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Three New Firefighter/Paramedics Added to Village Fire Department Ranks



Three new full-time Firefighter/Paramedics were hired by Mayfield Village in June. They were given the oath of office by Mayor Brenda Bodnar on June 5, 2020 at the First Responders Memorial. Pictured here, left to right, are Chief Eugene Carcioppolo, Firefighter Jeff Federico, Firefighter Bill Bulman, Firefighter Steve Drop, and Mayor Bodnar. See page 14 for more details and photos.

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2020 Community Recycling Dates

August 8 - 15 Nov 7 - 14

Drop off old Computers, Scrap Tires and Household Hazardous Waste at the Service Dept., 610 SOM Center Road Mon-Fri 7am to 3 pm / Sat 9 am to 1 pm

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Keeping Hope Alive During COVID-19 Memo from the Mayor / Brenda T. Bodnar

Hope is a lot like love. It requires a deliberate and continual choice. It has its highs and lows, and sometimes disappoints. And, like love's antithesis—hate, hope's antithesis—despair, is not worthy of our embrace.

And yet, in times like this, it seems that hope is in shorter supply than PPE. Where is hope, then? It is not with the virus, which rears up again just as we are fatigued and in need of respite. It is not, unfortunately, with state and federal elected officials, who, enmired in a politicized debate, have, by and large, punted. It is not with the media, whose income is derived from getting attention, often by stirring the pot. No, the storm rages on, and the captains of the ship have seemingly lost control of the wheel, leaving us unanchored in a raging storm.

During this pandemic, hope, like love, must be found within. I would like to tell you that a vaccine will be available soon, or that county, state, national and worldwide leaders are working together to solve our pandemic problems – healthwise and economically. But none of that has happened so far.

I can tell you that, in Mayfield Village, we are way better off than most communities. At June 30, 2020, our reserves top 31 million dollars, a sum unheard of even in communities far larger than ours. Our 2020 revenues are ahead of what they were at this time in 2019. We will indeed lose some revenue this year, and probably next year too. I've asked Finance Director Ron Wynne to spell that out in an article in this VOV, because everyone is concerned, and because we want to be as transparent as possible. You need the facts. Because of our reserves, the inevitable short-term hits will not have a major impact on our budget. Let me tell you, a great deal of the credit for keeping us in such a strong financial condition goes to Ron Wynne. Ron is straightforward, honest, forward-thinking and beyond capable. We've all heard that Fred Rogers quote, "look for the helpers." Ron is a helper, a leader, a reasoned planner and a respected voice that serves to protect and preserve our bottom line every day.

However, two issues could have a big impact on our income. First, the Ohio legislature has enacted legislation providing that, for as long as the Governor's emergency order is in effect, and for 30 days thereafter, those who would normally work in a municipality but are working from home due to COVID-19 will still pay municipal taxes to the municipality in which they would normally work. This legislation is being challenged by individuals who do not want to pay their work city municipal taxes. Obviously, our economy is largely funded by payroll taxes, and losing these taxes would have a material adverse effect on our budget. Many municipalities, especially our biggest cities (Cleveland, Columbus and Cincinnati) could be devastated by a change in taxation. We will all be working together to fight to keep payroll taxes with the municipality that is normally the employee's work city.

Second, there is fear that, having sent people home to work during COVID-19, employers will opt to keep their employees home after the pandemic as a cost-



Mayor Brenda T. Bodnar

Memo from the Mayor, continued.

saving measure. The fact of the matter is that our employers will make decisions that are in their best business interests. However, we cannot assume that there will be a wholesale loss of jobs. Many countervailing factors will come into play. Manufacturing facilities will manufacture within the physical plant. Companies who had work-at-home employees before COVID-19 obviously saw merit in keeping some employees working together in office space. (In other words, they realized that some jobs were conducive to working at home, with a cost savings to the company, while others were better in congregate settings.) If businesses consider a shift to more permanent work-at-home employees, they will likely consider keeping employees in municipalities where they already own the buildings, and divesting themselves of costly rentals. There are so many factors which will go into future business decisions, and many of them are in our favor. Keep in mind, too, that it is our priority to work with our businesses to assist them and facilitate their success. During this pandemic, our Economic Development Manager John Marguart has made a special effort to make sure that our businesses have the help and resources that they need.

That is not to say we are being flippant about COVID-19. The opposite is true. We are evaluating potential areas of budget cuts if they need to take place. Rest assured, however, that the services we provide to this community will remain a top priority. We have, in fact. increased our numbers of firefighter/ paramedics and dispatchers. Later this year, we will ask Council to approve our senior snow plow program. We have also found ways to reduce your property tax burden. In 2018, the Street Lighting Assessment was eliminated resulting in annual savings to property owners of approximately \$82,000. In 2019, we let the 2.3 Mill 5-year Renewal Levy expire resulting in annual savings to property owners of approximately \$131,000. And finally, we are currently evaluating and discussing a reduction in the Sewer Maintenance Fee from \$4 per foot to \$2 per foot. A 50% reduction of \$2 per foot would result in annual savings to property owners of approximately \$300,000, collectively.

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What is on the chopping block for now? Civic Center renovations, for one. We began (last year) by looking at ways to renovate the building to make it ADA compliant. As Council reviewed various renovation plans, some members asked that we go back to the drawing board and consider a total demolition and rebuild of the Civic Center – a project with an \$8-10 million price tag. In the end, a brand-new Civic Center would not allow us to serve this community better or with greater efficiency. And the cost would seriously impact our reserves – reserves which we could conceivably need down the line to provide the services you depend on. ADA renovations will be considered again at some point, but it will not involve a demolition-and-rebuild option.

We are also looking at cutting costs by whittling down our wish list and deferring big-ticket projects that can be pushed back without negative consequences. For example, when I informed our Service Director, Doug Metzung, that there would not be a brand new bucket truck (cherry-picker) in our near future, Doug went out and researched used trucks, finding a good quality truck for about a third of the price tag of a new one. (Good old American ingenuity at work – thanks, Doug!) Another big ticket item, the resurfacing of Beta Drive, will not happen next year, but our assessment is that current road conditions are not bad enough to warrant the expenditure under current circumstances.

While I would like to be able to tell you that the worst is over, I'm afraid we'll be dealing with COVID-19 for a while yet. We must dig deep. We have to make the difficult choice to soldier on, and to approach today and every day with hope, not fear. Instead of holding our breath until it's all over, we have to learn to breathe, through masks, in our new normal. Today, I ask you to choose hope, however difficult today may be, and I know that is has been very difficult for many of us. Know that we are well-situated to ride out this pandemic. And know that, as your Mayor, I am committed to working with our dedicated Administration and Council on your behalf.

presso T. Bodnar

Potential Revenue Impact of COVID-19 Director of Finance / Ronald C. Wynne

Many of us are currently experiencing very challenging times financially as a result of steps taken to combat COVID-19. State, County and Local governments are no exception. Almost overnight, many of the revenue sources governments rely on to fund daily operations were negatively impacted. Mayfield Village is in a very good financial position compared to many municipalities with General Fund reserves exceeding \$31 million as of June 30, 2020. We are, however, not immune to these revenue impacts. Our conservative budgeting approach will definitely help lessen the impact of these revenue changes on our operations.

Below is a brief synopsis of the potential negative revenue impact to the Village created by the COVID-19 pandemic:

Property Taxes. 2019 collections were \$750,000. The 2020 budget is conservative at \$707,000. Collections as of June 30, 2020 are \$389,000. The County is projecting a potential decrease of 10% due to delayed payments. A 10% decrease of our budget would equate to \$71,000.

Municipal Income Taxes. 2019 collections of \$20,719,000 represented approximately 84% of our total General Fund revenues of \$24,758,000. The 2020 income tax budget is conservative at \$17,350,000. Collections as of June 30, 2020 are \$12,324,000 which are ahead of budget and exceed 2019's collection for the same time period by \$275,000.

Our primary concern relating to municipal income taxes continues to be how Village employers will be conducting business once the period of emergency declared in the State of Ohio has ceased. Currently, for individuals working remotely, employers are continuing to withhold and remit municipal income taxes based upon where the employer is located, not where their employee resides. The State legislature passed early legislation after the Stay At Home Order, was issued, providing that after the state of emergency ceases (plus an additional 30 days), employers will need to withhold and remit municipal income taxes based upon where the employee is working. The number of individuals continuing to work remotely



Ronald C. Wynne Director of Finance

could have a significant impact on the Village's future municipal income tax revenue, however, this is still very speculative and it does not appear that the state of emergency will be released by the Governor any time soon.

Admissions and Hotel Taxes. 2019 collections were \$229,000. The 2020 budget is \$240,000. Collections as of June 30, 2020 are \$84,000. We can anticipate a budget reduction (\$156,000 maximum) in admission and hotel taxes this year.

Charges for Services. 2019 collections were \$1,211,000. The 2020 budget is \$1,137,000. Collections as of June 30, 2020 are \$434,000. Budgeted classifications include EMS (\$275,000), Recreation and Senior Programs (\$400,000), Building Permits and Inspections (\$57,000), Rentals (\$225,000) and Police Fines (\$180,000). I anticipate very minimal impact from COVID on EMS and Building Permits and Inspections. Also, it is important to note that any reduction in Recreation and Senior Programs revenues would include a similar reduction in expenditures. The two areas of significant impact and their projected budget shortfalls are Community Room Rentals (\$47,000) and Court Fines (\$110,000), neither of which are significant.

Investment Earnings. 2019 collections were \$729,000. The 2020 budget, in anticipation of some reductions in the Federal Funds Rate, is conservative at \$360,000. Collections as of June 30, 2020 are \$128,000. With the current Federal Funds Rate at 0.25, I would expect monthly investment earnings for the balance of the year to average between \$10,000 and \$15,000 resulting in a budget shortfall between \$142,000 and \$172,000.

The COVID-19 situation and its impact on the Village's revenues is constantly changing. We are monitoring this situation daily and reacting accordingly. You can view the Village's monthly financial reports by visiting www.mayfieldvillage.com.

Stephen Schutt / Council President

Hello Summer! I hope you have been enjoying the warm weather! It is great seeing an increase in residents walking their dogs, riding bikes, and running / jogging throughout the Village!

I hope you and yours are healthy and safe during the COVID-19 pandemic! As we continue to navigate through this pandemic, please remember to practice social distancing and wear your masks to help prevent the spread of the virus.

The Village continues to move forward while supporting our Police Department and ensuring that all people are treated fairly while promoting diversity and inclusion. Please reach out if you have any questions or concerns. Enjoy the summer months and stay well!

4,500 Poll Workers Needed in Cuyahoga County!

Poll Workers are always needed to staff in-person polling places and this November 3 is no exception. Visit the Board of Elections website to apply to be a poll worker.

https://boe.cuyahogacounty.us/en-US/becomeapollworker.aspx

Patsy Mills / Council Ward 2

This certainly has not been the summer we looked forward to. Villagers have not had the opportunity to enjoy the Grove, Fireworks, family and friends. It is our responsibility to wash hands, wear masks in public, and keep a physical distance from others. These are simple things and most people are complying and, if that's what it takes to get past this, hopefully we will do as told. Council Meetings will continue to be held remotely and streamed online until Governor DeWine decides that meetings can be held safely in person.

Donna Heath is retiring from Mayfield Village in August. Donna has been with the Village for 40 years. It seems like yesterday she was hired as Mayor Beebe's Secretary. She now is the Senior Programming Coordinator. Donna has planned many of the Bus Trips, Annual Senior Parties, Tuesday and Thursday Card Days and many other affairs for the Seniors with great success. During this pandemic, she has regularly called Senior residents to make sure that everyone was well and not in need. Donna will be missed. I wish her the best in the future.

Work on the extended sidewalk on Wilson to Echo Drive has started. Residents will be able to walk from SOM Center Road East to Echo Drive.

Hopefully you can find some enjoyment during this summer lockdown Please be safe and stay well.



Stephen Schutt Council President



Patsy Mills Council, Ward 2





A Safe & Fun Season at Parkview Pool

Shane McAvinew / Director of Parks & Rec

Every summer, I have opened a community pool for most of my recreation career. and every season has come with its challenges. Year after year, I have faced different obstacles, from broken heaters to securing needed staff, to name a few, Still, I can honestly say that after over 25 years, this season has proven to be the most challenging. The process this year began in late March, with multiple Zoom meetings with the Parkview Aquatics Staff to discuss if and how we could operate the pool in 2020. These meetings focused on creating a plan that would allow Parkview Pool to open safely for Mayfield Village residents. Our primary objective was to develop an operational strategy that would create an environment where patrons were not only safe, but felt safe! Through the comment of one patron, who was not sure if she was ready to enjoy the pool with her grandkids, but later was very happy she decided to give the facility a chance, I believe that our primary objective was accomplished!

I do not think any of this would have been possible without an excellent Aquatics Staff, supportive Administration, and the ongoing support of Mayfield Village residents. If you have not had the chance to check out the pool, there are a few more weeks of summer, and we would love to have you visit! Rate information, pass procedures, etc. are available at www.mayfieldvillage.com/recreation/ parkview-pool.



Shane McAvinew Director of Parks & Recreation



Lifeguard staff at Parkview Pool, safely distanced and masked. Above, pool staff exploring new skills during in-service training.

Your Court and the Coronavirus

Judge Dominic J. Coletta / Lyndhurst Muni Court

On behalf of the Lyndhurst Municipal Court, I want to share with you how the Court has been operating during the current COVID-19 pandemic.

The Court remains open and is expanding remote access. The Court has remained open while complying with the directives of Governor Mike DeWine, Dr. Amy Acton, and the Ohio Supreme Court. Since March 16, 2020, the Court has limited its operations to protect the public and its employees while maintaining essential court functions. The Court been operating safely by:

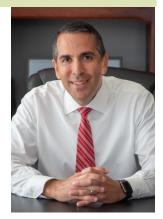
- Requiring all employees and individuals entering the courthouse to wear a face covering and following best practices, including staying at home if feeling ill, washing hands, sanitizing, and physical distancing;
- Conducting as many hearings by video conferencing or telephone as practical;
- Limiting access to in-person hearings to attorneys, defendants, and victims;
- Conducting all criminal and civil pretrials by telephone;
- Conducting all probation appointments by telephone;
- Continuing all trials and eviction hearings until further order of the Court; and
- Accepting online payments for waiverable tickets, fines, court costs, and restitution.

The Court will continue these protocols for the foreseeable future to continue to operate as safely as possible. The Court will also leverage available technology to expand the number of hearings it can conduct remotely. To that end, the Court is excited to announce that it was recently awarded a grant of more than \$60,000 from the Ohio Supreme Court to significantly enhance its video conferencing capabilities and its ability to conduct hearings remotely.

The grant funds will be utilized to install three video conferencing devices at the Court-one in each courtroom and one in the prosecutor's office. The grant funds will also allow for the purchase and installation of a video conferencing device at each of the jail facilities operated by: Lyndhurst, Highland Heights, Mayfield Heights, and Cuyahoga County. The Court will now have improved capabilities to conduct hearings with inmates at those jails and anticipates conducting other hearings-arraignments, change of plea hearings, and sentencingsremotely as well.

Prosecutors will also be able to conduct pretrials remotely. This will significantly reduce the number of individuals that come into the courthouse on a daily basis. The Court anticipates the video conferencing devices to be installed in the Court and jails by mid-July.

The Court looks forward to emerging from this pandemic operating more safely and efficiently than ever. With the advent of remote pretrials and hearings, the Court expects individuals under the Court's jurisdiction to make fewer court appearances in order to resolve their cases. By reducing foot traffic, the Court will not only run more efficiently but will also minimize safety and security risks. Fewer



Judge Dominic J. Coletta Lyndhurst Municipal Court

Judge Coletta / Lyndhurst Muni, cont.

in-person court appearances will also minimize the need for individuals to miss work to appear in court.

Court Awarded Its Third Grant Since 2018. In June, the Court learned that it was awarded a grant of approximately \$25,000 through the Ohio Department of Public Safety. These funds will be used to enhance the Court's electronic citation interface to be able to accept electronic citations (e-citations) from each of the police departments within the jurisdiction. Benefits of utilizing e-citations include:

(1) reducing the amount of time it takes an officer to issue a citation;

(2) improving officer safety by reducing the amount of time an officer is parked on the side of a busy road or highway issuing a citation;

(3) reducing errors and illegible citations; and

(4) saving officers time by eliminating the need to drive paper citations to the courthouse.

This is the third grant awarded to the Court recently. In 2018, the Court was awarded a grant of \$100,000 from the Ohio Supreme Court to replace its Case Management System. This year, the Court was awarded one grant of more than \$60,000 to enhance its video conferencing equipment and another grant of approximately \$25,000 to accept ecitations. Since 2018, the Court has been awarded three grants totaling more than \$185,000 that are being utilized to significantly improve the technology of the Court.

Redesigned website set to launch. The Court has been working diligently on redesigning its website. The Court expects its new website to go live in the beginning of August. The redesigned website will be much more user and mobile-friendly. Please be sure to visit the redesigned website at www.lyndhurstmunicipalcourt.org.

SERVICE DEPARTMENT UPDATES

RECYCLING INFORMATION

The Cuyahoga County Solid Waste District offers an amazing array of information regarding recycling on its website at <u>cuyahogarecycles.org</u>, including the District's "Wishcycler" video series. The goal of this series is to highlight some of the top items that are (unfortunately) placed in recycling by well-intentioned people, while providing humor from the "experts" at a fictional wishcycling center. Most importantly, it provides great information to learn how to recycle right.

Recently, the Ohio Environmental Council sat down with Diane Bickett, the Executive Director of Cuyahoga Recycles for a "Cleveland Kitchen Table Talk on Recycling." Look for that on their Facebook page (under videos). It is a wonderful resource to remind everyone about what are the acceptable items that one can recycle.

The Cuyahoga County Solid Waste District also offers many publications through their website. One, in particular, is called "Pass It On" offering avenues to recycle and/or reuse many household items.

FOOD WASTE RECYCLING.

Due to COVID-19, the Village administration has been unable to meet with Rust Belt Riders to discuss bringing food waste recycling to Mayfield Village. Please look for information in future VOV's for information on that program.

DEPARTMENTAL ACCOLADES

The Service Dept. regularly receives compliments from residents for great service. Most recently:

- A new resident called for a trash toter and was amazed to find it delivered within 20 minutes!
- A resident called about long grass at a Villageowned vacant lot in the Bonnieview/Beech Hill area. It was mowed within 24 hours!
- An old and abandoned pathway on the west side of SOM Court coming off the Greenway Trail was recently removed by the Department. Residents were very grateful for the restoration work as well as the new COVID signage placed on the Greenway.

Parkview Playground Nears Completion Danielle Echt / Asst. Director of Parks & Recreation

Despite this being the summer of COVID -19, when I drive through the Village, I see people walking or riding their bikes along the path, people running on the Bruce G. Rinker Greenway Trail, couples playing tennis and families heading to Parkview Pool. Shane, Sean and I are at the Parkview recreational area on a regular basis and are happy to see residents safely taking advantage of the great summer weather and all of the wonderful outdoor opportunities that Mayfield Village has to offer.

I am happy to report that Parkview Playground is nearing completion. It has been fascinating and I have truly enjoyed being part of this project, from the early planning stages to what are now the final construction phases.

As spring has progressed into summer, I have had many conversations with families who have seen the playground being built and are excited about this unique facility. Kids are especially enthralled by the brightly colored, new equipment. As we approach the home stretch of having the rubber surface poured and the landscape manicured, look for our brand new inclusive Parkview Playground to be completed in early August.

When we embarked on this project, we had no idea of the toll that COVID-19 would take on all our programs and facilities this year. The Department of Health has provided guidelines for the opening of playgrounds. As soon as Parkview Playground is complete, depending upon the current Governor's orders, we will implement all guidelines and open the playground to the public.

Unfortunately, we will not be able to host a grand opening, but pictured here are some highlights of the new playground. We invite you to visit and enjoy some much-needed play time!



Danielle Echt Assistant Director of Parks & Recreation



Someone has to test the equipment, right? The Cone Spinner is ready!



The possibilities are endless with this one. Sit, stand, balance, climb, lay, spin. Enjoy the Unity SpinR.



Sit or stand for a ride on the AeroGlider or go for a climb on the Mod Pods.



Climb in, out, and around the Playcubes; also shown is one of the playground's many slides and a modern version of monkey bars.



The play area for little ones is shown above and to the left. Nearby is a Cozy Cocoon that offers an enclosed spinning structure with texture in-

side. The new bay of swings shown to the right has 8 swings. Notice the Swing-Along-Swing made for two! The new Parkview Playground also offers an adult workout zone, musical equipment, and game tables. We could not include photos of everything here; so please plan to visit when it is safe to do so!

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Charter Review Commission Update and November Ballot Issues Anthony J. Coyne / Law Director

The Charter of Mayfield Village has been in effect since January of 1975. It contains 12 articles which address a variety of topics, such as the Village's form of government, who is eligible to run for Council, the duties of the Mayor, which administrative departments are required, etc. It also contains an article requiring that every five years a Charter Review Commission be appointed to review the Charter, in light of existing circumstances and conditions, and recommend amendments to be presented to the voters at the next general election. This is an arduous process and the volunteer Commission members are to be commended for their work.

The 2020 Charter Review Commission was appointed by the Mayor and Council in January. It was chaired by resident Paul Fikaris and its members included residents Mark Granakis, Larry Harrison, Alexandra Jeanblanc, Dona Kless, Lorry Nadeau, Diane Stricker and Jim Thomas. After several meetings and a thorough review of the Charter, the Commission recommended four amendments to appear on the November 3 ballot for voter approval. Once the Charter Review Commission determined what amendments to recommend, the Law Department converted the recommendations into ordinance form, making sure they do not conflict with any state and federal laws.

The ordinances were then approved by Council on July 20, after going through three reads at three different Council meetings. The ordinances have been submitted to the Board of Elections where each will be assigned an issue number and language will be finalized for the ballot. After the final language has been determined, residents will be mailed a complete copy of the proposed amendments. I wanted to take this opportunity to review the current proposed language and provide some background about each proposed amendment.



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Anthony J. Coyne Law Director

SHALL ARTICLE III, SECTION 6 BE AMENDED SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT INCREASES IN COMPENSATION FOR THE MAYOR AND VILLAGE COUNCIL BE PROPOSED BY VILLAGE COUNCIL AND APPROVED BY THE VOTERS? (ORD 2020-13)

Historically, the job of determining appropriate compensation for all elected officials falls to Council. In 2015, the Charter Review Commission recommended that the compensation of the Mayor and Council be increased and the amounts inserted into the Charter. This recommendation was placed on the ballot and was approved by voters. This year, the Mayor and Council sought to amend their compensation following the same method. After substantial discussion and review, the 2020 Charter Review Commission determined that an increase was likely in order, but that it was more appropriate for Council to make that determination, and recommended that the specific compensation amounts be removed from the Charter. If approved by the voters, the specific compensation language will be removed from the Charter and, simultaneously, an ordinance to set the Mayor's and Council's compensation will be placed on the ballot to replace it. Details on that ordinance are provided later in this article.

SHALL ARTICLE V, SECTION 6(E) BE AMENDED TO ALLOW COMPETI-TION FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE POSITION OF POLICE CHIEF, FIRE CHIEF AND ASSISTANT FIRE CHIEF TO INCLUDE INDIVIDUALS OUT-SIDE THE DEPARTMENTS IN THE EVENT THERE ARE NOT TWO QUAL-IFIED AND INTERESTED INDIVIDUALS FROM SUPERVISORY LOWER RANKS? (ORD 2020-14)

The Charter already provides that when a vacancy occurs in the position of Chief of Police and Chief of Fire, the position is to be filled

by promotion from among persons holding positions in the rank below. If two qualified and willing candidates are not found within the department to compete in the Civil Service Examination, the Civil Service Commission may permit competition from gualified individuals outside the department. This amendment was requested by the current Police and Fire Chiefs to clarify that the intent of this Section is to allow competition from all supervisory ranks prior to seeking individuals outside the departments. With the recent addition of an Assistant Chief of Fire, it was also recommended that this position specifically be included in the Charter language.

SHALL ARTICLE V, SECTION 12, BE AMENDED TO SUBSTITUTE THE TERM "BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS" FOR "BOARD OF APPEALS", "BOARD" AND "BZA" IN THIS SECTION AND THROUGH-OUT THE CHARTER WHERE APPLICABLE? (ORD 2020-15)

The Charter Review Commission noted that the Board of Zoning Appeals is referred to inconsistently throughout the Charter. In order to clarify that the same body is being referred to, the Commission recommended that it be referred to as "Board of Zoning Appeals" throughout the Charter.

SHALL ARTICLE IV, SECTION 4 AND ARTI-CLE V, SECTION 5 BE AMENDED SO AS TO PROVIDE GENDER NEUTRAL LAN-GUAGE? (ORD 2020-16)

In 2015, voters approved an amendment to provide for gender neutral language throughout the Charter. Unfortunately, some changes were missed. This proposal is merely cleaning up two Sections in the Charter that are currently not gender neutral. SHALL THE COMPENSATION OF THE MAYOR, COUNCIL PRESIDENT AND COUNCIL MEMBERS BE FIXED AS FOLLOWS: FOR THE MAYOR, \$50,000 PER ANNUM AND HEALTH INSURANCE BENEFITS; FOR THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT, \$12,100 PER ANNUM; AND FOR MEM-BERS OF COUNCIL, \$11,000 PER ANNUM, COMMENCING JANUARY 1, 2021? (ORD 2020-12)

In response to the Charter Review Commission's recommendation that Council resume its responsibility for determining the appropriate compensation for elected officials, subject to voter approval, Ordinance 2020-12 was introduced. This Ordinance will also be sent to the Board of Elections and placed on the November 3 general election ballot.

In Ordinance 2020-12, the Mayor, Council President and Members of Council request that voters support increases commensurate with their duties. In order to provide context, the Mayor, with the assistance of the Law Department, provided to Council comparable salary and benefit information from a variety of cities and villages in Northeast Ohio. A survey of Northeast Ohio Mayors' salaries, published by <u>Cleveland.com</u> in 2015, found the median and average mayoral salary at that time. For total compensation, including the cost of state pension contributions, health and life insurance premiums, vacation pay outs and/or bonuses, the average was about \$92,000, with a median of about \$103,000. The Ballot measure, if approved, would increase the Mayor's salary to \$50,000 annually plus health insurance benefits.

The comparable information provided also indicated that, generally, municipalities provide health insurance benefits to their Mayors but not their Council members. Therefore, Council is not seeking benefits, but a nominal increase of \$1,000 to \$11,000 annually (note that the Council President, by Charter, is paid 10% more than Council members, bringing the Council President's salary to \$12,100).

When comparing Mayfield Village to other communities, it is important to consider that Mayfield Village is a community with a daytime population that is four (4) times the resident population and has an annual general fund revenue of \$24.3 million, which is larger than most of Cuyahoga County's 56 cities.

Information regarding all ballot issues, including the comparable compensation analysis referenced above, can be found at <u>www.mayfieldvillage.com/news/2020/07/21/ballot-issues</u>. Final ballot language will be mailed prior to the November 3 election. Send questions to <u>contactus@mayfieldvillage.com</u> or you can call my office directly at 216-523-1500.

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New Firefighters Bring Added Support to the Department & Community Eugene Carcioppolo / Fire Chief

On the afternoon of June 5, 2020, Mayor Bodnar administered the oath of office to three new full-time firefighter/paramedics, who joined our Department later that month. Due to concerns of COVID-19, the ceremony was performed outdoors at the First Responders Memorial, next to the Fire Station.

I am grateful to Mayor Bodnar and Council for their support of these additional full-time hires. The hiring represents the first increase in daily staffing levels that the Mayfield Village Fire Department has experienced since the late 1990s. The increase will bring our daily response staffing level from four to five, allowing us greater responsiveness to community emergencies. Over the last few years, it has become more and more difficult to fill shifts with part-time firefighters who have full time positions elsewhere. During the pandemic, many communities are encouraging their full-time firefighters to refrain from taking on extra shifts with other municipalities.

Our daily staffing is supplemented Monday through Friday by myself as Fire Chief, Assistant Fire Chief Mike Libens, and Executive Assistant Jennifer Schultz. With the addition of three new full-time hires, our full-time roster total will be up to 18 employees and our part time roster will be at 9. (Part time staff will still be used to supplement full time staff in order to maintain a level of five crew members per day). This addition to our ranks allows us to continue to



Firefighter Steve Drop signing his oath of office on June 5, 2020.

provide our residents and businesses with the high level of assistance and service they rely upon. Now a little about our new firefighters:

• **Firefighter Steve Drop** has worked part time for the Mayfield Village Fire Department since October of 2018. He is a graduate of Mayfield High School and currently lives in Mayfield Heights, Ohio.

• **Firefighter Bill Bulman** has worked part time for Mayfield Village Fire Department since December of 2016. FF Bulman is also a graduate of Mayfield High School and currently lives in Mayfield Heights, Ohio.

• **Firefighter Jeff Federico** is new to Mayfield Village. FF Federico is a graduate of Willoughby South High School, a veteran of the United States Navy, and has an associate's degree in Fire Science from Lakeland Community College. He is coming to Mayfield Village from the Euclid Fire Department, where he served on the South East Chagrin Hazmat Team. FF Federico currently lives in Chesterland, Ohio.

All three Firefighters are a welcome addition to the Department and we wish them a safe and rewarding career in Mayfield Village.



Eugene Carcioppolo Fire Chief





Top two: Mayor Bodnar giving the oath of office to Jeff Federico and Bill Bulman in front of the First Responders Memorial on June 5, 2020.

Bottom: On-duty members of the Fire Department were in attendance to support their new colleagues (properly masked, of course). Pictured here (left to right) are: Chief Carcioppolo, FF Jeff Federico, Lt. Mike Palumbo, FF Bill Bulman, FF Steve Drop, FF Kyle Schreiber, FF Jacob Glumm, Assistant Chief Libens, and Lt. Jason Brothers. I know that until someone needs the assistance of a first responder, it can difficult to understand what we do and why optimal staffing levels and training are so important. Here are a couple of recent examples of calls that I think illustrate this point:

On June 14, we received a call to assist an 82-year-old male with stroke-like symptoms. The responding crew of four firefighters began assessing the patient. During their assessment, the patient experienced a cardiac arrest. Their immediate actions including identifying the deterioration of the patient and implementing Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS) procedures, which achieved the return of spontaneous circulation, or (ROSC), prior to arrival at the hospital. This week, we were advised that the patient had been discharged to his home after spending time in the Cardiac Coronary Unit. The patient is a neurologically intact cardiac arrest survivor, and back at home in the Village.

On the evening of July 9, our crew (two in an ambulance one in a chase car) responded to a call for an uncontrolled nose bleed. Ten minutes later, while the crew was still on the first call, a second call came in for a 56-year-old unresponsive female, not breathing. An off-duty Lieutenant was in the station working out when the call came in. Knowing that the other crew members were out on the first call, he responded to assist on this second call, so that our initial response to the home included a full complement of two crew members in an ambulance and one in a chase car.

Based on the dispatch information received, the severity of the second call was clear to all members on duty, so the chase vehicle responding to the first call left the scene to respond to the more urgent call to assist our members. Upon the arrival of our crew to the second call, an officer from the Mayfield Village Police Department was already on scene and had administered two doses of intranasal Narcan. Our crew initiated Advanced Life Support (ALS) measures and gave intravenous medications, ultimately transporting the now-breathing and alert patient to the hospital.

The same Dispatcher on duty that evening received both calls. When the second call came in, the Dispatcher was providing EMD (Emergency Medical Dispatch) instructions and the oncoming Dispatcher took over dispatching for police.

Both of these incidents show the level of expertise of all of our first responders and the unity achieved by both departments working together. Police Chief Matias and I are very proud of the men and women in our departments and we thank everyone for their continued support.

Economic Development in Mayfield Village

John Marquart / Economic Development Manager

MAYFIELD VILLAGE BUSINESSES STEP UP DURING CRISIS

Merriam-Webster defines "charity" as benevolent goodwill toward, or love of, humanity; a gift for public benevolent purposes. They must have been looking to Mayfield Village when defining that word. Even as the COVID-19 pandemic threatened businesses' profitability, or the ability to keep their own doors open at all, several Village businesses stepped up with donations toward the public good. We are proud of, and grateful for, the goodwill and generosity shown by our own:

- Aladdin's -- provided lunches for Mayfield Village Fire and Police Departments
- Geraci's Pizza -- provided lunch and dinner for frontline workers at Hillcrest Hospital
- Heinen's donated personal protective equipment (PPE) to Hillcrest Hospital and food to the Greater Cleveland Foodbank and various local churches
- Pizzazz -- provided free delivery to frontline workers
- **Prestan Products** donated PPE to the Mayfield Village Fire Department
- Quality Electrodynamics (QED) -- donated PPE to the Mayfield Village Fire Department
- Vladmir Pastouk, DMD -- donated an ozonegenerating sanitizer to the Mayfield Village Fire Department

Tough times don't last. Tough people, and tough communities, do. In times of crisis, it's all too easy to fold under pressure, but Mayfield Village has instead shown that we would rather stand tall hand-in-hand (from a safe distance of 6 feet, of course) to help one another. If you're aware of other local businesses making a difference during the pandemic that we've missed, please contact John Marquart at (440) 461-7894 or Diane Wolgamuth at (440) 471-1048 to be recognized in the next issue.



RESIDENT'S BUSINESS NAMED BEST IN CLEVELAND AREA

Village Trends Boutique in Chesterland –owned by Village

resident, Elizabeth Mulhall Tarkowsky– was just named best women's boutique in the region by *Cleveland City Voter*. Congratulations, Elizabeth!

Visit <u>https://www.villagetrendsboutique.com</u> or check out the shop on Facebook.

PAYCHECK PROTECTION PROGRAM A LIFELINE DURING CRISIS

When the COVID-19 crisis ramped up this spring, Mayfield Village did its best to plug our local businesses into emergency resources to help keep them afloat and preserve jobs. While the country is not out of the woods yet, our efforts seem to have been a success, as thirty Village companies were awarded tens of millions in Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) funds via the Small Business Administration, helping to preserve at least 1,400 jobs.

Totals for another SBA program, the Economic Injury Disaster Loan, are not yet compiled, but we do know of a handful of Village recipients there as well. Additionally, another four Village businesses were granted funds through Cuyahoga County's Business Stabilization Fund.

Village businesses, large and small, have shown extraordinary resilience and toughness throughout the crisis; and we applaud their sense of determination and grit. Let's remember to continue to support one another by shopping local as much as possible. With everyone's support, we will persevere.

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VILLAGE RESIDENT SARA CALO NAMED "LEGENDARY" REALTOR

Driven by her true love of service and helping others grow, Village resident, Sara Calo, has been named by her industry peers as a "Cleveland Legend." There simply isn't enough space in the *Voice of the Village* to list all of the sales awards she has earned throughout her 30-year career, but it is Sara's dedication to others above self that truly sets her apart.

From the beginning, Sara has focused on process improvement, leadership, service and mentorship. Since she began as a marketing assistant to her newest role as manager of Howard Hanna's Mentor office, Sara has enjoyed seeing others achieve their goals above her own. As Sara explained, "I'm sure I was given this honor because I'm more of a mentor than a saleswoman." This philosophy has helped to lead her daughters, Maria Bucco and Nina Gambatese, to follow in her footsteps as realtors as well. In fact, you can find Nina right here in the Mayfield Village office of Howard Hanna.

Sara continues to serve generously in her church, trade associations, Notre Dame College, local charities, and the Mayfield Village Citizens Advisory Committee for the last 6 years. Join us in congratulating Sara on this richlydeserved distinction. Well done!

MORE ACCOLADES FOR HEINEN'S

Fresh off its 90th anniversary, Heinen's has been named to *Food & Wine* magazine's twenty best regional supermarket chains of all time, stating "Only the luckiest Americans get to live down the street from one of these stores." Of course, those of us here in the Village already knew that, but you can see for yourself at: <u>https:// www.foodandwine.com/lifestyle/best-regionalsupermarket-chains</u>

Photo: University Heights Heinen's Entry, 1959.

Do you know a local business or businessperson worthy of note? Let us know by contacting John Marquart, Economic Development Manager, at (440) 461-7894 or jmarquart@mayfieldvillage.com



Sara Calo at her Howard Hanna Office in Mentor.



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Tree Removal Ordinance Revised to Protect Canopy

John Marrelli, Building Commissioner



Back in 1985, Mayfield Village enacted a tree removal ordinance to provide direction to property owners, builders and developers with criteria for destruction and removal of live trees on their property. At that time, in any one year, for any reason, up to 10 live trees, with a trunk diameter of 9 inches or

more could be removed or cut down without permission from the Municipality.

Recently, the Village reviewed and revised the 1985 law to clarify issues with new developments and to address saving our existing tree canopy for the future. As you can imagine, removal of 10 live trees from a residential property creates a noticeable void in the area canopy and neighborhood.

Our revised, amended, 2020 regulation limits tree removal of live trees now to three (3) trees having a

diameter of 8 inches at breast height in any one calendar year without requiring a tree removal permit from the Building Department.

To be clear, dead, dangerous trees can be removed whenever necessary and no permission is required. Tree removal contractors still must register with the Building Department but no permit is required.

In the event a landowner finds it necessary to remove more than 3 live trees, an approval process was enacted which requires the Village Arborist, Village Engineer and Building Commissioner to review a site plan, application and reason for the request.

The new, revised ordinance is now in effect and can be accessed on our website. Circumstances vary on every property so not every detail of the ordinance is written in this article.

If there are questions, please call the Building Department at 440-461-2213 or e-mail me at <u>imarrel-li@mayfieldvillage.com</u>.



The Mayfield Village Garden Club is pleased to announce that it has received several awards from the Garden Club of Ohio.

1sr Place: Blue Star Memorial Award. Acquiring, planning and Installing the GCO Blue Star Memorial Marker at the Mayfield Village Civic Center.

1st **Place:** Butterfly Award. Most Comprehensive and Effective Project on Butterflies. Mayfield Village Wetlands Trail Garden.

1st Place: Most Outstanding Yearbook for Club Membership. Annual Yearbook.

2nd Place: Club Membership Brochure. Membership kit handed out to prospective new members.

2nd Place: Club Flyer. Mayfield Village Garden Club Craft Market Flyer.

3rd Place: Garden Club Youth Award. Center School Arbor Day Program.

The Garden Club Members were busy last year and hope to be so again in the very near future. Officers have been elected and Board Members are in place. Members are looking forward to continuing their endeavors in The Village as soon as possible. We continue to make plans and stay in contact with the members by email or phone. Our main concern is that everyone stay safe and well, continue to wash hands and wear masks, and just follow the rules.

For further information please contact: Betty Jo 440-442-7322 or Patsy 440-449-4922

Mayfield Township Historical Society Joan Gottschling, President

Due to the COVID virus, our September Ice Cream Social and November Gift Card Raffle have been canceled. We would request that you patronize and support our sponsors of the gift card raffle and do carry-out or business with them. Their businesses have been hit hard and we would like to show support for them now as they have for us in the past. Please mention the Mayfield Township Historical Society when you pick up and THANK THEM for their sponsorship. They are : Smoking' Q's, Manhattan Deli Bar



The Bennett-Van Curen Historical House

and Grill, Pizzazz Pizza, Austin's Steak House, Alfredo's at the Inn, Piccolo's, Yours Truly, Heinen's and Fish Furniture.

Our Oct 14 presentations on Francis P. Bolton, "The Leading Lady of Lyndhurst" and on Nov 11 on the Cuyahoga River "The Burning River" are scheduled to be held in the Community Room. We are waiting for information from the Village if we can safely hold them there with appropriate social distancing. As of now, the Community Room is



Our newest member and volunteer, Doug Ruth standing next to our latest acquisition: the cement street post from Miner and Highland Roads. Doug is from Highland Heights and will be assisting in the research library. closed to all meetings and rentals. If we are able to go ahead with these presentations, they begin at 7 pm and we will have NO refreshments. Stay tuned for updates.

Volunteers are working at the Historical House Mondays from 10-12:30 and doing extensive outdoor garden work, quilting, and curating our collections. We have less than 10 in attendance at a time and each volunteer is in their own area, being safe. The house is open for tours during those hours, with only 1 or 2 visitors at a time. We can always use more volunteers.

The Historical Society is Seeking Information and Photos To Document Changes to Our Community

We would like to interview you to share your memories of growing up in Mayfield Village. We would like to sit down with you for 30-40 minutes to record these memories. Please call us at 440-461-0055 to set up a time.

We are also looking for any photos from the 1800s to the present that show old buildings, business, your old home, street and local event scenes, and those with identifiable people in them etc. Please call us and let us know when you can bring them up. We can scan them into our computer at the Historical House.

For additional information, call 440-461-0055 or visit our website at <u>mayfieldtownshiphistoricsociety@yahoo.com</u>. Tours of the Museum will soon again be available by appointment.

Pandemics Can Be Stressful (reprinted from cdc.gov/coronavirus)

The coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic may be stressful for people. Fear and anxiety about a new disease and what could happen can be overwhelming and cause strong emotions in adults and children. Public health actions, such as social distancing, can make people feel isolated and lonely and can increase stress and anxiety. However, these actions are necessary to reduce the spread of COVID-19. **Coping with stress in a healthy way will make you, the people you care about, and your community stronger.**

Stress during an infectious disease outbreak can sometimes cause the following:

- Fear and worry about your own health and the health of your loved ones, your financial situation or job, or loss of support services you rely on.
- Changes in sleep or eating patterns.
- Difficulty sleeping or concentrating.
- Worsening of chronic health problems.
- Worsening of mental health conditions.
- Increased use of tobacco, and/or alcohol and other substances.

Take care of yourself and your community

Taking care of your friends and your family can be a stress reliever, but it should be balanced with care for yourself. Helping others cope with their stress, such as by providing social support, can also make your community stronger. During times of increased social distancing, people can still maintain social connections and care for their mental health. Phone calls or video chats can help you and your loved ones feel socially connected, less lonely, or isolated.

Healthy ways to cope with stress

Know what to do if you are sick and are concerned about COVID-19. Contact a health professional before you start any self-treatment for COVID-19.

- Know where and how to get treatment and other support services and resources, including counseling or therapy (in person or through telehealth services).
- Take care of your emotional health. Taking care of your emotional health will help you think clearly and react to the urgent needs to protect yourself and your family.
- Take breaks from watching, reading, or listening to news stories, including those on social media. Hearing about the pandemic repeatedly can be upsetting.
- Take care of your body.
- Take deep breaths, stretch, or meditate.
- Try to eat healthy, well-balanced meals, exercise regularly, and get plenty of sleep.
- Avoid excessive alcohol and drug use.
- Make time to unwind. Try to do some other activities you enjoy.
- Connect with others. Talk with people you trust about your concerns and how you are feeling.
- Connect with your community- or faith-based organizations. While social distancing measures are in place, consider connecting online, through social media, or by phone or mail.

Senior News and Programming Donna J. Heath / Senior Program Coordinator



Donna Heath was hired in July of 1980 by then-Mayor Robert Beebe. She worked as the Mayor's Assistant and Clerk of Council for over 25 years, finishing her 40year career with Mayfield Village as the Senior Program Coordinator. It has been my pleasure to serve you, the residents of Mayfield Village, during the past 40 years. I will be retiring at the end of August; my last day will be August 31, 2020. I have especially enjoyed getting to know many of you better during the last several months because of COVID-19.



Donna J. Heath Senior Program Coordinator

As of this writing, we do not know when activities and programs will resume because of COVID-19. In addition to the classes and regular activities such as Cards and MahJong, several Lunch n' Learn Programs and about a dozen trips were planned and cancelled for 2020, not to mention parties and the Senior Picnic. At this time, you should still keep the Holiday Party slated for December 11 on your calendar. While we are disappointed that we cannot get together for these activities, we know that it is for our safety.

Free Workshops from the comfort of your home: We were working with Fairhill Partners to hold workshops at the Community Room on Diabetes and Chronic Conditions. Because of COVID, these workshops are being held via telephone confer-

ence call with trained leaders and fellow participants. You may participate from home and a regular landline phone or cell phone is all you need. All workshops will consist of six 30-minute phone calls. Dates subject to change based on enrollment; space is limited. Call me at 440-919-2332 for additional details or to register for any of the following workshops.

The **Diabetes Workshop** will be held on Fridays, August 7-September 11. Choose one conference call time: 10 a.m. or 11 a.m. You'll receive a Self-Study Tool Kit (*Living Healthy Life with Chronic Conditions Book, Relaxation CD, Self-Test, and Tips sheets to guide your progress.*

The **Chronic Pain Workshop** will be held on Fridays, July 31-September 4. Choose one conference call time: 10 a.m. or 11 a.m. You will receive a *Living a Healthy Life with Chronic Pain* book, *Relaxation CD, Exercise CD,* Self-test, and tips sheet to guide your progress.

The Active Living with Chronic Conditions Workshop will be held on Mondays: October 12-November 16. Choose one conference call time: 10 a.m. or 11 a.m. You will receive a *Living Healthy with Chronic Conditions* book, *Relaxation* CD, *Exercise* CD, Self-Test, and Tips Sheets to guide your progress.

Snow Removal: You will soon be receiving a mailing about the 2020-21 snow removal program. The deadline is earlier than the usual deadline so please help us out and return your applications as soon as possible—especially if you are opting in. For questions until August 31, please contact me at 440-919-2332. If you have questions after that date, contact Parks & Recreation Director Shane McAvinew at 440-471-1041.

A Tale of Two Frogs in Mayfield Village by Mayor Brenda T. Bodnar

Not long ago, in early July, as I meandered along the Greenway Trail, enjoying the cool sweetness of an early midsummer morning, I came across two delightful frogs, frolicking along the path with nary a care in the world.

So joyful were they in their morning jaunt that they veered off the path, hopping and dancing serendipitously through adjoining backyards. Forgetting their surroundings, they soon found



themselves landed in a deep butter churn, filled with cream far over their heads. They jumped frantically trying to escape the churn, but they couldn't jump high enough to get out, and the thick cream impeded their progress.

The younger frog panicked, crying out to the older frog that they would soon perish. But the older frog encouraged his young friend not to give up, but to keep moving and jumping. Soon, the frogs' collective motion churned the cream into butter, on which they stood firmly and from which they could hop out of the churn. They landed on the ground just in time to see a beautiful Mayfield Village sunrise. So what is the moral of this folktale?

Even when circumstances are adverse, we've got to keep on going because when we do, our efforts will lead us out of trouble. (Oh sure, I could have pulled the frogs out myself, but that would have ruined the whole story.)

Mayfield Women's Club

The Mayfield Women's Club is pleased to announce that seven students from the Mayfield School District were given Scholarship Awards. The Club also has given their annual donations to Boy Scout Troop 289, Women's Safe, In Motion, Hope Chest, Hannah's House, NAMI, Koinonia and Kids of 216.

The Members are anxious to meet again to start working on their projects and fundraisers which were all cancelled. Members are staying informed by email and letter. Let's hope by September meetings will begin and their work can start.

At the first meeting, the Members will be collecting School Supplies for inner city students. The Club work will proceed on schedule with or without meetings.

Let's all stay safe and well so we will be able to return to our normal way of living.

For information, call Diane at 440-413-8312.

Calendar of Events

- ALL IN-PERSON MAYFIELD VILLAGE MEETINGS, EVENTS AND PROGRAMS ARE CAN-CELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.
- ALL PUBLIC BUILDINGS REMAIN CLOSED AND MEETINGS WILL BE HELD REMOTELY
 UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.
- A LINK TO VIEW ALL MEETINGS WILL BE POSTED ON THE WEBSITE PRIOR TO THE START OF THE MEETING. RESIDENTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO SEND IN QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS PRIOR TO THE MEETING.
- PLEASE CHECK THE WEBSITE FOR MORE INFORMATION, MEETING NOTICES, AGEN-DAS AND UPDATES AT <u>WWW.MAYFIELDVILLAGE.COM</u>.

UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETING DATES (all meetings held remotely @ 7:00 p.m)

Monday, August 3 (Caucus) / Monday, August 17 (Regular Meeting)

Monday, Sept 8 (Caucus) / Tuesday, Sept 21 (Regular Meeting)

Monday, Oct 5 (Caucus) / Monday, Oct 19 (Regular Meeting)



AmericanBloodRed CrossServices

The need for blood is constant and patients continue to need your help during the Coronavirus pandemic.

Donation sites continue to operate, including here at the Mayfield Village Civic Center. See <u>www.redcrossblood.org</u> for dates and other local locations.

Please note that to support social distancing, appointments are required. You can make an appointment online or call 1-800-REDCROSS (800-723-2767).

SHRED DAY!



Saturday, October 31 9 A.M. to Noon

CIVIC CENTER PARKING LOT

Shred Day remains scheduled for October 31 and will go forward pending further orders by Governor DeWine's Office.

Please check the Village website or call us at 440-461-2210 for updates as the date approaches.

Residents may bring up to 5 boxes of paper documents to be shred, free of charge.





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LEVEL 1 0-1 Indicators Triggered	LEVEL 2 2-3 Indicators Triggered	LEVEL 3 4-5 Indicators Triggered	LEVEL 4 6-7 Indicators Triggered
Public Emergency	Public Emergency	Public Emergency	Public Emergency
Active exposure and spread. Follow all current health orders.	Increased exposure and spread. Exercise high degree of caution. Follow all current health orders.	Very high exposure and spread. Limit activities as much as possible. Follow all current health orders.	Severe exposure and spread. Only leave home for supplies and services. Follow all current health orders.

Our county is currently at a **Red Level 3 or Purple Level 4** of the Ohio Public Health Advisory System.