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Mayfield Village voters to decide zoning issues

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Voters in Mayfield Village will consider a pair of zoning issues in the March 17 Primary Election.

Issue 10 centers on the University Hospitals Mayfield Village Health Center, located at 730 SOM Center Road. If it is approved the health center will be rezoned from its current classification as a U-1 single family residential office to an office laboratory district.

This rezoning would permit the construction of a new outpatient surgery center and medical building on currently vacant land.

Meanwhile, Issue 11 is also a zoning matter, this time centering on The Olde School House, located at 6625 Wilson Mills.

Originally built in 1906, the school's last class

Zoning for the Olde School House in Mayfield Village would change if Issue 11 is approved on March 17.

came in 1924, prior to the opening of Mayfield High School. The building was used as school board offices until 2005.

If the issue is approved, the Old School House's zoning would be changed from its current U-1 single family residential district zoning to small office building district. This would allow for a private owner to use the property for office use, Mayfield Village records indicate.

In talks to acquire the property is Skoda Construction who intends to use the property for work offices.

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Assault *Wilson Mills Road*

Two Mayfield Heights girls, 14 and 17, assaulted a 15-year-old girl at the high school Feb. 26. A teacher suffered an injury during the incident. The girls will be charged in juvenile court.

Disturbance *Wilson Mills Road*

A woman reported Feb. 26 that her roommate was drunk and causing a disturbance. Officers learned that the man, 39, was a former friend of the woman and had been living in her basement. The couple got into an argument and officers helped adjust the situation.

However, the woman called back that evening and said that the man was making suicidal comments. He was subsequently taken to the hospital and pink-slipped.

A shotgun was removed from the home for safekeeping. It was arranged for the man to have a police escort, as he removed his belongings from the home.

Suspicious activity *SOM Center Road*

A Heinen's employee reported Feb. 26 that she believed her car had been keyed while in the parking lot. There was no evidence to suggest that it had been damaged while at the business.

Disturbance *Beta Drive*

Officers responded to the Hilton Garden Inn at 10:26 a.m. Feb. 28 for a report of a fight between a man and a woman. They found that the Cleveland man, 40, was under the influence of alcohol or drugs. He was subsequently arrested for felonious assault and domestic violence.

Suspicious activity *Beta Drive*

Officers responded to the Holiday Inn around 11 p.m. Feb. 28 for a report of six unwanted guests in a room and the odor of marijuana coming from it. The staff believed the person who had rented the room was sneaking others into the hotel from a side door. Officers escorted a Willowick man, 23, and a 19-year-old Euclid woman from the hotel, as they were not guests and were suspected of using drugs.

Police Blotter

City tunes up for summer concert series

Jeff Piorkowski *Special to Sun News*

Summer concert time is right around the corner in Mayfield. And in the opinion of the man who books the shows, Parks and Recreation Director Shane McAviney, "The schedule this year is, by far, the best that we have had in the village."

As in recent years, the schedule includes free concerts at The Grove amphitheater, 425 N. Commons Blvd., and at the village gazebo at Wilson Mills and S.O.M. Center roads.

It is McAviney's sixth year of scheduling concerts, and the seventh, overall, for entertainment at The Grove.

The Grove's schedule includes Friday night tribute shows, while Saturday nights will feature a variety of musical styles. When asked about highlights of the Friday night series, McAviney immediately mentioned a concert featuring two bands taking place at 6 p.m. July 10.

The bands are Flesh & Blood, known as the most authentic Poison tribute band around, and internationally renowned Queen tribute band Simply Queen.

"Flesh & Blood is from Northeast Ohio, but they don't normally play in Ohio," McAviney said. "They know the members of Simply Queen, who are from (Ontario) Canada, and they talked and we got them both in one night. It's going to be a long night, but it's going to be great." Simply Queen will take the stage at 8 p.m.

Other Friday night highlights, according to McAviney, are a return appearance by Ten Band and its tribute to Pearl Jam on Aug. 7 and the first-time appearance at The Grove Aug. 14 of Freedom2Faith, a Wham! and George Michael tribute.

On Sept. 4, the final show of the season will feature Sozzle, made up of local high schoolers, who will present Pink Floyd's "The Wall" album in its entirety, featuring the vocals of Mark Gaspar, owner of Pizzazz Pizza, 839 S.O.M. Center Road in Mayfield. McAviney said the band and Gaspar — not a regular band member — are teaming specifically for this show.

The JiMiller Band, a tribute to the music of the Grateful Dead, will begin the season with a June 19 performance.

The Saturday series begins June 20 with a special "Women's Rock for Wellness" show, beginning at 3 p.m. and featuring five women-led local bands. The event will continue until 9 p.m. Throughout the day, information on women's health will be made available.

Other Saturday highlights include July 18's Asbury All Stars show, including the talents of Westside Steve Simmons and members of his 1970s and '80s band Easy Street and others, playing the music of Southside Johnny & the Asbury Jukes, and a July 25 concert by Pittsburgh country act THW (The Hillbilly Way).

"They've (THW) recorded in Nashville and they're the real deal in terms of country music," McAviney said.

The Saturday schedule also includes, on June 27, the village's annual Fourth of July celebration. The concert that night will be by the Diamond Project performing the songs of Neil Diamond.

"We'll have activities for the kids and face painting and balloons," McAviney said. "We asked that, this year, all the face paints and

balloons be in just three colors — red, white and blue. So, when you're listening to the music and you look up into the crowd, you'll see a lot of red, white and blue.

"Our fireworks (following the concert) will be better than ever. We've doubled our budget for fireworks from two years ago."

Back this year for an Aug. 15 show will be The McCartney Project, playing songs from the Beatles, Wings and more.

In all, there will be 11 Friday shows and as many Saturday shows. Unless otherwise stated, all shows will take place from 7 to 10 p.m.

Meanwhile, the Wednesday afternoon Lunch Series at The Gazebo, from noon to 2 p.m., will feature a solid lineup that includes The Chardon Polka Band on June 3, the Frank & Dean "One Short of the Rat Pack" show June 24, Red Light Roxy playing big-band and swing music July 29, the Pop Tarts performing songs of the '50s and '60s Aug. 26 and Walt Sanders' "Memories of Elvis" show Sept. 2.

The Thursday Night After-Work Series at The Gazebo includes China Grove playing the music of The Doobie Brothers July 9, Evil Ways and the music of Santana July 23, Ruby Shooz playing '50s and '60s music Aug. 6, the jazz fusion of Forecast Aug. 20 and long-time favorite Pieces of Eight, featuring The Lakeside Brass, on Aug. 27.

The Thursday shows take place from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

For a look at the complete schedules for The Grove and gazebo, as well as other special village events taking place from May through August, go to tinyurl.com/w9k2kqh.



The Grove amphitheater in Mayfield Village will present 11 Friday night concerts, and 11 more on Saturday nights this summer. The village also has Wednesday afternoon and Thursday after-work concerts scheduled for the gazebo at Wilson Mills and S.O.M. Center roads. *Jeff Piorkowski, Special to Sun News*

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Work to begin soon on playground that will be for all ages, abilities

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In about two weeks, demolition will begin on the 22-year-old playground at the village's Parkview recreation complex off North Commons Boulevard. Shortly after, installation of a new play area will get under way.

"There'll be something for everyone," Parks and Recreation Director Shane McAvineu said about the new playground. "It's for people of all abilities and from ages 1 to 100."

McAvineu said the new playground will be "unique," and added, "There are some nice playgrounds in the area, but I haven't seen anything like this."

The playground, at about 10,000 square feet, will include five distinct play areas, each with a different colored rubberized floor. Featured for youngsters will be a number of toys to slide, climb, spin, sit and jump upon. For adults and young people, there will be stationary, non-resistant exercise equipment; a concrete all-weather ping pong table; and more.

"The only resistance in the exercise area is your own weight," McAvineu said.

"This playground is going to be much bigger than the current one," he said of the facility designed by Midstates Recreation. "It will be located in the same place as the current playground, in the Parkview recreation area, near (Parkview) Pool."

The playground's cost is \$868,236. To help lower its cost, the village sought and received a grant from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources' Land and Water Con-

servation Fund in the amount of \$227,978. It also received a separate ODNR grant for \$150,000.

"If you accept ODNR money, you need to first get public input," McAvineu said. "Our Parks Board held meetings with the public. Instead of asking people what items they'd like to see at the playground, we talked about concepts. This is the concept people wanted."

"I had planned to do this (have a new playground built) in two or three years, but I like to apply for grants early," he said. "Assistant Recreation Director Danielle Echt gathered what people wanted and wrote out the grant applications, and — what do you know — we were granted the money on our first try."

McAvineu said the playground will include a toddler area, featuring "sand diggers" for 2- to 5-year-olds, and an area including traditional swings.

"My favorite is a swing with cubes next to it that you have to climb to get to the top of the swing," he said.

It is expected that installation of the new equipment will begin around April 13.

"It will be right next to other amenities in the recreation area, so you can use the playground, play bocce or tennis, or go swimming in the pool," McAvineu said.

"We hope to have it all finished by late May. We'll have a ribbon-cutting ceremony. We want to have it on a Saturday because we want to have kids there when we cut the ribbon."



Mayfield Village Parks and Recreation Director Shane McAvineu said that the fencing that surrounds the current playground will be replaced and new fencing added when the new playground is installed. The new fencing will not encompass the entire playground. Also, lighting has been discussed for the playground and will likely be added when the new playground is installed, or shortly after. Jeff Piorkowski, Special to Sun News