are less likely to be involved in a fatal crash or to be cited for a

moving violation. In this course there is no driving, no tests to pass, and AARP membership is not required. The cost is \$12 for AARP members who present their membership cards when they register, and \$14 for non-members. Feel free to bring a sandwich for lunch. Beverages will be provided. Please contact us to see if there are openings. 440.919.2332.

Create Your Own Greeting Cards

on the first Thursday of each month from 9 a.m.—12 p.m. at the Community Room. The instructor brings all materials—cards, stamps, and beautiful embellishments—to make ten cards. The cost is \$18 per class. Some months the cards have a seasonal theme (Christmas, Hanukkah, Thanksgiving, etc.), and some months we work on birthday, anniversary, get well cards, etc. Please register with us at least a week in advance.

Culinary Classes. Soups of the World. On Thursday, October 15 from 9:00-11:00 a.m., students will sample soups from all over the globe and explore many cultural soup traditions. Please contact us for course fee, details, and availability. Come to one of the cooking classes in November or December for pointers from popular culinary instructor Judith Strauss on making the perfect pie or creating the cookie of your dreams. **A Pies, Tarts, Quiches, and Other Flaky Treats** class will be held Thursday, November 19, 9:00—11:00 a.m. in the Community Room. Enjoy samples, learn how to pair up the right crusts with fillings, and receive recipes for several types of crusts, fruit and cream pies, and quiches. The cost for Mayfield School District Residents is \$17 or \$21 for non-school district residents. A food fee of \$8 is payable to the instructor.

This class is also being offered on Wednesday, November 4 from 7-9 p.m. at Mayfield High School. (The cost and food fee are the same.) Be ready to bake a lot of cookies during the **Cookie Dreams** class on Thursday, December 10 from 9:00—11:00 a.m. in the Community Room. Receive all new cookie recipes that are sure to please the cookie monsters in your home. Bring a baking sheet and an apron and be prepared to take home a plateful!

Computer Classes. In cooperation with the City of Mayfield Heights, Mayfield Village Human Services Department is offering computer training classes taught by Tech Wise instructors. The classes are designed especially for older adults, ages 55 plus. Classes are held Wednesday afternoons from 1:00-3:00 p.m. at the DeJohn Community Center, 6306 Marsol Road in Mayfield Heights. At the time of this writing, we are seeking suggestions for which classes to schedule. For more information or to see what we have lined up, call Donna (Mayfield Village) 440.919.2332 or Eileen (Mayfield Heights) 440.442.2626 x 244.

Make A Lasting Wreath for Winter/Holiday. Wreaths create a warm welcome to your home and make great gifts. Fashion your own design or take a few tips from your instructor, a Mayfield Village Garden Club member and former floral designer, on how to make a stunning wreath. Students may select from a modest supply of flowers or bring their own selections. This class will be held Thursday, November 12, 9 a.m.—12 p.m. in the Community Room. The \$20 fee includes wreath, instruction, and all materials. Please register at least a week in advance and plan to bring scissors and wire cutters to class.

The third session of the **Senior Stroll**, walks through the Metroparks three times per week, ended on September 25. We would like to extend a special thank you to Marie Urbancic of the Commission on Aging for being the volunteer leader for these senior walks.

Classes in Cooperation with Mayfield Community Education.

The following is just a sampling of classes offered in cooperation with Mayfield Community Education and Recreation (MCE) that may be of special interest to senior adults: Aquacize, Chair Yoga, Crocheting, Dick Blake Ballroom Dance Class (this one is also in cooperation with MV Parks & Recreation); Everything You Need to Know to Get Started With Medicare, Hatha Yoga, Kick'n It With Country (formerly called Country Western Line Dancing), Knitting, Learn to Play Bridge, Line Dancing, Mah Jong, New Kids on the Block (formerly called Seniorcize), Planning for Long Term Care, Tai Chi for Seniors, and various Workout Classes. Please contact Mayfield Village Human Services Department for course fees and additional details. 440.919.2332.

ABC VILLAGE QUILTERS

Do you have a penchant for sewing or quilting? Could you lend a helping hand? Stop in to see what the ABC Village Quilters are making. This group meets almost every Wednesday from 10:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Quilts are donated to various charitable organizations.

WEATHER CANCELLATION POLICY

If the Mayfield Schools are closed due to weather conditions activities planned by Mayfield Village Human Services Department will also be canceled; however, if the weather

clears in the afternoon, computer classes may go forward. Please call us to check the status: 440.919.2332.

Mayfield Village Community Calendar

Saturday, Oct. 24th MV Civic Hall

Recreation Halloween Party
1:00 - 2:30 p.m. *For children and grandchildren of Village Residents

Saturday, Oct. 31st

Trick or Treat in MV 6:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Nov. 3rd

Election Day - 6:30 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.
NOTE: All Wards will be voting at the MV Community Room

Saturday, Nov. 28th

MV Garden Club Holiday Mart
MV Community Room 9 a.m. -4 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 5th

Santa Ride - 10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
throughout the Village
Recreation Christmas Party
1:30 - 3:00 p.m. *For children and grandchildren of Village Residents

Sunday, Dec. 6th

Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony
MV Gazebo - 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, Dec. 9th

Historical Society/Garden Club
Potluck Dinner
MV Community Room - 6:30 p.m.

Friday, Dec. 11th (tentative)

Menorah Lighting Ceremony
MV Gazebo - 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 19th

Commission on Aging Holiday Party
Open to all Village Seniors
(reservations required)
MV Community Room 1 - 4 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 19th

Singing Angels
MV Reserve Hall - 7:00 p.m.

Monday, Dec. 21st - Winter Solstice

Cuyahoga County Public Library

Mayfield Branch Adult Programs

Phone: 440.473.0350

Local Author Fair at Mayfield Civic Center

Saturday, October 17, 1 - 4 p.m.
Stop by the Local Author Fair to meet authors, discuss their work and buy their books. Over 30 authors representing a variety of genres and age groups will be participating. The event is free and open to the public, and is co-sponsored by the Friends of Mayfield Library and the Mayfield, Beachwood and Orange Branches of the Cuyahoga County Public Library.

Mayfield Branch Book Discussion

Monday, October 19, 7 - 8 p.m.

The Soloist, by Steve Lopez

Tuesday, October 27, 1:30-2:30 p.m.

The Soloist, by Steve Lopez

Monday, November 16, 7 - 8 p.m.

Dreams of my Father,
by Barack Obama

Tues., November 24, 1:30-2:30 p.m.

Dreams of my Father,
by Barack Obama

Join us for the beginning of our 2009-2010 Mayfield Branch Book Discussion sessions in October & November. Each session will meet in the Mayfield Branch Meeting Room.

Fall Family Festival at

Mayfield Branch

Saturday, October 17 @ 2:00 p.m.
Zoya Wilson will give a presentation on The Amber Room, an 11-foot square hall walled with amber and other semiprecious stones with a quoted worth of \$142 million dollars. Ms. Wilson will discuss the origins, and mysterious disappearance of this historically significant treasure. Join us for an intriguing afternoon!

Talk, Talk, Talk

Wednesdays: October 14, November 11, and December 9 from 6-9 p.m.

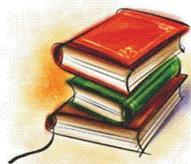
Come and practice your spoken English, and meet new friends. Conversations will be based on everyday topics.

International Film Festival

Wednesdays: October 21, November 18, and December 16 from 6-9 p.m.

Book Sales

Saturdays: October 3, November 7, and December 5 during regular Library hours



Mayfield Branch Library

Children's & Family Programs:

Jack & the Beanstalk Puppet Show
Saturday, Sept. 19 @ 2:00 p.m.

Join **McCormack Puppets** for the all time favorite tale of "*Jack and the Beanstalk.*" This intriguing, fast-paced show will keep the whole family laughing! **Registration Required.** Call the Juvenile Department for details: 440.473.0350.

Attention! Crime Stoppers Wanted

Grades 2-5 (registration required)
Tuesday, October 20 @ 7:00 p.m.
Attention!! Crime Stoppers Wanted to help solve an element(ary) chemical mystery! Come to our National Chemistry Week program and have fun piecing together the clues to solve the mystery. You never know what you might find!

English for You and Me

Ages 4 to 8 years with parent
Tuesdays, Nov. 3-24, 6:30-7:30 p.m.
Provoke your creativity and pick up writer's tricks and fun ways to express yourself through writing. Discover the inner writer in you!

Illuminating Twilight

2 exciting programs for fans to sink their teeth into...

Tuesday, November 10, 3:30 - 5 p.m.

Cleveland **Scene** magazine's pop culture columnist Erin O'Brien will reveal exactly how the blood pumps through Stephenie Meyer's popular vampire series. Bring your own questions, quibbles and comments to this lively interactive discussion.

Grades 6 - 12

Saturday, Nov. 14, 2 - 4:30 p.m.

Get ready for the theater release of **New Moon**, and join fellow fans for the first film on our big screen. Trivia, snacks, and prizes, too (like movie tickets!) **Ages 13 - 18**

Comics on the Web

Grades 6-12

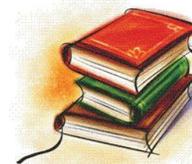
Tuesday, December 1, 7 - 8 p.m.
Do you draw comics? Ever wonder what it would take to see your work in print or online? Learn how to take your comics to the next level with Rick Smith, creator of the daily online comic strip Yehudah Moon, who will share tips and techniques for promoting and marketing your comics.

Richmond Mini-Branch:

Relocation and Re-opening

Monday, September 21 @ 10 a.m.

Visit our new and improved **Richmond Heights Mini Branch**, located at **5235 Wilson Mills Road**, across from Hilltop Plaza. Our new, more convenient location offers larger space, upgraded facilities, and more parking. Come and take a look!



MIPOD in Conjunction With



Will be conducting a Seasonal Flu Shot Clinic as a
**PUBLIC HEALTH
 EMERGENCY EXERCISE**
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2009

10:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Ages 18 and older

Residents of

Mayfield Village, Mayfield Hts, Gates Mills, & Highland Hts

are strongly encouraged to participate in this preparedness exercise, to learn first hand the procedure to follow, should a mass distribution of

medication or vaccine

be required in a medical emergency, affecting the communities in the Mayfield School District.

**Cost for Flu
 Shot: \$30.00
 Cash or check
 only.
 Medicare Part B
 Accepted.
 Receipts Available.**

**To Participate in this Exercise Report to
 one of these 3 Staging/Parking areas:
 (9:45 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.)
 Highland Hts Community Center,
 5827 Highland Road, HH

 Mayfield Middle School,
 1123 S.O.M. Center Road, MH

 Rockwell Automation,
 1 Allen Bradley Drive (in Landerhaven), MH**

**Please join us even if
 you don't want a flu
 shot. Average time
 required to learn
 what to do, in the
 event of a Medical
 Emergency, will be
 less than 1 hour.**

MIPOD = Mass Inoculation Point Of Dispensing

For questions &/or to volunteer contact:

Cheryl Garinger of the Mayfield Village Fire Department: 440.461.1208

HOLIDAY PROGRAMMING IN RESERVE HALL DECEMBER 2009



**December 4th & 5th
@ 7:30 p.m.**

December 6th @ 2:30 p.m.

Call 440.338.3171 for tickets

**Holiday Concert
Sunday, December 13th @ 4:00 p.m.
Call 216.371.9919 for tickets**



**Saturday, December 19th @ 7:00 p.m.
tickets available after December 1st at the
Civiv Center**

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Mayfield Village, OH 44143-3349

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SANTA CLAUS IS COMING TO MAYFIELD VILLAGE

**ATTENTION ALL
CHILDREN AND
GRANDCHILDREN OF
MAYFIELD VILLAGE
RESIDENTS**

**SATURDAY,
DECEMBER 5TH**



10:30 a.m.- Mayfield High School driveway off Lander Road (for Ridgebury/Lander area residents)

10:40 a.m.- Worton Park, S. Woodlane, N. Woodlane, Hemingway, Norman, & Joyce.

11:00 a.m.- Marlboro Court off Aintree Park Drive, Northboro, Foxboro, Beechers Brook and Derby.

11:35 a.m.- Seneca, Glenview, Beech Hill, and Bonnieview.

11:50 a.m.- Hanover, Hardwood Court area, & Village Trails.

12:10 p.m.- Robley, Ravine, Oakwood, Kenwood, Thornapple, Meadowood, Eastgate, Butternut, and Walnut.

12:40 p.m.- Wildwood, Bramblewood, Timberline, Zorn, Metro Park, & Hickory Hill.

1:15 p.m.- St. Bartholomew's parking lot (for Highland, White, and SOM Center Road north residents).

1:30 p.m.- SANTA ARRIVES AT THE MAYFIELD VILLAGE CIVIC CENTER!!

*times are approximate