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MEMO FROM THE MAYOR

BRUCE G. RINKER



It is a safe bet that 2008 will be recorded as one very historic and somewhat paradoxical year: an economic meltdown of global proportions coupled with, on the other hand, a national election that has arguably galvanized people the world over.

Amidst all of these momentous events, our little Village has unquestionably been affected, but has generally continued to stay the course in maintaining a very good quality of life. As ever, we look to new and innovative ways to adapt to a changing and challenging world--thoughtfully, frugally and proactively. While I believe we have steadily developed and managed our resources well, the latter half of 2008 delivered a sobering message that we must impose even greater constraints on how we utilize those resources. 2009 poses to be a year in which we will further limit expenditures and increase efforts to conserve.

First, some interesting statistics to highlight some of the changes that have taken place since 1993, when this administration began:

	1993	2006	2008
Population	3,462		3,148
Income Tax Revenue	\$2.8 million	\$10.26 million	\$9.83 million
General Fund Revenue	\$3.62 million	\$12.52 million	\$12.35 million
Ending Cash Balance	\$1.8 million	\$10.1 million	\$6.7 million
Median Home Value	\$139K		\$258K
Mean Home Value	Unknown		\$319K
Village Acreage	13		Greater than 190
Parklands	25% (Metroparks north Chagrin Reservation)		40% (15.5% Municipal)

Our more significant matters of 2008 involved the police station, infrastructure work in two neighborhoods, the firming up of infrastructure plans for Beta Park and the retirement of Philip Brett as the Village's Finance/Economic Development Director.

In 2009, we intend to move forward with the police station; however, all of 2008 saw us wrestling with the details of building specifications, a second round of public bidding and the ultimate conclusion that we needed to redraw the plans we had worked so long to develop as simply being too costly. We are presently looking to reduce the size, change the design and the overall structure itself; we are even considering a different site, so that we can build economically the station we need. I know I speak for Council in reiterating our commitment to delivering a quality structure that will serve us well for many years to come. I am optimistic we can begin its construction once and for all by mid-year.

The two neighborhood infrastructure projects involved Seneca Road and Raleigh Drive. On Seneca, we have replaced one of the oldest water lines in the Village and will complete restoration of the street bed itself this year. Along the way, we have made some improvements to surface water drainage in the right of way while at the same time retaining the street's historic charm. (Many of you may notice that it is a narrower street than most, but widening it would have sacrificed its beauty.) By now, our realignment of Raleigh Drive to set up a four way intersection at Beta and Wilson Mills has proven to be transformative. In addition to providing a much safer, efficient intersection for traffic, the "S" curvature of the new Raleigh has created a very attractive entryway for the Aintree Park neighborhood. We look forward to working with the homeowner's association to create signage and landscaping improvements to enhance the new "pocket" park that has resulted from this construction.

The second portion of the Raleigh/Beta/Wilson Mills Road project will address the replacement of the Beecher's Brook culvert that runs under Wilson Mills Road near D.O. Summers. We have received State Issue I public works funding for this project in conjunction with Cuyahoga County. Originally planned for 2009, we have postponed this second half of the project until 2010, in order to minimize adverse traffic impacts between our roadwork on Wilson Mills and the final interchange work at I-271 and Mayfield Road in Mayfield Heights that will take place this year.

This time last year we had hoped that work on Progressive's Campus III would begin in 2008. While we can only surmise the reasons for delay, there is little question that the upheaval in the world financial markets has not helped matters. As of now, the project appears to remain on hold. We hope to be in a position to update everyone soon - - and equally hope the news will be favorable. Despite the lack of movement on the campus itself, we have been making a variety of improvements to the pedestrian trail that now links Wiley Park and Parkview recreation facilities. You may also notice that we have been stockpiling dirt on the several acres that lay just north of the swimming pool. Keep your eye on this, because we hope this year to recontour the site into a large, natural amphitheatre, with the goal of one day having an outdoor facility comparable to Cain Park in Cleveland Heights or, albeit on a much smaller scale, Blossom in Cuyahoga Falls.

In the meantime, we have continued to work on the rejuvenation of Beta Park. The most visible change is the new Hilton Garden Inn, which should open any day now. We also welcomed University Hospitals to the Georgian Center on SOM Center Road. Step by step, new businesses are taking root.

But perhaps most significantly we look to 2009 as a watershed year for our installation of a new type of infrastructure: high-speed broadband fiber cable. Beta Park is one of three innovation zones targeted by the Cuyahoga County Commissioners. (Beachwood and Cleveland's Midtown Corridor are the other two.) We will receive a \$150,000 grant from the County toward installation of the fiber. Our other key partner is *OneCommunity*, a non-profit organization that in the last five years has dramatically expanded broadband service throughout the region, focusing on medical, educational and other public users. After much study and planning, we have designed a \$330,000.00 infrastructure improvement project that will result, in 2009, with the complete encirclement of Beta Park with this fiber. Much as a waterline can reach a neighborhood, this ring of fiber will service all of Beta Park with superlative access to the worldwide web. Why are we doing it? Three years ago we tested the waters with Panzica Companies by investing \$50,000.00 toward extending this high-speed broadband service to one of the facilities, at 767 Beta Drive. That \$50,000.00 investment has seen a return, through income tax revenues, three times over in less than as many years. Even more exciting, one of the small companies this partnership succeeded in landing with our investment, QED (Quality Electrodynamics, LLC), has burgeoned from three employees in 2005 to over 40 employees by the end of this year - - QED is further expanding its operations across the street on another Beta Drive site. Lieutenant Governor Lee Fisher made a special trip to QED to hail the success of this venture as a sign of progress in the campaign for economic redevelopment. If the return on this recent investment is any indicator, as we believe it is, we look to a healthier, dramatically revitalized Beta Park whose stakeholders will be able to attract tech-based business and industry that demand high-speed broadband service; and, they will be able to receive it at a fraction of the cost typically charged. Our long-term goal is to create a truly mixed-use Beta Park, which will serve as a new and vital lifestyle center for the Village.

Somewhat symbolically, one of the individuals who had an important hand in this strategy, Phil Brett, resigned at the end of 2008 as the Village's longstanding Finance and Economic Development Director, having begun as a part-time Finance Director in late 1992. As the statistics in the table above highlight, Phil's contribution to Mayfield Village's economic health leaves a lasting legacy.

In summary, 2008 was a year of many changes and contradictions, not simply on a world and national scale, but in some significant ways in Mayfield Village, as well. We face real serious economic challenges in 2009, while at the same time we are sowing real seeds for future economic development that we believe will bear fruit in both the near and long term. We seek to embrace change pragmatically and creatively.

With the participation of our many volunteers, Council and the dedicated employees of our Village, we approach the year ahead with renewed conviction and confidence. Citizenship and good sense promote good fortune.



Thomas J. Marrie
Council At Large

Wishing everyone a very **Happy New Year** filled with

wonderful health and great success and happiness.

Our deepest sympathy to our Council President Bill Buckholtz and his family on the loss of his father. Bill's eulogy to his father was absolutely beautiful – full of devotion, love and yes, even humor.

Thanks again to our Service Department for yet another year of outstanding service on our leaf pick-up. Even with the bad weather they managed to take care of everyone by extending the time.

Snow is here and even though there is a shortage of road salt, Doug Metzung and his Service Department associates are working hard to keep our roads clean and safe using their **"sensible salting"** program they started due to the shortage of road salt.

Didn't our Village look beautiful during the Christmas and Holiday Season? Thanks to everyone involved.

Plans are proceeding with our new Police Station, incorporating a new and different style and look and even in a possible new location.

By the time you read this the new Hilton Garden Inn on Beta Drive

should be open and operating. This is a nice addition to our Village and that area.

Thanks to the Recreation Committee and the Recreation Department for a very successful children's Christmas Party and Santa Ride through the Village. Santa was great!

The next party for the children and the grandchildren of our residents will be the Spring Party and Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 4th at noon.

Congratulations and best wishes to **Phil Brett** on his recent retirement as our Finance Director. We wish him good luck and much happiness for many years to come. Phil was responsible for many projects that really helped our Village financially and we sincerely thank him and we wish him nothing but the very best of everything.

A really big **THANK YOU** to **Dave Miller** our current & temporary Finance Director for filling in while a search for our new Director is proceeding. Thanks Dave for all of your effort and professionalism.

You know that in every company and/or organization there is always an unsung hero. Well, in our Village that's **Bill Gray** our maintenance associate at the Civic Center. When you visit the Civic Center you can see how the meeting rooms, office space and public areas are impeccably kept. What an outstanding impression our Civic Center gives to our visitors and

residents and it's all because of Bill's great attitude, effort, and hard work, **THANK YOU BILL!**



Patsy Mills
Council Ward 2

Thank you to all the 2008 Volunteers.

Without the hours volunteered by the Committees these activities would not be possible. There is always need for more people with new ideas.

Mayor's office is a great source of information and always willing to help.

Service Department must be complimented on the many services they extend to the Community and the Holiday Decorations during the year. They are always willing to assist the citizens and organizations in the Village.

Recreation Department makes sure that activities for both young and old are available.

Police and Fire Departments are ever ready to respond to your calls.

Building Department is an excellent contact when you need a contractor for repairs to make sure the work is performed properly.

Finance Department duties are the disbursements and collection of funds as required by law.

Commission on Aging has many special activities, speaker programs

and general information for the senior citizens.

The next time you see any of the above Department Employees or Committee Members take time to say THANK YOU. They all make Mayfield Village a wonderful place to live.

Glad you chose to live in Mayfield Village and as citizens you do make this a wonderful place.



Judge Mary Kaye Bozza
Lyndhurst Municipal Court

Looking ahead to 2009, Judge Mary Kaye Bozza is beginning her 10th year on the bench for the community of the Lyndhurst Municipal Court Jurisdiction. The Court continues to educate in many ways such as participation with the schools, guest speaker for civic organizations and senior groups, outreach programs for drugs and alcohol offenders and through Courtroom adjudication.

Judge Bozza's recent school participation was during Red Ribbon Week in November at Millridge Elementary School speaking to the young students about the dangers of drugs and alcohol. She spoke to the residents at Sherri Park Apartments in October about driving safety tips for seniors. Judge Bozza addressed Mayfield Village Seniors on January 7, 2009 and looks forward to speaking

engagements for the Jewish War Veterans Post 44 at the Ross DeJohn Center in Mayfield Heights on January 22, 2009 at 8pm, and the Richmond Heights Seniors at the Kiwanis' Lodge on February 11, 2009 at 3pm.

Our summer college interns Michael and Ryan worked for the clerk's office during their winter holiday break. We thank them for their computer skills.

Judge Bozza's Women's **"Make the Right Choice"** program was on January 23, 2009 and the Men's program shall be on March 6, 2009. These programs are open to the public, provided that Patti Anderson is notified at 440.461.6500 ext. 205.

In December, Judge Mary Kaye Bozza and staff presented the family of former Judge Robert J. Grogan with a framed proclamation commemorating his 19 years of service to our community as Judge from 1980 to 1999. Judge Grogan passed away in 2008. Accepting this gift from the Court was his daughter Jane and her three children Timothy, Kaitlyn and Sean.

For anyone interested in a field trip to the Court as part of a school or civic group activity, the Court's schedule is as follows: Mondays commencing at 8:30am Lyndhurst cases are heard; Tuesdays commencing at 8:30am Mayfield Heights cases are heard; Wednesdays commencing at 8:30am Richmond Heights cases

are heard; Wednesdays at 1:00pm Highland Heights cases are heard; and Thursday commencing at 8:30am Mayfield Village and Gates Mills cases are heard. Fridays are reserved for civil matters.

If you are interested in attending Court, the Judge's outreach program, plan a field trip, or arrange 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.



Vincent Feudo
Village Prosecutor

Speeding and Red Light Cameras

Beginning March 12, 2009, House Bill 30 will prohibit municipalities, counties and townships from using photo-monitoring devices to enforce any traffic law unless and until they have erected signs on every inbound street or highway in their jurisdiction, except for freeways that are part of the state highway system. The signs must be erected within the first 300 feet of the boundary of the local authority or, if the signs cannot be located within that first 300 feet, as close to that distance as possible. The signs must also inform inbound motorists that the local authority utilizes traffic law photo-monitoring devices to enforce traffic laws.

The local authority is responsible for all costs associated with the erection, maintenance, and possible replacement of the signs. All signs erected under the act must conform in size, color, location, and content to standards contained in the Ohio Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices, and must remain in place for as long as the devices are being used to enforce any traffic law.

Any ticket, citation, or summons issued by or on behalf of the local authority for any traffic law violation based upon evidence gathered by a traffic law photo-monitoring device after March 12, 2009, but before the signs have been erected, is invalid. The act specifies, however, a ticket, citation, or summons is valid if the local authority: (1) first erects all signs as required and subsequently maintains and replaces the signs as needed so that at all times at least 90% of the required signs are in place and functional; and (2) annually documents and at other times upon request certifies its compliance with the requirement to erect the signs.

Also specific to "red-light cameras", the new law requires that at all intersections where traffic law photo-monitoring devices are being used, the steady yellow signal on a traffic light must be extended from the State-minimum 3 seconds to 4 seconds before changing to red.

Mayfield Village does not use photo-monitoring devices for traffic enforcement.

Other Legal Developments Regarding Sealing Criminal Convictions

With the passage of Senate Bill 18, the Ohio Legislature has prohibited certain lower level misdemeanor convictions from ever being sealed. Specifically, if an individual is convicted of voyeurism, public indecency, compelling prostitution, promoting prostitution, procuring, disseminating matter harmful to juveniles, displaying matter harmful to juveniles, pandering obscenity, or deception to obtain matter harmful to juveniles, when the victim of any of those offenses is a minor, the conviction can never be sealed. Therefore, once convicted of any of these offenses, the conviction stays with the individual for the rest of his or her life.



David R. Mohr
Fire Chief
 Community
 Emergency
 Response
 Teams

We read about them all the time.....they occur too frequently..... so suddenly and sometimes so very close to home.



Calamities can strike a community at any time. Tornadoes, floods, power outages, severe heat, blizzards, earthquake, no water, hazardous materials spill on the freeway, fire, airplane crash, and now, terrorism. These disasters require an extraordinary amount of resources to keep people safe and return that community back to normalcy. Disasters can be big and affect a nation, or small, disrupting the lives of few. Big or small, they require a coordinated effort by trained people.

The **Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)** promotes a partnering effort between emergency services and the people they serve. If a disastrous event overwhelms or delays the community's professional response, **CERT** (Citizen Emergency Response Team) members can assist others by applying the basic response and organizational skills they have learned through training.

CERT Members Can:

- Give critical support to emergency workers
- Provide immediate assistance to victims
- Organize spontaneous volunteers at a disaster site
- Help with non-emergency projects that help improve the safety of the Mayfield Village community

CERT Volunteers May Be

Trained In:

- Learn CPR and the use of the AED (Automatic External Defibrillator)
- Learn basic first aid
- Learn how to prepare themselves and their family for a disaster
- Assist with evacuations and traffic control
- Promote community awareness of potential hazards and preparedness measures
- Staff "mass inoculation" centers if the need arises.

Neighbors Helping Neighbors

Mayfield Village will need your help in time of crisis. Are you willing to help?

Who Can Apply?

- Volunteers must be at least 18 years old.
- Anyone with the desire to help the Mayfield Village community be prepared for an emergency
- Mayfield Village is a small community, yet is a melting pot of diverse occupations. No matter what your experience, in an emergency, people coming together make a difference.

Stay tuned for more information



Terry B. Skomrock
Police Executive Assistant

Mayor Bruce G. Rinker administered an oath of office to new full-time police officer **Matthew "Matt" J. Kostrab** at the swearing-in ceremony during the Council Caucus on December 1, 2008. Officer Kostrab was hired to fill a vacancy created by the death of long-time **Sergeant Douglas J. Sullivan** who passed away earlier this year from a sudden illness.

Matt is 29 years old and lives in Willowick. He graduated from Kirtland High School in 1997 and earned both an Associate of Arts Degree and an Associate Degree in Criminal Justice Law Enforcement from Lakeland Community College in 2002 and received his Ohio Peace Officer Training Certificate in 2003. Matt had previously worked as a security guard and wanted to become a police officer to serve and protect the community. In January of 2004, Matt was hired as a part-time patrolman here but longed to become full-time.

Mayor Rinker stated that Matt has a solid reputation within the community,

and is a dedicated, capable and professional public servant and will continue to serve our residents well.

Police Chief Patrick Dearden stated that Matt is an asset to the community and has shown exemplary service to the residents, attested to by the numerous letters of thanks in his personnel file. Chief Dearden stated Matt completed the Civil Service testing process with great distinction and Matt's dream of becoming full-time was fulfilled. Chief Dearden stated it is a pleasure to continue his employment relationship with us as a Full-Time Police Officer for Mayfield Village and he is a welcome addition to our police family.

Matt's family, friends and co-workers attended the swearing-in ceremony. His family is very proud of his accomplishment and officers from his new platoon were pleased that he was assigned to their shift.





Bill Thomas
Recreation
Director

By the time you receive your Winter Voice of the Village, we hope you have received the Winter 2008-2009 Parks and Recreation Brochure. Hopefully you and/or the family participated in the variety of holiday traditions that included the Tree Lighting Ceremony, Menorah Lighting, Santa Ride distributing popcorn balls to our families then back to the Civic Center for the party and finally the Singing Angels and the sounds of the holiday.

If you like the outdoors and snow then join us for our President's Day ski trip scheduled for Monday, February 16. Bring the family or sign up as an individual. The trip travels by charter bus to Holimont Ski Resort, a private ski club that opens to the public during the week. So it's time to get the skis out of the basement and have a fun time.

If you like to work with your hands and pottery, sign up for a variety of classes offered through our merchant neighbor Spirit of Clay.

Our Adaptive Recreation Committee has a variety of programs for persons with disabilities to get involved with and enjoy. These programs range from dance class, Rhythmic Arts Project, Basketball Clinics, Nights Out at the Movies, Yoga Reach, Pizza Bowl, Glass Fusing, Water Exercise, our popular once a month Game Nights at Mayfield Middle School, Wii and Cornhole Day, Super Bowl Party and

the March Madness Party. So pick and choose and we'll see you there.

New this winter through celebrity dance master and etiquette expert Dick Blake we are offering four classes. The most requested youth etiquette program for parent and child ages 1st - 4th grade will be held on Sunday, February 8 and 15 at 5:00 p.m. Three other popular dance classes including an Afternoon Ballroom for retired or other couples seeking a fun time will be held on four consecutive Wednesdays beginning February 4, 1:00 p.m. and Dance Like the Stars Ballroom Dance on four consecutive Sundays at 6:00 p.m. and a Pre-Wedding Dance and Etiquette Workshop on Sunday, February 8 at 6:45 p.m. So get into action and join us at the Mayfield Village Civic Center.

If you like travel and entertainment we offer an extensive list which includes Hairspray and Mark Twain Tonight with Hal Holbrook both at the Palace Theatre, Rodgers & Hammerstein and Friends and "Bell-Notte" with tenor Carl Tanner both at Severance Hall, and look at High Fashion at Kent Fashion Museum and Chrisholm Collection at Western Reserve Historical Society. Finally, to welcome in Spring we are traveling to New York City April 16 - April 19 for a variety of activities.

So come join us and before you know it Spring and all this snow will be melted. Look for the Spring/Summer Parks and Recreation Brochure in mid March.

As always, thanks to everyone who participates in our programs. Your feedback is always welcome and we hope you take advantage of the recreational sports and activities that are being offered. We look

forward to another Winter season in the Village.



Sean Supler
Youth/Adult Sports Coordinator

It's been another busy winter for both the youth and adult sports programs. The MBA, Mayfield Basketball Association, is in full swing and nearly maxed out for all grade levels with our total nearing 300 participants. The girls 4th-5th and 6th-8th grade leagues finished up before Winter Break as we saw both leagues grow tremendously. The 6th-8th grade had over 40 girls participating and the girl's 4th-5th grade increased to 30 players.

All the boys MBA leagues including 3rd-4th, 5th-6th and 7th-8th graders started their games in

Citizen's Advisory Committee

By Jim Mason

2009 – We start all over – are we keeping our resolutions we made on January 1st – lose a few pounds, exercise, keep healthy – well, stay at it!

Our Citizen's Advisory Committee wants to work with all of you in 2009 to make our Village a better place for all of us. Last year we had some wonderful happenings with: our schools/children/seniors/recreation/clubs/good officials & workers and our neighbors. Let's continue to build on it this year! Stay Warm!



January. We look forward to another fun and competitive league in hopes of improving our basketball program as a whole. This program is not possible without our continued support from our volunteer coaches. We thank you coaches for all the time and effort you put into helping to teach the game of basketball.

Lastly, our Adult Basketball leagues are filled to capacity. Our 18 and Over league has 8 teams, while our 35 and Over league has 6 teams again this year. Both leagues play on Sunday mornings and are always very competitive.

If you wish to find out more information regarding any of our winter or upcoming spring/summer programs please feel to contact us at 440.461.5163.



Danielle Echt
Assistant Recreation Director

Village Residents Await Santa Claus

Santa came into the Village in the Mayfield Village fire truck on Saturday, December 6, 2008. It was a cold day but many residents braved the elements and headed to the end of their driveways to see him. Santa and his two elves went through the entire Village spreading good cheer and the traditional popcorn balls. They were greeted by the young and the old, many families now extended with new babies and

grandchildren. Regardless of the age, this holiday tradition continues to be a favorite among Mayfield Village residents.

The annual youth party with Santa was also that afternoon. Many residents joined their family, friends, and neighbors in the Civic Center for cookies and punch and a visit with Santa Claus. One by one each child got a chance to have their picture taken with Santa as they told him their Christmas wish list. The kids were delighted to see Santa and his workers up close that day. The elves cheerfully passed out gifts to each child. Jolly Old St. Nick was exhausted by the end of the party. Not only had he traveled through the Village just before the party, but he hadn't seen so many Mayfield Village children at the event in many years. It was quite a crowd and everyone was excited for the holiday season. Santa made his departure that snowy afternoon, knowing he would be back to deliver gifts to the boys and girls very soon.

Thank you to all volunteers and everyone who participated in the event!



ABC Community Quilters

By Shirley Shatten

There were so many 4th and 5th graders interested in our program this year. We now meet with 4th graders one week and 5th graders the next. The students are coming to the Community Room. This is wonderful, because they get to work with all the adults. They eat their lunches quickly and hurry to get to designing and tying.

Many quilts have already been given to Hillcrest, Metro, Mt. Zion Church, and many other hospitals and needy agencies.

We get so many wonderful **“Thank You”**. We thought you might enjoy one note and some pictures of the children enjoying their quilts.

Thanks for the many donations of materials.

We are always happy to welcome new helpers. We meet every Wednesday at 10:30 in the Community Room.



Letter from Kiddie City

Dear ABC Quilters,

Time certainly does fly! Through rain, shine, sleet, and snow this past year and a half, the beautiful quilts that you created for us have kept the children at Kiddie City warm and snugly at nap time. As I launder them every week I say an unspoken word of thanks to you and all the great children and adults who poured their love into each and every stitch and knot. Here's a little something to help with your worthwhile project/mission*.

Hugs,

Sherrie Zagorc
Co-founder Kiddie City

*Kiddie City donated a gift card for JoAnn Fabrics to the ABC Quilters

Kenwood Homeowners

By Mickey Evans

Well, this was the “winter that was”—and somewhere I’ve heard that the winter in our area was to be milder than normal—guess the Farmer’s Almanac or whoever forecast that sure was wrong. Hope all of you kept warm, healthy, and safe, and now, I’m, sure you’re looking forward to spring!

Again, a big thanks for the hanging of the wreaths for the holidays—**Jean Britton, the Marries, and Patsy Mills**—it added a festive touch to our entranceways. You always do such a great job of beautifying our area, whatever the season—thank you again and again.

The next **board meeting** for our association is **Tuesday, March 24th at 7 p.m.** at the home of our president, Paul Fikaris. On the agenda is finalizing plans for our **annual meeting** to be held on **Wednesday, April 29, at the Community Room at 7:30 p.m.** There will be door prizes and delicious desserts, and Mayor Rinker will give us an update on what’s happening in the Village—mark your calendars and be sure to come.

On another note, Bob and I have made the BIG move permanently to a small town outside of Asheville, NC, and will no longer be part of the Village community. We have certainly enjoyed our many years—since 1960—as Village residents, and we’ve certainly seen lots of changes in the area—we’ve grown, grown, and still are growing! We’ll miss being part of you and walking the streets of the neighborhood to enjoy every season as it comes and

goes, but we won’t miss the snow and cold of Cleveland winters. Our son, Larry, will be in our house on Thornapple, so there will still be an Evans connection there.

A new volunteer will be appointed as the Voice of the Village contact for Kenwood Homeowners at the next board meeting, so if you are at all interested, please let our president Paul Fikaris 440.449.6651 know, and I’m sure you’ll be welcomed aboard.

Until the next issue, keep collecting your discards for our 2nd annual garage sale coming up in the summer—date to be announced after it has been confirmed with other garage sales in the Village—we’re going to try to coordinate the dates. It was fun last year, and as those that participated, our discards always turn into someone else’s treasures!

A fond farewell to all of you in the Association, and keep up the good work in making our area always a beautiful part of our community.

Hanover Woods

By Jeff Schiemann

The Annual Wine and Cheese Party is scheduled for February 7th and will be hosted again by Sandy and Ray Koren. Notices will be put in your mail box shortly before the event. This is always a lovely event. Please try to attend. We had over 50 people at the clambake in September. It was great to get a good portion of the neighborhood out together.

Treasury wise our funds are getting low. We have not assessed or collected dues since the Spring

of 2003 and we now have just over \$500. We will need to raise funds this Spring for the sign project and replenish the treasury. Over a year ago a small group reviewed some drawings the Village Architect gave us of potential new signs for both sides of our entrance. We dropped the ball when it came to picking out the stone and finalizing the plans. Our initial discussions were that the Village staff would assist in the construction of the sign. We not only have to come up with the sign design but also lighting and landscaping. Anyone interested in being involved, please give me a shout and we will get this project moving again.

Many neighbors have questioned the condition of Hanover Road from the first Hardwood intersection to the stop sign at the other Hardwood intersection. The road is extremely rough. At first we thought it was the chip seal surface that was put down, but it really appears that it was the surface grinding preparation underneath the chip seal. Several other streets in the Village received the chip seal treatment and are relatively smooth. The weather turned bad early and it was too late to deal with the issue when the work was complete. If there are any other areas that you are concerned about, please let me know. We will address the issue again with the Village when the weather breaks.



Mayfield Village Wetlands

AN EVENING OF SINGING AND CALLING AT THE WETLANDS

When: Friday, April 3, 7:45 p.m. - Rain or Shine!

Where: Meet at the beginning of the Wetlands path

Who: Families

Details: Join naturalists and volunteers for a gentle walk along the Wetlands path to hear the spring peepers and woodcocks singing about spring! The chorus led by these tiny male frogs calling for a mate can be very loud! Please register at the Civic Center by calling 440.461.2210 to let us know you are coming.

HELP CLEAN UP THE WETLANDS AFTER THE SPRING THAW

When: Saturday, April 11, 9:00 a.m.

Where: Meet at the beginning of the Wetlands path

Details: Debris collects in the Wetlands, especially through the waterways. Please dress appropriately (boots, etc.). This is an excellent opportunity for a group to do a community service project. Please let us know you are coming by calling the Civic Center - 440.461.2210.

Mayfield Village Garden Club

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. In addition, the Garden Club has Out-to-Lunch programs for members and guests.

March 25: "The Rain Garden", presented by Claire Posius, Euclid Creek Water Coordinator, a part of the Cuyahoga Soil & Water Conservation.

April 18: A Spring Tea Luncheon

April 22: "Gardening for Butterflies", presented by Deb Marcinski

May 10: Mother's Day Plant sale at Pancake Breakfast

May 27: Members Spring Dinner at 6:00 p.m. Location TBA Out-to-Lunch

March 18: Tour Maltz Museum of Jewish Heritage

April and May: no out-to-lunch

June 23: Tour Fellows Riverside Gardens

July 10: Tour Daybreak Lavender Farm

August 18: Tour James A. Garfield National Historic Site

New members are welcome. Call Patsy Mills 440.449.4922 or Wanda Hejcl 440.442.6127

*Picture of Playhouse Christmas Tree: Carole Marrie, Patsy Mills, Elaine Schramm, Marsha Picuch, Judy McNulty, & Jean Britton



Mayfield Township Historical Society

By Richard Negrelli, President

The Historical Society has participated for 20 years in the Ohio Heritage curriculum of the Mayfield School system by providing a view of over 150 years of the Township's family life. We plan to welcome some 300 third graders again this spring. Their letters of appreciation and their delightful comments are well worth the time and efforts of our volunteers. We look forward to this contribution of the Society to our Township communities.

Please join us for our Spring meeting!

February 11 - Part II - President's wives - a look into their private lives. Marge Comella did such a great job in Nov. - we will continue her talk.

March 11 - Ken Yenke, The Yenke Peddler, will be here to evaluate your artifact. Please bring an artifact to share. This is also "Cookie Night" - bring a batch of your favorites,

April 8 - Documentary - "Ohio, the Buckeye State"

May 13 - Early Cleveland Settlement - The Lorenzo Carter Cabin by Herman Ruger.

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

Human Services/ Commission on Aging

**By Eunice Kalina, M.A.
Human Services Director**

While we are in the throes of winter it is heartening to look ahead to spring and some new warm weather events as well as our ongoing activities.

Tuesday, March 17 we will offer a **St. Patrick's Day Luncheon** complete with Slyman's corned beef. This event will be in the Community Room from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. The cost of this event is \$10 per person. The deadline for reservations and payment is Monday, March 9 or when sold out.

The Lady with All the Answers

We will visit the Cleveland Playhouse Thursday, April 9 for a matinee performance of *The Lady with All the Answers*, a one-woman show based on the life of Ann Landers. We will have time to browse the unique shops of Coventry and have lunch at Tommy's (on your own) prior to the performance. The \$42 charge covers the theatre ticket and transportation. We will leave from the Civic Center at 10 a.m. and return at approximately 4 p.m.

Music, Music, Music

Join us May 15 as we travel to Carrie Cerino's, a long-standing North Royalton establishment, for lunch followed by Red, Hot... & Blue, a revue of Big Band Music and Jazz from the 30's to the 70's direct from Branson, Missouri. We will leave from the Civic Center parking lot (6622 Wilson Mills Road) at 11 a.m. and return at approximately 4 p.m. The cost of this trip is \$60.

Eton Collection/Maltz Museum

Browse the Eton Collection on Chagrin Boulevard, enjoy lunch (on your own) at one of several restaurants (some offer outdoor seating), and then board the bus for a guided tour of the Maltz Museum's special exhibit entitled "The Enemy Within, Terror in America from 1776-Present". This exhibit is on loan from the Spy Museum in Washington, D.C. and is making its first appearance in Ohio. There will also be time to visit the permanent collection of this outstanding new addition to Cleveland's cultural jewels. This outing is scheduled for Friday, June 19 with departure from the Civic Center at 11 a.m. We will return at approximately 5 p.m. The cost for this outing is \$25, and the deadline is Wednesday, June 10.

AARP/Taxes and Safe Driving

Once again AARP volunteers will be assisting Mayfield Village residents in our Community Room with simple tax returns. As of this writing we do not yet have the dates for this program, but if you are interested in this help call our office and add your name to our list of those who desire assistance.

The AARP Safe Driving class will now be offered in one session of four and one-half hours. This will take place Wednesday, June 24 in our Community Room. Pre-registration is required by Friday, June 12 at which time AARP cards must be presented to receive the members' discount. The fee for this class is \$12 for AARP members and \$14 for non-members. Licensed drivers aged 50 or more are eligible to take this class which is a classroom situation (no driving). Feel free to bring a sandwich for

lunch. Beverages will be provided.

Anniversary Party

Saturday, May 30 we will celebrate the anniversary of the formation of our senior group. This event is for Mayfield Village residents who are at least 60 years of age. We will meet in the Community Room from 1 to 4 p.m. for lunch, entertainment, and camaraderie. There is no charge for this event, but reservations are required by Friday, May 15.

Senior Speakers' Series

Our Senior Speakers' programs are usually the first and third Wednesdays of the month at 2 p.m. in the Community Room. There is no charge for these programs, but reservations are helpful in planning refreshments, seating, etc. The programs for February feature a concert with Brian Cinco February 4 and a talk by Lori Frey, R.N. from the Cleveland Sight Center February 18 who will speak about "The Aging Eye". March 18 we are honored to host Max Edelman, a holocaust survivor, who will share some of his experiences and expertise on this event.

Please contact our office for other upcoming speakers and programs.

Meals on Wheels

Homebound or recovering from surgery? Hillcrest Meals on Wheels can help. Dedicated volunteers deliver nutritional meals prepared by Hillcrest Hospital to the homebound in the Hillcrest area for a nominal fee. If you are in need of this meal service, please contact Eunice Kalina at 440.919.2332 for

information about qualifications and meal plans.

Meals on Wheels Needs You

Additional volunteers are needed to help with this worthwhile program. If you can spare as little as two hours per week to help with this service, please contact Dottie Goldstein, Program Coordinator, at 440.449.3551 weekdays between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.

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.

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. No meeting Monday, May 25.

Senior Stroll/Nature Walk in the Metroparks

The eight-week spring session begins Monday, April 13. Walkers

will meet Marie at 10 a.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays in the parking lot off S.O.M. Center Road across from the soccer fields and walk in a group at your own pace for about 45 minutes. Participants are treated to a special luncheon at the end of the session. The fee for the entire eight-week session is \$6.00.

Create Your Own Greeting Cards

The first Thursday of each month Michelle, a rubber stamp enthusiast, instructs and helps persons enrolled in this class create personalized greeting cards. Students make ten cards during the three-hour session in our Community Room for \$18. No experience is necessary, and Michelle supplies all the materials. The deadline for registering is the Monday before the session.

ABC Village Quilters

Wednesdays - 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

Do you have a penchant for sewing or quilting? Stop in to see what the ABC Village Quilters are making. Quilts are donated to various charitable organizations. Helping hands are always welcome.

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. For course descriptions or to register, call Donna (Mayfield Village) 440.919.2332 or Eileen

(Mayfield Heights) 440.442.2626 x 244. Please register early—space is limited. Upcoming courses include: Email 1 & 2—Two Sessions: March 18 & 25—Fee: \$39; Saving Money on the Internet—One Session: April 1—Fee: \$20; Housekeeping on Your Computer—Two Sessions: April 8 & 15—Fee: \$39; E-Bay for Beginners—Two Sessions: April 22 & 29—Fee: \$39; and Digital Photos for Beginners—Two Sessions: May 6 & 13—Fee: \$39.

Registration Information

To register for activities and offered by the Human Services Department: Phone: 440.919.2332. Call us with your registration and MasterCard, Visa, or Discover payment. In-Person: Register in person from 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday at the Human Services Department, 6621 Wilson Mills Road Fax: 440.919.0207. Mail: Mail your registration and check or credit card payment to Mayfield Village Human Services Department, 6621 Wilson Mills Road, Mayfield Village, OH, 44143.

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.

For Additional Information

Please contact Mayfield Village Human Services Department at 440.919.2332 for additional information about activities and programs, or to receive the Human Services Department newsletter.

2009 Calendar of Events

Saturday, April 4th - 12:00 p.m.

MV Community Room

**Recreation Spring Party Lunch
and Egg Hunt**

Friday, April 24th

Arbor Day Ceremony

Sunday, May 10

8:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

Service Building, 610 SOM Center

**Mother's Day Pancake Breakfast/
Garden Club Plant Sale**

Saturday, May 16th

9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

MV Civic Center Parking Lot

Community Shred Day

Saturday, May 30th

1:00-4:00 p.m.

Mayfield Village Community Room

**Commission on Aging
Anniversary Party**

Thursday evenings from

June 11-August 27

7:00-9:00

MV Gazebo

Music on the Green Concerts

Saturday, June 13

6:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m.

Rain Date: Sunday, June 14

Fabulous 50's Cruise Night

Sunday, July 5

- Lap Swim - 10-12 noon

- Activities @ Parkview Pool with
regular admission - 12 - 5 p.m.

- Free Concerts & festivities at
Gazebo - Fireworks! Singing Angels!
from 6 - 10 p.m.

Fourth of July Celebration

Sunday, July 12th

**20th Annual Debbie Hudacko 2
Mile Walk or 5 Mile Run**

Sunday, July 26th - 8:00 a.m.

Parkview Pool

**10th Annual Summer
Sizzler Swim Meet**

Sunday, August 16th

**9th Annual Youth and Family
Triathlon**

Wednesday, September 9th

Wiley Park Pavilion

**Ice Cream Social -
Historical Society**

Sunday, October 24th -

1 - 2:30 P.M.

MV Civic Hall

Recreation Halloween Party

**for children & grandchildren of
Village residents*

Sunday, October 31st

6:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Trick or Treat in Mayfield Village

Tuesday, November 3rd

6:30 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Wards 1 & 2: Community Room

Wards 3 & 4: Mayfield High School

Election Day

Saturday, November 28th

9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

MV Community Room

MV Garden Club Holiday Mart

Saturday, December 5th

10:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

throughout the Village

Santa Ride

1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Civic Hall

Recreation Christmas Party

**for children & grandchildren of
Village residents*

Sunday, December 6th -

7:00 p.m.

MV Gazebo

**Christmas Tree Lighting
Ceremony**

Wednesday, December 9th

6:30 p.m.

MV Community Room

Historical Society Potluck Dinner

Friday, December 11th (tentative)

7:00 p.m.

MV Gazebo

Menorah Lighting Ceremony

Saturday, December 19th

1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

MV Community Room

**Commission on Aging
Holiday Party**

**open to all Village seniors -
reservations required*

Sunday, TBA

7:00 p.m.

MV Reserve Hall

Singing Angels

**tickets on sale at MV Civic Center
after 12/1*

Monday, December 21st

Winter Solstice

**Don't forget to renew your dog
licenses after December 1st at
the MV Civic Center**

Red Cross Blood Drives

MV Community Room

2:00 - 7:00 p.m.

March 6th

May 1st

July 3rd

September 4th

November 6th



**American
Red Cross**

COMING THIS SPRING TO RESERVE HALL
FPAC PRESENTS!
FAIRMOUNT PERFORMING ARTS CAMP

Feb. 20 - March 1

April 16 - May 10



Artistic Director: FRED STERNFELD
Director/Choreographer: SEAN SZALLER
Musical Director: MIKE CARAFFI
Scenic Design: BEN NEEDHAM



The Odd Couple

For tickets & information, call 440.338.3171
RESERVE HALL, Mayfield Village Civic Center, 6622 Wilson Mills Road, 44143

Mayfield Village Recycles!

2009 RECYCLING DATES



Computers
Scrap Tires &
Household Hazardous Waste

Mon-Fri, April 20 thru May 1 7a.m. - 3 p.m.
Saturdays, April 18 thru May 2 9a.m. - 1p.m.
Mon-Fri, Aug. 24 thru Sept. 4 7a.m. - 3 p.m.
Saturdays, Aug. 22 thru Sept. 5 9a.m. - 1p.m.

Drop off all items at the
Service Department
610 S.O.M. Center Road
Mayfield Village, 44143

If you have questions, call 440.442.5506
Make it a habit...REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE!

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY



Hey Kids! Enter Mayfield Village's Mother's Day Coloring Contest and win your mom a great prize. Just color this picture and return it. Your Picture will automatically be entered in the contest. All entries will be displayed at the Mother's Day Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, May 10, 2009 at the Service Building. Return your entry on or before Friday, May 1, 2009 to: Mayfield Village Civic Center. 6622 Wilson Mills Road, Mayfield Village, Ohio 44143, or drop it off at the Mayfield Village Police Department. The contest is open to all children ages 12 and under. Winners will be selected at random and notified by phone. Prizes may not be substituted or exchanged. Entries will not be returned, but may be picked up at the Pancake Breakfast.

MY MOM'S NAME IS: _____ MY NAME IS: _____

MY AGE: _____ PHONE: _____ SCHOOL: _____ ADDRESS: _____

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SAVE THE DATE!!!

COMMUNITY SHRED DAY

**Saturday, May 16th
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
@ MV Civic Center
Parking Lot**

Echo Drive residents gathered for a holiday celebration at the home of Brian and Sarah Sustin. Although we are not a formal association, we all are involved in the Village issues. A few have approached me for Volunteer jobs. I hope I see them on committee schedules as they are anxious to be involved!

**- Joanne Cinco
Council At Large**

