



VOICE OF THE VILLAGE

Spring 2023

Wildcat Employees and Members Honored for Lifesaving Actions



On March 20, Mayor Bodnar honored five individuals for saving the life of Robert Benton who experienced a cardiac arrest in January while at the Wildcat Sport and Fitness Center. Mayor Bodnar presented the individuals with Proclamations and commended them for their quick actions in assessing the situation and delivering life-saving measures to Mr. Benton until emergency help arrived. Pictured here with members of the Mayfield Village Fire Department and Mr. Benton, are those who were recognized: Kristen Blanchard, Jennifer Dininny, Ross Bandiera and Don Difonzo. Nicholas Leonetti was unable to attend the presentation, but also received a Proclamation.

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2023 State of the Village

Memo from the Mayor / Brenda T. Bodnar

At the April 17th Council Meeting, Mayor Bodnar delivered the annual State of the Village address. It is reprinted here in its entirety.

"The car goes where the eye goes." Seven years ago, this is how I began my first State of the Village address. The quote is from the book, "The Art of Racing in the Rain," by Garth Stein, and its applicability is timeless.

Focusing on the next turn of the track will not yield the win. Rather, we must look farther down the road, and anticipate changes, in order to claim success.

In Mayfield Village, sound financial planning has netted us economic success, and it continues to give us a firm foundation as we navigate the road ahead. Where we go from here is dependent not only on our landscape, but also on sound leadership, experience and vision.

In the last 3-1/4 years, our business landscape has changed. While we are not *exactly* a wholly-owned company town, our economy did flourish from the millions of dollars in payroll taxes that we received every year from Progressive Insurance. While thousands of Progressive jobs remain in Mayfield Village, we receive no tax revenues from those jobs unless the employees are physically within our borders while they are at work. For the most part, they are not. In addition, Progressive does not appear to have any plans to mandate a return to work. To the extent that Campus I and II remain largely vacant, that is a detriment to the Village.

It is within this landscape that we must navigate toward a successful future, and we are doing just that. First, the fact that we have positioned ourselves to be strong

in the face of revenue loss is crucial to our future success. Knowing the amount we received annually from Progressive employee's income taxes, and being aware that we are a geographically small community, that our footprint is largely residential and Metroparks areas, and that Progressive owns a great deal of our business property, with the remainder being primarily on Beta Drive, we built a reserve far greater than other communities which may have a larger geographic area or a more diversified business base.

We began this year with nearly \$42 million in our general fund, allowing us to navigate from a position of strength, or as Garth Stein might say, with a full tank of gas. Let's get into some details:

FINANCIAL POSITION. The Village suffered pretty drastic revenue losses in 2022 primarily because most Progressive Insurance employees continued to work from home in the aftermath of the pandemic. Our income tax collections totaled approximately \$9 million, a decrease of \$10.3 million from 2021.

Typically, 75-80% of our revenue comes from income tax dollars paid by those *employed and physically working within the Village*. I was surprised to hear recently from residents that they did not understand that this is where the bulk of the Village's income comes from. Property taxes paid by Village property owners typically represent only 3% of Village annual revenues. Another 3% comes from things like rentals, traffic citations, departmental fees,



Mayor Brenda T. Bodnar

Memo from the Mayor, continued.

etc., with the lion's share of revenue derived from income taxes of people coming to the Village to work.

The Ohio legislature permitted employees who worked from home during the pandemic to seek income tax refunds for all of 2021, and the Village paid out approximately \$1.9 million in refunds during 2022. At this stage of the game, there are pending cases seeking refunds for tax year 2020, and we do not know how the Supreme Court will rule. If refunds are permitted all the way back to March of 2020, when the pandemic began and all businesses were shut down, we can expect to see another hit to our coffers, and it is likely that 2020 refunds will be larger than 2021 refunds.

Our total general fund revenues for 2022, which include income tax collections, TIFs, interest, land rental income, refunds of tax collection costs, miscellaneous revenues and reimbursements, property taxes and charges for sales and services provided by our Building, Recreation, Fire and Police Departments, totaled approximately \$13.7 million, a decrease of almost \$9.7 million from 2021, primarily due to the decrease in income tax collections.

In 2022, our general fund expenditures, exclusive of year-end transfers, were \$15.5 million. This amount was down slightly from \$15.9 million in 2021.

Our general fund balance as of Dec 31, 2022 was \$41.9 million, an increase of about \$800,000 from Dec 31, 2021. This increase was due to the transfer of \$2.6 million back into the general fund that had been set aside for improvements to the Civic Center. As you may remember, major renovations to the Civic Center were being discussed when Covid hit and that project was permanently placed on hold. If not for that transfer, the general fund balance would have decreased by \$1.8 million.

We ended 2022 with total outstanding debt of \$2.4 million, down from \$16.3 million in 2010.

We currently have sufficient funds set aside in the debt retirement fund to pay off our remaining debt and will do so when it is economically beneficial and permissible. Given the current situation, Finance Director Ron Wynne has determined that it makes more sense to hold onto these funds rather than pay off the debt early.

I point out that, since 2016, when I first took office, the Village's general fund balance has grown from \$12.3 million to the current \$41.9 million at the start of this year. This did not just happen randomly and is the result of careful planning and even more careful spending. My administration has been conservative about spending these past seven years. Even though no one could have anticipated the pandemic and the loss of income tax revenue that resulted from it, we knew that we had many of our eggs in one basket and had already been working to diversify our business base and build reserves.

It is that pre-planning that is allowing us to maintain our level of services despite the current revenue downturn. Keeping in mind the needs of our citizens and the services they value, we have spent wisely, being careful not to squander our money. And when the pandemic hit, not knowing then that the work-at-home trend would be as contagious as COVID, we spent cautiously and judiciously, limiting capital projects, reducing budgets and maximizing grant opportunities.

2022/2023 CAPITAL PROJECTS. As I mentioned, when Covid hit, most projects were put on hold or slowed down substantially, but we are still managing to take advantage of grant money as it becomes available to get things done.

Civic Center ADA Improvements. Two separate grants from the State of Ohio, each for \$100,000, were used to make improvements to the Civic Center. The restrooms were made ADA compliant and the kitchen received a much-needed facelift.

During 2022 the Village successfully applied for a \$250,000 ARPA grant from Cuyahoga County to continue working on improvements to the Civic Center. The money from this grant will be focused on Civic Center ADA and energy efficiency improvements, including exterior door and window replacements, a new HVAC unit, interior door replacement, ramp construction for access to Reserve Hall, and website upgrades.

Improvements at The Grove. The County offered a second round of ARPA funding in February 2023 and we applied for \$250,000 to install permanent restrooms at The Grove. If successful, we will be able to move forward with this needed infrastructure project, potentially later this year.

Another, smaller upgrade to The Grove this year is the addition of a dedicated area for food trucks. It will be located on the north side of the band shell and the area will include lighting, picnic tables, and electrical power for the trucks, making the entire area safer and less congested.

Wiley Park. Plans have been developed to upgrade Wiley Park, but this project will only move forward if grant funding is secured. Several applications are being submitted to the State of Ohio and we will know later this year if they are successful.

Worton Park Culvert Replacement Project.

Phase 1 of the Culvert Replacement Project, which includes replacing culverts on Worton Park and N. Woodlane Drive, started last fall. Phase 1 was partially completed and work resumed last week after a winter hiatus. Channel improvements are being made between the new culverts and, with the help of the Sewer District, a property that experienced substantial flood damage over the years was purchased and the home razed. An expanded floodplain is being installed at this property to further improve drainage in the area. \$1.2 million was budgeted for this project and Great Lakes Crushing was the low bidder at just over \$873,000. Additional funds have been budgeted for Phase 2 of this comprehensive improvement, which includes the replacement of three additional culverts.

The Aintree Park Sanitary Relief Sewer was placed on hold last year, but funds for the project have been set aside and the project will go forward later this year. The budget for this project is \$455,000 and work consists of the construction of approximately 670 ft. of sanitary relief sewer to divert excess flow from the Aintree Park Drive sanitary sewer. This relief sewer is expected to help alleviate basement flooding in the Aintree Park neighborhood.

Aintree Park Sidewalk Replacement. Mayfield Village Ordinances provide that the maintenance of public sidewalks, driveway aprons and tree lawns is the responsibility of the abutting property owner. Many of the sidewalk blocks in the

Aintree Park neighborhood had become cracked or uneven, creating a potential safety hazard for pedestrians. Rather than wait for residents to repair their sidewalks, I proposed to Council that the Village pay to repair or replace all sidewalk blocks and driveway aprons that had been damaged by tree lawn tree roots or utility castings. Residents were given the opportunity to share in our per block cost for any blocks that were their responsibility. Council supported the project and more than 60% of affected residents participated. A&J Cement Contractors completed much of the work last November and finished the project this spring. Residents who did not participate and have blocks that remain out of code compliance will be assessed later this year.

Aintree North and Sandalwood Sidewalk Replacement. Many of the sidewalks in the Aintree North neighborhood and on Sandalwood Drive are also in need of repair, so we plan to follow the same program this year and will work with residents to get those neighborhood sidewalks in better shape.

2023 Road Program.

If the car goes where the eye goes, then surely road maintenance is crucial to navigation. Village Engineer, Tom Cappello, and Service Director, Scott Sipos, work together annually to survey and recommend streets in the Village that are in need of upgrading or maintenance. This year's road program includes resurfacing on Seneca, Highland, Metropark, Zorn and White Roads. The project is currently out for bids with work anticipated in late summer/early fall.

Also, the County has started resurfacing Wilson Mills from Lander Road to Alpha Drive. This road work is expected to be complete by August, or sooner.

Later this year, the Mayfield School District will be putting in a new driveway at Mayfield High School. The driveway will come out to Wilson Mills and will align with Miner Road to the North. Mayfield Village, as well as Highland Heights, have agreed to kick in \$100,000 each toward the removal and addition of traffic signals, as well as required re-signalization on Wilson Mills. The total cost for that portion of the project is estimated at \$360,000.

A couple of additional projects, not being funded by the Village, are finishing up right now:

Fisher Park. Dominion/East Ohio Gas is finally moving its measuring and regulating station from the east side of SOM Center Road, at Thornapple, to Village-owned property on the west side of SOM, behind Smokin'Q's restaurant. In 2019, the NE corner of Thornapple & SOM was designated as Fisher Park and plans were

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made to beautify the property, designate it with signage, and add landscaping and a couple of benches. Now that the station has been moved, the Service Department will begin to make these improvements this summer, as time permits.

Plugging of Abandoned Natural Gas Well.

The Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) determined that there was an abandoned gas well located on property owned by the Village at 6565 Highland Road. The well was to the west of the Greenway Trail, north of the Highland Road tunnel. ODNR is plugging this well as part of its Orphan Gas Well Program, funded by the State of Ohio, and will restore the area upon completion of the project.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS.

The Parks & Recreation Department is excited about the coming summer season. Although the budget for summer concerts continues to be decreased substantially, Director Shane McAviney continues to work his magic, booking bands to maximize the budget. All other Parks & Recreation program costs are essentially pass-throughs, so no additional budget cuts are anticipated at this time.

Long-time Parks & Recreation employee, Sean Supler, recently left the Village to take on new challenges as the Parks & Rec Director in Concord Township. We wish him well and welcome our new Program & Facilities Coordinator, Samantha Clark-Cartwright. Samantha will be working with youth sports as well as heading up our Senior Services Department and we look forward to seeing all the fresh programming ideas she will bring to our senior population.

Parkview Pool is expected to be up and running on June 3 this year. The season will again be extended on weekends through Labor Day.

Our Mother's Day Pancake Breakfast will be held at the Civic Center this year; July 4th Fireworks are going forward on July 1; and Cruise Night is back to its original June timing, this year on June

10 from 4 to 9 p.m. Residents should have received the Spring/Summer Recreation Guide filled with information on all these events, the summer concert series at The Grove and the Gazebo, and a variety of programs for all.

The Building Department. Work continues at the Montebello subdivision on Highland Road with 15 homes already occupied and seven new homes currently being built. I know we are all excited that this year's St. Jude Dream Home is located in Montebello and we look forward to the drawing this summer.

The estimated value for residential construction stayed pretty consistent last year—\$3.9 million in 2022, up slightly from \$3.8 million in 2021. Building permits issued in 2022 increased to 685, up from 603 in 2021. On the commercial side, the number of permits issued was down—172 in 2022 compared to 223 in 2021.

Finance. As I mention every time I have the opportunity, Finance Director Ron Wynne has done an amazing job guiding the Village throughout his career here, but particularly these past few years.

This year, Payroll/Accounts Receivable Clerk Laurie Hughes retired and was replaced by Alyssa Fikaris. Alyssa comes to us from the private sector and is doing a tremendous job in her new role. We welcome her to the Village!

As always, our first responders and dispatchers at **Police and Fire** remain on the job and ready to respond as needed. I know we all appreciate their dedication and professionalism.

In 2021, ODOT camera data confirmed that we had a problem with high speed driving on I-271. Based on this data, Police Chief Paul Matias proposed a **Speed Photo Enforcement Program** during rush hours on our stretch of I-271, and we implemented the program in 2022. Since then, the Chief has again used ODOT data to track the effectiveness of the program. An analysis of ODOT data for 2022 shows a 22% reduction in vehicles traveling at speeds above 85 miles per hour on I-271 northbound. This significant reduction shows that our program has been effective, and we hope that high speed driving on I-271 continues to be reduced.

Chief Matias and Chief Carcioppolo successfully applied for a grant through the Ohio Emergency Management Agency to develop a **Wellness Program for Police and Fire personnel**. Over \$173,000 was awarded by the State for the program, which will run through the end of 2024 and includes fitness assessments, individualized fitness programs, nutritional guidance, and educational seminars for our safety personnel.

Assistant Service Director, Lenny Tierney, has taken over the reins at the **Service Department** as the Acting Service Director. Service

Director Scott Sipos is expected to be out of the office for the next several months dealing with a medical issue. Our thoughts and prayers are with Scott and his family and we wish him a speedy recovery. Meanwhile, Lenny has decades of experience in public service and we are grateful to him for stepping into this leadership role until Scott returns. Similarly, Service Department employee Frank Stupczy is stepping into the role of Acting Assistant Service Director while Scott is out.

Economic Development. On the ballot in May of 2022 was the Beta Commercial District Overlay, and it was passed overwhelmingly by voters. Economic Development Manager John Marquart worked long and hard to develop this program to support our growing companies and attract new businesses to Mayfield Village. Property owners on Beta Drive now have greater flexibility to manage their properties by reducing setbacks and increasing building height.

Many of our businesses are thriving and expanding, adding potential new jobs and increased revenues to Mayfield Village. These include Crooked River Crossfit, Mayfield City Schools, and Yours Truly. In addition, eight new businesses have moved into the Village, again creating new jobs.

Although we have been hit hard by the pandemic, we have positioned ourselves with hefty reserves that have given us the strength, so far, to continue to retain jobs and provide a high level of services to our residents and businesses. In short, we do not need, nor would it be prudent, to be swept up in panic or make knee-jerk reactionary decisions.

From the onset of the pandemic, we have met with all Department Heads and considered significant cuts to all budgets. Although at the beginning we did not know what the impact of the pandemic would be, we knew we had to be prepared and ready for any eventuality. This is what we have done and continue to do.

While we are considering several ways to cut the

budget, most of our expenditures—75 to 80% of them—go toward salaries and benefits to Village employees - those individuals who provide the services we enjoy here, and it will be difficult to reduce costs without reducing staff. Currently, our goal is to retain all employees through this year. Rest assured that we monitor the situation carefully and continually evaluate our options in this continually changing landscape. I am working closely with Finance Director Wynne, Director of Administration Diane Wolgamuth, Law Director Diane Calta, and Department Heads on various options should the situation with Progressive not improve.

2023 will continue with some uncertainty. While we meet with Progressive regularly, we do not know whether their employees will return to the office in any substantial numbers, or if Progressive will develop other plans for its buildings located here. Yet we are optimistic about our future. Our reputation as a confident, successful and friendly village, our beautiful parks and trails, our Community Room, our access to the Metroparks and, last but not least, our close proximity to I-271, have made us an attractive community for families and businesses alike. We remain committed to our residents and to our businesses, and we will continue to work to increase revenues and decrease expenses.

Brenda T. Bodnar

Join Your Neighbors to
Celebrate the
Diversity of the Hillcrest
Region on June 21st—
International Yoga Day!



21 JUNE 2023 ~ 6 PM
Mayfield Village Gazebo
6621 Wilson Mills Road

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YOGA DAY**

For more information, sponsorship or volunteering opportunities, contact Sandeep Dixit @ 216-926-6696 or the Parks & Recreation Department @ 440-461-5163.

Ronald C. Wynne / Director of Finance



Ronald C. Wynne
Director of Finance

As the Mayor mentioned in her State of the Village, "the Village suffered pretty drastic revenue losses in 2022 primarily because most Progressive Insurance employees continued to work from home in the aftermath of the pandemic." Below please find certain financial highlights for 2022 compared to prior year and/or budget data:

Income Tax Collections. For 2022, income tax collections, net of refunds of approximately \$1,868,000, totaled \$9,017,128. This amount is \$10,351,255 **below** our 2021 collections of \$19,368,383 and \$12,034,747 **below** our 2020 collections of \$21,051,875.

Income tax collections are derived from three sources: employee withholdings remitted by employers; direct payments from individuals, and net profit tax from businesses. The following chart shows a three-year comparison of income tax collections by source:

Year	Total	Withholdings	Individuals	Net Profit
2022	\$9,017,128	\$6,721,903	\$514,481	\$1,780,744
2021	\$19,368,383	\$17,705,739	\$531,859	\$1,130,785
2020	\$21,051,875	\$19,812,941	\$589,064	\$649,870

General Fund. For 2022, General Fund revenues, inclusive of a one-time transfer from the Civic Center Fund of \$2,650,000, totaled \$16,892,055. This amount is \$6,640,313 **below** our 2021 revenues of \$23,532,368 and \$8,042,892 **below** our 2020 revenues of \$24,934,947.

At December 31, 2022, General Fund expenditures totaled \$16,050,281. This amount is \$19,626 **above** our 2021 expenditures of \$16,030,655 and \$89,350 **below** our 2020 expenditures of \$16,139,631.

Our General Fund balance for the year, inclusive of year-end transfers from the Civic Center Fund and the TIF Funds, **increased** by \$841,774 and is \$41,967,277 at December 31, 2022. This compares to \$41,125,503 at December 31, 2021 and \$33,623,790 at December 31, 2020. **If the transfers were excluded, the General Fund would have reflected an operational deficit of \$2,828,667 for 2022.**

Actual vs. Budget Comparison – All Funds. Total Village receipts at December 31, 2022 were \$15,731,142. This represents approximately 162% of our initial 2022 budget of \$9,727,277. Total Village expenditures at December 31, 2022 were \$18,507,928. This represents approximately 79% of our initial 2022 budget of \$23,308,800.

Debt. Total outstanding debt at December 31, 2022 was \$2,453,672.

A detailed summary of the Village's financial position is on the following page.

Mayfield Village Financial Position

The Village's financial position in 2022 decreased by \$2,776,786 or 5.1 percent as compared to 2021. The table below reflects the changes in the Village's financial position in 2022 and 2021 as well as our budget projections for 2023.

	2023 Budget	2022 Actual	2021 Actual	Change
Receipts:				
Property Taxes	\$666,000	\$745,639	\$565,285	\$180,354
Municipal Income Taxes	9,135,000	9,435,965	19,806,910	(10,370,945)
Hotel Taxes	170,000	226,249	151,630	74,619
Payments in Lieu of Taxes - TIF's	927,000	1,020,441	1,114,281	(93,840)
Charges for Services and Sales	2,204,100	2,624,728	1,220,547	1,404,181
Grants, Entitlements and Contributions	1,103,700	881,829	678,350	203,479
Franchise Taxes	60,000	66,743	66,198	545
Earnings (Loss) on Investments	770,100	128,933	(48,005)	176,938
Sale of Capital Assets	20,000	10,935	11,475	(540)
Miscellaneous	533,500	589,680	588,095	1,585
Total Receipts	15,589,400	15,731,142	24,154,765	(8,423,623)
Disbursements:				
General Government	3,441,350	2,726,506	2,937,395	(210,889)
Security of Persons and Property	9,733,269	9,005,877	8,462,633	543,244
Public Health Services	27,025	25,436	23,239	2,197
Leisure Time Activities	1,348,600	1,279,413	1,135,031	144,382
Basic Utility Services	302,000	253,692	255,488	(1,796)
Community Development	591,000	586,970	601,394	(14,424)
Transportation	3,038,900	2,489,242	2,598,007	(108,765)
Capital Outlay	6,584,000	1,620,303	975,480	644,823
Debt Service				
Principal Retirement	479,000	467,321	504,312	(36,991)
Interest and Fiscal Charges	45,000	53,169	62,750	(9,581)
Total Disbursements	25,590,144	18,507,928	17,555,729	952,199
Increase (Decrease) in Financial Position	(10,000,744)	(2,776,786)	6,599,036	(9,375,822)
Financial Position, Beginning of Year	51,823,677	54,600,463	48,001,427	6,599,036
Financial Position, End of Year	\$41,822,933	\$51,823,677	\$54,600,463	\$ (2,776,786)

28TH MAY 2023

MEMORIAL DAY

JOIN THE COMMUNITY IN REMEMBERING ALL WHO PERISHED WHILE SERVING IN THE COUNTRY'S ARMED FORCES. MAYFIELD VILLAGE AND THE DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS HELP LEAD THE CEREMONY OF HONORING OUR VETERANS OF ALL WARS. MUSIC, SPEECHES, COLOR GUARD AND ALL SERVICE FLAGS WILL BE HONORED.

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Mayfield Village works with the Cuyahoga County Solid Waste District to host Household Hazardous Waste Roundups each year. Items are collected at the Service Garage and taken to the Solid Waste District for disposal.

The Solid Waste District is attempting to gather basic information from residents about usage of the Household Hazardous Waste disposal options in their communities. A short survey is available at the link or QR code below.

Please take a moment to complete the survey. The information gathered will help the Solid Waste District understand how residents are using the program as well as determine ways to improve upon it in the future. The survey will be active through 2023 to provide ample time for responses to come in. Thank you for your assistance.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/5286BQT>



Hillcrest Meals on Wheels is a service designed to meet the nutritional needs of homebound senior residents by delivering meals directly to their homes. The service area includes the communities of Highland Heights, Richmond Heights, Mayfield Heights, South Euclid, Lyndhurst, and Mayfield Village.

Meals are delivered Monday through Friday between 11:00 and noon by volunteers. A hot meal with an option of a lunch box is provided at a nominal cost. Meals are prepared by the Greater Cleveland Food Bank, Catering Division.

If you would like to order meals for yourself, someone you know, or would like to volunteer to deliver, please call Judy Conkling, Program Coordinator at (440) 449-3551, or email mealsonwheels@lyndhurst-oh.com for more information.

Food for Thought... HILLCREST MEALS ON WHEELS IS MORE THAN A MEAL

KNOW THE LAW ABOUT STOPPING FOR SCHOOL BUSES:

STOPPING FOR A SCHOOL BUS – ORC 4511.75

A driver must stop for a school bus when the school bus is dropping off or picking up students. When a school bus driver is preparing to stop the bus, he or she activates four amber (yellow) warning lights, two on the front and two on the rear of the bus. The warning lights continue to flash until the bus is fully stopped. Other vehicles are not required to stop during the amber flashing lights, but should prepare to stop as soon as the bus comes to a full stop.

When the bus comes to a complete stop, the amber lights stop flashing and four red lights—two in front and two in back—start flashing while the children enter or leave the bus. In addition, the bus may be equipped with a stop arm with flashing red lights that automatically extends beneath the window on the left side of the bus. If there is no stop arm, you are still required to stop.



- If the bus is stopped on a street or road with fewer than four lanes, all traffic approaching the bus from either direction must stop at least 10 feet from the front or rear of the bus and remain stopped until the bus begins to move or the bus driver signals motorists to proceed.
- If the bus is stopped on a street or road with four or more lanes, only traffic proceeding in the same direction as the bus must stop at the rear of the bus and remain stopped until the bus begins to move.

School bus drivers believing a motorist has unlawfully passed the stopped bus, if possible, will report the license plate number and location to the law enforcement agency, who will attempt to determine the identity of the driver.

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- ACCESS TO WORKSHOPS, OTHER PERKS

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Shane McAviney, Director of Parks & Recreation

We are only a few months into 2023, and it has already been an exciting year! This year we partnered with the Mayfield Branch of the Cuyahoga County Public Library on a new event – **The Leprechaun Treasure Hunt!** Lucky created eight riddles that led to his hidden treasures for families to find and also invited everyone to join him at the library to celebrate St. Patrick's Day. It was wonderful to see so many families participate and post so many great pictures of the event.



This year's St. Patrick's Day Leprechaun Treasure Hunt was a huge success.

The weather could not stop the 2023 Annual **Mayfield Village Easter Party**. The event was moved into the Civic Center where over 125 kids enjoyed a variety of games, crafts, magicians, and jugglers, but no Easter Party would be complete without our famous bunny and egg hunt! Thank you to all the volunteers that made this event such a success.

Now on to a few updates...

For the Annual **Mother's Day Pancake Breakfast**, we will be moving to the Civic

Center to accommodate more people and walk-ins. Once again, we will be offering two options which will allow you to reserve your family's spot, or pick up and go. Over the years, we have had great community support for this event. Pizzazz will be serving pancakes, sausage, and hash browns along with some of your favorite beverages. The Garden Club will also host its Annual Plant Sale during the event, open to all, whether you are having breakfast or not!

Veterans Memorial Day Celebration. On May 28, join the community at 1:00 PM at Whitehaven Memorial Park in remembering all who perished while serving in the country's military. Mayfield Village and the Disabled American Veterans help lead the ceremony of honoring our veterans of all wars. Music, speeches, color guard, and service flags will be honored.

The **2023 Family Cruise Night** event will return to the traditional date of June 10. The event will have great entertainment, great local food, and some of the best classic cars throughout Ohio and farther. This year we are bringing in two great bands. The main stage in the plaza will feature the national touring group, The McCartney Project! The band will perform all your favorite Beatles, Wings, and everything McCartney tunes! If you are looking to hear your favorite music from the 80s, join the Suede Project at the Austin's Steakhouse stage. Dan and his crew will be serving up some of their famous food! The Family Fun Zone will also be returning to the Gazebo with a variety of kid's entertainment. This year's event will be bigger and better than ever. Mark your calendars!

Entertainment in Mayfield Village will kick off at the **Gazebo** on June 15 at 6:30 PM with the international touring artist Terry Lee Goffee performing his tribute to Johnny Cash.

One of my favorite parts of the series is the Wednesday Lunch Series at the Gazebo. This year's Wednesday series will have a true variety with acts covering everything from Frank Sinatra



Shane McAviney
Director of Parks & Recreation

to Jimmy Buffet and everything in between.

The 2023 Variety & Entertainment Schedule at The Grove will kick off the season on June 30 at 6:30 PM with the return of the Carlos Jones and The Plus Band! This year's schedule will feature new acts along with some returning favorites. The schedule this year offers something that everyone can enjoy. The Gazebo schedule is on Page 25.

July 4th Celebration. On July 1, join us at the Parkview Recreation Area to enjoy an evening of family entertainment, great music, and the best fireworks in Northeast, Ohio. The Jersey Beat Band will make a long-awaited return, singing everyone's favorite Frankie Valli and the Four-Seasons songs but also for the first time performing their patriotic melody salute to the 4th of July. We will have a variety of family-friendly entertainment including face painters, magicians, caricature artists and more. The celebration would not be complete without a grand fireworks display, planned for 10:00 PM!

The **Annual Village Celebration** for Mayfield Village residents and their guests will take place on August 5. At noon, the day will begin with a cookout and entertainment at Parkview Pool. The party will continue at The Grove at 5 PM with more entertainment, pizza, and live music. Hypnotist Mike Oddo will perform on The Grove stage starting at 6 PM. At 7 PM, the high-energy musical production Material Girls will recreate the ladies who top the pop charts with all #1 hit songs by Adele, Lady Gaga, Madonna, Blondie, Alison Wilson, Shania, and Cher! (See more details on Page 25).

Thank you to Mayor Bodnar, Council, and the Parks & Recreation Board for their support of this programming, and thanks to our many local sponsors. I look forward to seeing everyone at one or all of our many events!

TRUE VARIETY & ENTERTAINMENT

THE GROVE CONCERT SCHEDULE

FRIDAYS
6:30-9:30P
unless otherwise noted

JUNE 30
Carlos Jones and The P.L.U.S. Band
Rockin' the house with their unique brand of high energy "put yer dancin' shoes on" reggae

JULY 1 *4th of July Special Performance**
Jersey Beats
Frankie Valli and The Four Seasons Vegas Style Tribute. Take a step back into the past listening and singing along to the sounds of one of the best vocal groups of its time
**Saturday Show*

JULY 7
Faction
With over 200 songs in their rotation, Faction provides the versatility necessary to unite, satisfy, and involve everyone regardless of the demographics.

JULY 14
Out of Eden
Returning to Mayfield for an evening of Eagles, Joe Walsh and Don Henley solo hits. Ohio's best Eagles Tribute.

JULY 21
New Wave Nation Band
Creating the look and feel of an 80s arena style rock concert, while performing the greatest anthems of the generation of excess!

JULY 28
Jump
America's Van Halen Experience! Experience an embodiment of the David Lee Roth era of Van Halen.

AUG 4
Freedom Road
a Tribute Band playing the fantastic songs of John Cougar Mellencamp in True Concert

AUG 11
Hard Day's Night
Nationally touring tribute, faithfully recreating the Beatles' hits in a full-catalogue

AUG 18
Back and Forth
A Tribute to the mighty sound and energy of the Foo Fighters!!

***AUG 24**
Saturday Night Live
A Tribute to Saturday Night Fever and the Music of the Disco Era
**Thursday Show*

Recent Changes to Codified Ordinances

Diane A. Calta / Law Director



Diane A. Calta
Law Director

The Law Department has been working on updating the Village's Codified Ordinances regulating fences and accessory structures in residential districts and the general offense code requirements regulating animals. Each of these ordinances underwent a review at the administrative level and are on the agenda of Village Council for approval. The fence and accessory structure sections also underwent an additional review at the Planning and Zoning Commission level. The following is a summary of the updates:

FENCES. *Codified Ordinance Section 1157.08 (Ordinance 2023-02, Third Reading April 17, 2023).*

Section 1157.08 of the Village's Codified Ordinances regulates fences installed in residential zoning districts. It was initially adopted in 1974 and revised several times thereafter, with the latest revision made over 20 years ago, in 2001. Since 1974, the quality, availability of building materials and the types of fences has changed. As a result, in the last few years, the Village experienced a steady uptick in variance requests for relief from the strict application of Section 1157.08. These variances included requests to allow solid board fences in side and rear yards.



The updated section now includes definitions for the types of fences that are permitted within the Village's residential districts. For example,

solid board, spaced board, basket weave, louver, decorative and ornamental fences were added and defined as permitted fences. The installation and construction standards were updated to ensure that fences are installed in a safe manner that will not injure any surrounding property. Lastly, solid board fences are now permitted in both side and rear yards in residential districts within the Village.

ACCESSORY USES. *Codified Ordinance Section 1157.06 (Ordinance No. 2023-05, Third Reading May 15, 2023).*

Section 1157.06 of the Village's Codified Ordinances regulates Accessory Buildings and Structures (formerly titled Accessory Uses). Similar to the impetus for review of the Village's residential fence regulations, due in part to a steady stream of variances requested from this section of the Village's Code, a comprehensive review was undertaken.



The existing section was adopted in 1983 and had not been amended since that time. It regulated accessory structures in residential districts

based upon square footage and the purpose of the use. The purposes for accessory structures were limited to the storage of motor and recreational vehicles, tools, or other storage purposes.

Many of the recent requests received by the Village for accessory structures did not fit within these limited storage purposes. Instead, the updated section focuses on regulating the height, location, number and area of the structures. While doing that, it specifically prohibits any accessory structures from being used as dwellings.

In summary, accessory structures shall not exceed 15 feet in height; must be located in the rear yard and on the same lot as the building that it is accessory to; and, conform to the required setbacks. A zoning permit is required for structures less than 200 square feet and, if 200 square feet or more, a building permit is also required. No more than 2 structures are allowed that in total may not exceed 800 square feet or 10% of the rear lot area, whichever is less.

ANIMALS & FOWL. *Codified Ordinance Chapter 505 (Ordinance No. 2023-04-Third Reading May 15, 2023).*



Existing Codified Ordinance Chapter 505 was enacted in 1984 and amended a few times over the past 40 years. The most substantive amendment occurred in 2013 when Section 505.11 "Dangerous, Nuisance and Vicious Dogs" was added in order to be in line with certain amendments to the state criminal code regarding dog ownership and control.

Due to a slight increase in incidents with dogs in the Village, it became increasingly evident that existing Chapter 505 needed to be improved as it could be confusing to follow. The administration worked with the Village Prosecutor, Village Police Chief and Village Law Department to overhaul the chapter in order to make the regulations easier to understand and provide some additional protections to Village residents.

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Overall, the largest change is to the organization of the chapter in order to make it easier to read, understand and enforce. Now included is a full definitional section that defines all of the terms used in the chapter.

All regulations regarding the Animal Warden are now contained in Section 505.03 instead of being broken up into several sections.

- Language throughout the chapter has been revised to be consistent and include the previously defined terms.
- Certain other revisions were made, such as to provide that any notices under Section 505.05 will be provided on the Village's website instead of the Village's bulletin board.
- Several titles of sections were also revised for the ease of the reader.
- The most substantive changes were to the classification of dogs and the corresponding liability of dog owners. Now, in addition to criminal penalties, in the event a dog seriously injures another person or animal, the person or owner of such animal injured can seek treble damages against the owner of the offending dog.
- Penalties have been increased against owners of dogs who have violated the regulations contained in Chapter 505.
- Additionally, instances where a dog attacks another dog and causes injury are now included in classifying the offending dog as a Nuisance, Dangerous or Vicious Dog. Previously, only instances where a dog injures a human were considered.

The complete text of all these pending ordinances can be found at:

<https://www.mayfieldvillage.com/government/pending-legislation>

After Council approves the ordinances, they will then be published at:

<https://www.mayfieldvillage.com/government/ordinances-and-resolutions>

If you would like a copy of the ordinances to be mailed or emailed to you, you can simply send an email request to:

contactus@mayfieldvillage.com

Be Aware of Common Scams

Paul Matias / Chief of Police



Paul Matias
Chief of Police

A scam is any means someone uses to get you to part with your money. It is not always easy to spot a con or scam artist. But scammers know how to get around our better judgment. They play on our emotions or promise big payoffs to get us to act. Scammers pose as people, agencies, and companies you know and trust. The best way to protect yourself and your family is to be aware and cautious when anyone asks for your personal information. Here are a few common scams.

Fake Check Scams: Someone sends you a check or money order, which you are asked to deposit in your account and wire-transfer the sender a portion of the money, minus a nice bonus for you as a “thank you” for helping out. Regardless of the pitch, the result is the same: The check or money order you receive is counterfeit. It will be returned to your bank unpaid, and the full amount will be deducted from your account. Never wire-transfer money to a stranger.

Family-In-Need Scams: Someone contacts you saying a friend or family member is in trouble and needs money immediately. They may claim to be the Police saying your grandson or granddaughter is in jail. Before sending money, contact your friend or family member directly, using a different method of communication, and ask a question only your friend or family member would know how to answer. You can also call our Department to verify if the person is in jail.

Imposter Scams: Someone may contact you pretending to be from a government agency – like the IRS, a utility company, or

the local court. The person will demand immediate payment, likely for back taxes or an old court fee, and threaten arrest or utility disconnection if payment is not made immediately. The scammer may also request personal information, such as your social security number. Call our Department or the utility companies to see if it is legitimate, and you should never be asked to pay such bills with gift cards or through Western Union.

Check Washing: Check-washing scams involve changing the payee names, and often the dollar amounts on checks and fraudulently depositing them. Occasionally, these checks are stolen from mailboxes and washed in chemicals to remove the ink. Some scammers will even use copiers or scanners to print fake copies of a check. Be careful when mailing checks. Do not leave them in your mailbox or in outdoor collection boxes. Monitor your bank account regularly and look for signs of fraud.

Remember the big three rules for scams:

#1: Never give personal information over the phone or internet.

Only enter banking or other sensitive personal information on secure websites that you trust. The web address should start with https://, and the web browser should display a closed padlock, which means the connection to the server is encrypted. This will protect your information so no one else can see it or use it.

#2: Never pay for anything when someone asks you to pay with gift cards or wire transfers.

Gift cards and wire transfers such as Western Union are the most common methods scammers use to illicit payments from victims.

#3: Never send money to receive money.

Scammers will send a check for you to deposit, then ask you to withdraw some money to send to them. Scammers will also promise a big payout if you just pay a small fee first. In each case, the check is fake, or there is no big payout. The victim just ends up giving their money away.

When in doubt, call the Mayfield Village Police SCAM HOTLINE @ (440) 461-1236.

Residential Knox Box Program

Eugene Carcioppolo / Fire Chief

Hello everyone, I hope you had a safe and happy holiday and winter season. Spring is a great time to get outside and practice your home emergency escape plan while reviewing other important life safety skills, including but not limited to sleeping with your bedroom door closed, crawling low below smoke, having a common meeting place and what actions to take in the event of an emergency. If you need help with any of these important life safety skills, the Fire Department can assist you. Call our non-emergency line at 440-461-1208.

Residential Knox Box Program

I wanted to use this article to remind residents of our Residential Knox Box Program, which was established under retired Assistant Chief Michael Girbino. The program is an excellent method to provide the Fire Department with keyed access to your home in the event of an emergency.



The Knox box is a small steel box that we mount to your home. We then secure a duplicate key to your home in the box. In each of our vehicles, there is another secured access Knox box that has a special key to open all Knox boxes located in Mayfield Village. A unique code is issued to each member of the department that has to be entered correctly to release the Knox box key from our vehicle. Once the Knox box key is released from the vehicle the key is used to unlock the Knox box on your home or on commercial buildings. If we are called to your home in the event of an emergency, and you

are unable to get to the door to let us in, we can unlock your door and gain entry to your home to assist you.

Since the Knox boxes are expensive and we offer this program at no cost to residents, I wanted to remind all homeowners that currently utilize this program to please let us know when you no longer need your Knox box. We can remove it and reissue it to another resident who may need it.

If you have any questions, please contact us at 440-461-1208. I hope you have a great spring and summer.



Eugene Carcioppolo
Fire Chief

HAPPY INDEPENDENCE DAY!

FOURTH OF JULY CELEBRATION

The Grove JULY 1st 5:00 PM

INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION
KID FRIENDLY ACTIVITIES AT PARKVIEW POOL FROM 11:30 A.M. - 4:00 P.M. (TIMES SUBJECT TO CHANGE). A VARIETY OF ENTERTAINMENT AND CONCESSION PROVIDERS WILL ALSO BE ONSITE AT THE GROVE STARTING AT 5:00 P.M.. A MAGIC SHOW WILL TAKE THE STAGE AT 6:00 P.M. MUSIC AT THE GROVE WILL BEGIN AT 7:00 P.M. WITH JERSEY BEAT BAND. FIREWORKS AT 10:00 P.M. CARS CAN PARK IN THE POOL PARKING LOT, THE SOFTBALL PARKING LOT, OR THE LOTS AT PROGRESSIVE. RAIN DATE IS JULY 2 FOR FIREWORKS ONLY.

**Questions? Call Parks & Recreation
440.461.5163**

Economic Development News

John Marquart / Economic Development Manager

WE ROCK THE SPECTRUM NOW OPEN.



Photo provided by We Rock the Spectrum.

kids could play and socialize while meeting their sensory needs. When she realized that families were resorting to spending hours each night at their local mall indoor playgrounds for their children to release energy and receive needed input, she knew that she needed to make a change. We Rock the Spectrum quickly became a dream that the couple partnered to make happen.

Alexandra and Connor are extremely passionate about the neurodiverse community as well as the core principles on which We Rock the Spectrum was founded, including fostering inclusivity, supporting the sensory needs of those with atypical processing patterns, developing gross and fine motor skills, encouraging social skills, and most importantly: facilitating PLAY! The new facility at 700 Beta Drive, suite 300 includes everything under the sun to meet these principles such as suspended play equipment, crash mats & crash pillows, zipline, trampoline, climbing equipment, sensory-based toys, arts & crafts, private party room and a calming room when needed.

Alexandra and Connor are eager to spread the word to families of both neurodiverse and neurotypical children in Mayfield Village and all over the Greater Cleveland community. They hope for WRTS Cleveland to become an inclusive hub for families of Northeast Ohio and a place where adults can connect, children can play and develop relationships, and everyone can learn from each other's differences. For more, visit We Rock the Spectrum on Facebook and Instagram, click on www.werockthespectrumcleveland.com or call 216-417-4748

OMNI SYSTEMS ACQUIRES ITW LABELS. Omni Systems, one of America's premier thermal label printing companies, is set to complete its acquisition of ITW Labels, a company with a 110-year history and operations in St. Charles, MO, Gardner, KS and Bogart, GA. This combination enables the delivery of a broad array of label printing needs for commercial customers, including many of the world's best-known brands.

"Unifying our companies' strengths creates powerful synergies. Together, we have an opportunity to generate amazing momentum," says Adam DeFrancesco, CEO and founder of Omni Systems. "ITW Labels is a legendary provider in our industry, and we are proud to welcome them into the Omni Systems family." ITW Labels offers nationally-recognized, high-quality converting operations, producing custom and stock labels for the consumer packaged goods, durable and



John Marquart
Economic Development
Manager

We Rock the Spectrum owners, Alexandra & Connor, are elementary school sweethearts originally from Erie, PA, but now call Cleveland home. After earning her Master of Science in Occupational Therapy and Minor in Special Education from Duquesne University in Pittsburgh, the couple moved to Cleveland where Alex works both at a specialty school for autistic children and as an occupational therapist specializing in the pediatric population.

In her work, Alex saw firsthand the challenges that families faced in order to find a safe place where their



Photo by John Marquart.

retail markets. The company serves over 4,000 customers worldwide and helps present well-known brands such as Husqvarna, General Mills, PepsiCo and many others with vivid brand-true colors and durable printing that stands up to heavy use.

Omni Systems, founded in 1990, is headquartered at 701 Beta Drive. Prior to its acquisition of ITW Labels, Omni Systems was already the largest privately-owned label converter in the United States, serving as thermal media supplier to many of the world's largest brands, including Amazon, Tyson and leading Fortune 500 companies. They produce thermal labels, top-coated direct thermal labels, thermal transfer labels, barcodes, custom labels and other label products for a broad array of industries. The company delivers industry leadership in quality and service, and guarantees the lowest prices and longest fixed-pricing on all labels.

"We are in a prime position, being privately-held, debt-free and our own platform company," says DeFrancesco. "We are pursuing long-term legacy growth of \$300M+ in 5 to 7 years as a full product line provider of intellectual property and resources. We can deliver exceptional quality and price in labels for industrial, medical packaging, membrane switches, front panel overlays, merchandise, prime, security and countless other needs."

The expansion quadruples Omni Systems' geographical footprint and adds highly-skilled employee and advanced equipment with new printing capabilities. "This move expands our capacity dramatically," said DeFrancesco. "We can now reach new industries and markets, and achieve deeper penetration into existing markets."

"Keeping the two companies' plants in their locations and protecting the employees was key for us, because in this case, it makes the best business sense," says DeFrancesco. "Omni Systems and ITW Labels had practically no customer overlap. The types of printing media and applications are completely different. Customers from both sides benefit from a new, larger organization with more capacity and expertise than ever before."

"This move aligns our companies—ITW Labels and Omni Systems—for success for years to come," says Dean Ketchum, Business Unit Manager for ITW Labels. "This is a great day for both companies, and it is a credit to years of strong performance by both sides to reach this point." www.omnisystem.com



Rendering by Maison Architecture & Design.

YOURS TRULY KITCHEN & BAR COMING SOON.

If you've wondered what happened to your favorite breakfast spot at the corner of SOM & Wilson Mills, fear not. Long-time Village favorite Yours Truly will be back soon with a new concept, Yours Truly Kitchen & Bar. While the delicious menu will remain unchanged, everything else about the restaurant will be brand new.

The restaurant is undergoing a roughly 145-day renovation that began with a complete demolition of everything right down to the exterior walls. Yours Truly principal, Larry Shibley, explains, "The only things we kept from the old restaurant are the glass *mens* and *womens* signs from above the restroom doors." Indeed, the restaurant will feature all-new dining areas, kitchen, bar, and perhaps most exciting of all, a new open-air expansion. The 400 square-foot addition will form one side of the brand-new bar and provide additional seating with large win-



Photo of current construction by John Marquart.

dows that can open during warmer months and close for winter. Mr. Shibley noted that the Mayfield Village location will be the 5th location for the company's Kitchen & Bar concept, and will position the restaurant for success for many more years to come. The interior design can be described as "diner industrial," and features open ceilings with exposed joists and mechanical systems, stainless steel accents and polished concrete flooring. Even the kitchen will be wrapped in a quilted stainless steel finish, evoking that classic diner look.

Not only will the familiar menu return, but regular customers can also expect their favorite employees to return this summer. Most employees took temporary positions at other nearby locations during construction, but key staff's smiling faces will return this summer to exceed your expectations with great food and service at unbeatable prices. Keep your eyes on the corner of SOM & Wilson Mills this June for an all-new Yours Truly Kitchen & Bar! Visit www.ytr.com, or call 440-461-0000.

KIDTOWN'S PLAYHOUSES HAVE ARRIVED.

"At Kidtown, kiddos can be anything!" This is the motto inside Kidtown Eduplay Center's unique indoor playspace. Mayfield Village's first stand-alone child care center, Kidtown Eduplay Center opened last fall, specializing in discovery learning through educational, imaginative play they call Eduplay.

Kidtown kiddos experience Eduplay every day in the center's indoor playspace that is now a replica of a town. After a brief supply-chain and production delay, Kidtown's space is now highlighted by the most unique custom-crafted playhouses you'll find anywhere.

"We absolutely love this space! It is truly where our kiddos get to imagine, grow, and experience Eduplay," said Director of Talent and Brand Marketing, Aericia Meacham. "I recently asked one of our kiddos which playhouse was his favorite, and he replied 'all of them!'"

As soon as the lease on 771 Beta Drive, suite A was signed, Kidtown Eduplay Center began collaborating with a specialty builder who concentrates on building amazing custom playhouses. The one-of-a-kind playhouses include a cafe, veterinary clinic, replica Mayfield Village fire station and a fitness center complete with kid's treadmill and foam dumbbells.

In addition to expert daycare and early childhood education, Kidtown's indoor playspace is available for rent for special events such as birthday parties, and Kidtown is always looking for creative partnerships with organizations or individuals to keep the mini indoor town humming with activity. For more information, visit Kidtown Eduplay on Instagram or Facebook, or click on www.kidtowneduplaycenter.com Call 440-421-9053.



Photo of the Eduplay Café, part of a custom playhouse, provided by Kidtown Eduplay.

Introduction to New Recreation Employee

Samantha Clark-Cartwright

Program & Facilities Manager / Senior Program Coordinator



Samantha Clark-Cartwright
Program & Facilities Manager
Senior Program Coordinator

Hi Everyone,

I am Samantha Clark-Cartwright, your new Program and Facilities Manager and Senior Program Coordinator. I grew up in Stow, OH and my life was always in and around parks and recreation. My parents both work in the recreation field, so I was always at events and activities, either participating or being “volun-told” what to do. When I was little, I would go to summer camps, compete on the swim teams, and play in both recreation and travel softball leagues. These experiences led me to a recreation career where I graduated with honors from Kent State University, earning my Bachelor’s Degree in Recreation, Parks, and Tourism Management with a minor in Anthropology.

My previous work experience has helped me grow in the recreation field. I first began working for Cleveland Clinic Lifestyles Recreation Department. I programmed Summer Camps, Spring Break Camp, Youth Days, Parents’ Night Out, Birthday Parties, and more. When there wasn’t a camp or an activity going on, I would work in the daycare watching children while their parents were working out in the fitness center or going to a doctor’s appointment. After being a daycare attendant for five years, I know all the songs from any Disney movie!

While continuing my work at Lifestyles, I also interned with The City of Willoughby. I helped with the Easter Egg Drive-thru, created a Cornhole League, and assisted at the Senior Center. After graduation, I began working part time for The City of Macedonia Parks and Recreation. As I showed my abilities for programming, customer service, and scheduling staff, the director was impressed with my skills and created a full-time position where I was able to continue my normal tasks, become a supervisor, and take creative liberties when programming new activities. Some of my favorite programs I created includes; Baking Buddies, Kids’ Night Out, “Holiday Construction”, and Trendy Tie Dye.

I dedicate many of my achievements to my grandfather who picked me up every day after school. He helped me learn my spelling words until I knew them by heart and made sure my and my siblings’ homework was done before doing anything else. After completing our homework, he would always treat us to ice-cream and an episode of M.A.S.H. I would not be the professional I am today without his help.

Some fun facts about me: my favorite color is purple/yellow, my favorite movie is the Princess Bride, and I have a dog named Chewbacca (Chewy for short). I love singing, camping, fishing, going to baseball games, watching movies, going to special events around Northeast Ohio, and being with my family in my free time.

I am so excited to be joining the Mayfield Village Parks and Recreation Department. I look forward to many of the activities we have planned for the summer. Whether it’s coming to the Community Room for Cards and Mah Jong, playing bocce and pickleball at Parkview, or joining us at a Gazebo Concert, I look forward to meeting many of you at one of our events or activities this summer! If you would like to know more about me or our programs, please feel free to reach out. I look forward to serving the people of Mayfield Village.



WELCOME SPRING!

It's nice to see the daffodils in bloom. Garden Club Members are busy with their gardens and getting ready for the May 14th Mother's Day Plant Sale at the Annual Pancake Breakfast. On sale will be hanging baskets, perennials grown in members' gardens, and a new BAKE SALE with delicious pastries baked by our gourmet bakers. The Sale will be outside of the Civic Center, so you can visit easily, whether or not you are attending the breakfast.

Funds from this sale are for the Scholarships to graduating students from the Gates Mills Environmental Education Center.

Coming up on May 24 is the installation of Officers at the Pine Ridge Country Club. There are no meetings in June or July, but the Club Members will be on Field Trips to Century Village and a Cruise on the Cuyahoga River. The Club will resume meeting in August with an afternoon meeting.

It is Membership Time. If you are interested in the activities please contact Betty Jo at 440-442-7322.

Mayfield Women's Club GFWC/OFWC

Congratulations to Winners of the Mayfield Middle School Essay Contest!

The Mayfield Women's Club sponsored its first essay writing contest for Mayfield Middle School to promote analytical thinking in students and foster community outreach. Close to 30 students participated. The three winners were Alban Selgjeka, grade 6; Rayeann Sharma, grade 7; and Simran Sarkar, grade 8. They attended the monthly February meeting along with family members to receive their prizes. The Club hopes to continue the contest in the future.

The Scholarship Committee has been busy interviewing graduating Senior Students from the Mayfield High School. The Club held a fund raiser "High Tea for Higher Education" on April 17 to fund the scholarships that will be awarded. The scholarships will be awarded June 1st.



Pictured here with family are the three winners of the Essay Contest: from left, Simran Sarkar, Rayeann Sharma and Alban Selgjeka.

Upcoming Events:

- May 15 @ 7 pm at the Community Room / **Flowers Design by Barb Keptner and Patsy Mills**
- June 3 @ 12 Noon at the Civic Center / **Officers will be installed for the coming year**

If you are interested in our Clubs Activities please contact Sue Knauer @ 440-665-6498. Our Membership works on many projects that benefit the Community and surrounding areas.

The Mayfield Township Historical Society

We are excited once again to host 350 students from the Mayfield and St. Francis 3rd grade elementary schools, in person again this spring, when they tour the 13-room historic house. We have missed them due to Covid restrictions. If you haven't visited the Bennett-Van Curen Historic House at 606 SOM Center for a tour or joined our membership to support the history of the township, give us a call at 440-461-0055 for more information or to set up a tour or a membership application. We are also open Mondays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. if you prefer to stop in.



The Bennett-Van Curen Historical House

We are looking for families who would like to volunteer for an hour a month to do some weed pulling and picking up sticks in the yard.

Mayfield Village

Mother's Day Pancake Breakfast

Sunday, May 14, 2023



Registration begins March 21 for Mayfield Village Residents and opens to all April 11. Must register by May 4. If space available, walk-ins will be accommodated.

Dine in @ Civic Center (6622 Wilson Mills)

By May 5:	\$6/child (5-12 yrs)	\$10/adult (13-60 yrs)	\$8/senior
After May 5:	\$8/child (5-12 yrs)	\$12/adult (13-60 yrs)	\$10/senior

includes pancakes, sausage and hash browns with coffee/orange juice

Curbside Pickup @ Civic Center

\$32 regular order (serves 4-6 people)
\$20 small order (serves 2-4 people)

includes pancakes, sausage and hash browns

Register for your timeslot (must pay when registering)
Dine In: 8 am and on every hour until 12 pm
Curbside Pickup: 7:30 am and every 15 minutes until 11:00 am

mayfieldvillage.activityreg.com **440.461.5163**

The Mayfield Village Garden Club will host its annual Garden Shop/Plant Sale during the breakfast. Open to public! Feel free to stop in & support this local organization!

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Do you have any "old" photos of the areas from the good old days, 1920's or earlier, to the present showing how it was—old buildings, roads, homes? We would like to scan them and put them in our records. Do you have a memory to share about living in the area over the past decades? We would like to interview you. Give us a call. Look for us at the Gazebo and Grove concerts this summer as we pass out our schedule of speakers and events for the coming year.

Our next meeting will be held on **Wednesday, May 10 @ 7 p.m. at the Community Room** and our program will be:

"The Story of Euclid Beach Park" Food, rides, and attractions, why is Euclid Beach Park so very memorable? Learn its beginnings in 1895 and reminisce about its heyday as well as its final days in 1969. Relive those special memories. A speaker from The Western Reserve Historical Society will present the program with slides.

This will be the last chance to purchase quilt raffle tickets. This year, we are raffling a black and yellow hand-quilted piece titled "Midnight Glo." It is 74" x 84". Tickets are \$2 each or 3 for \$5.

All meetings are open to the public. Bring a friend!

Volunteer for Tri Community CERT...

The Community Emergency Response Team

Assisting First Responders in:

HIGHLAND HEIGHTS • MAYFIELD HEIGHTS MAYFIELD VILLAGE • RICHMOND HEIGHTS

We report to the Fire Chiefs in these communities, and also support the Police Departments. Our team consists of members ages 18 to 80+. No special skills or experience are needed and there are roles for everyone including those with mobility limitations.

YOU WILL ASSIST WITH:

- first aid patrols at community events
- distributing home disaster preparedness information
- traffic control during events and emergencies
- managing warming/cooling centers and much more, including helping the police and fire officers with active shooter drills and other training events.

Team Members receive free training & a backpack loaded with emergency response supplies.

COURSES INCLUDE:

- Medical Operations
- Fire Safety, Search & Rescue
- Anti-Terrorism Vigilance
- Disaster Psychology and more

Visit www.tricommunitycert.com for more information and to download the application.
For questions, email tricommunitycert@gmail.com.

Residents from communities other than those listed above will be considered for membership.



THURSDAY NIGHT

AFTER WORK SERIES AT THE GAZEBO

6:30-9:00P



June 15 Terry Lee Goffee

He looks like Johnny! He sounds like Johnny! Nobody does Cash like Terry Lee Goffee!

June 22 Light of 2 Moons

A Cleveland, Ohio based group with a unique mix of music from island sounds to classic rock, blues, country and maybe even an old folk tune here and there.

August 31 RockLogik

Classic Rock & Soul Revue Paying homage to their soul, rock, blues and funk influences.

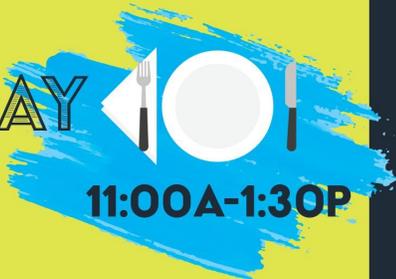
September 7 Ricky and The Rockets

A selection of songs you can sing and dance to! Come and relive "the good old days"

THE WEDNESDAY

LUNCH SERIES AT THE GAZEBO

11:00A-1:30P



June 14 Walt Sanders

Memories of Elvis - One Night with you!

June 28 Cheeseburger in Paradise Lite

An energetic, talent-filled, entertaining show! This band plays many of the greatest Jimmy Buffett tunes, along with other great 'island, summer, beach, vacation, party' songs!

July 12 Frank and Dean

Celebrating the fun, the jokes and the music of the Rat Pack.

July 26 Eddie & Edsels

The Rock-n-Roll Capital's #1 Oldies Review!

August 16 Disco Express

Disco is undisputed best dance music ever! Disco Express is a female driven band playing great songs from all the best Diva's.

August 30 Express Way Band

The sound of Motown in Mayfield Village.

MAYFIELD VILLAGE CELEBRATION!

End of summer get together for Mayfield Village Residents and their guest. Start the day at Parkview Pool and end at The Grove.

Parkview Pool
12:00 – 5:00 P
Cookout &
Kids Activities

The Grove
5:00 – 9:00 P
Food &
Kids Activities

[MAYFIELD VILLAGE RESIDENTS AND GUESTS \(FREE\)](#)

VILLAGE PARTY

SATURDAY | August 5

AN EVENT FOR MAYFIELD VILLAGE & THEIR GUEST!

12:00 - 5:00 P @ Pool

Free swim all day for Mayfield Village residents and their guest

1:00 - 3:00 P @ Pool

Magician and balloons

1:00 - 4:00 P @ Pool

Music

1:30 - 4:30 P @ Pool

Face Painting

5:00 - 9:00 P @ Grove

Face Painting

5:00 - 9:00 P @ Grove

Balloon Twister

5:00 - 9:00 P @ Grove

Caricature Artists

4:00 - 6:00 P @ Grove

Jungle Bob

6:00 - 7:00 P @ Grove

Hypnotist Mike Oddo

7:00 - 9:30 P @ Grove

Material Girls

A high energy musical production, backed by studio musicians, that recreate the ladies that topped the pop charts with all #1 hit songs by Adele, Lady Gaga, Madonna , Blondie, Alison Wilson, Shania and Cher.

**Schedule and activities are subject to change.*

CALENDAR OF EVENTS / MAY-JULY 2023

MAY

1	Council Caucus	Civic Center	7pm
4	Red Cross Blood Drive	Civic Center	12-6pm
8	Red Cross Blood Drive	Civic Center	12-6pm
14	Mother's Day Pancake Breakfast & Garden Club Plant Sale	Civic Center	8am-12noon
15	Council Regular Meeting	Civic Center	7pm
20	Shred Day	Civic Center Parking Lot	9am-12noon
28	Memorial Day Celebration	Whitehaven Memorial Park	1-2pm
29	Memorial Day—Offices Closed	Rubbish Delayed One Day	

JUNE

5	Council Caucus	Civic Center	7pm
8	Red Cross Blood Drive	Civic Center	12-6pm
14	Memories of Elvis	Gazebo Concert	11 am
15	Johnny Cash Tribute Band	Gazebo Concert	6:30 pm
19	Council Regular Meeting	Civic Center	7pm
22	Light of 2 Moons	Gazebo Concert	6:30 pm
28	Jimmy Buffet Tribute Band	Gazebo Concert	11 am
29	Red Cross Blood Drive	Civic Center	12-6pm
30	Carlos Jones & The P.L.U.S. Band	Kick-off Concert at The Grove (see full Grove schedule on Pg. 13)	6:30 pm

JULY

1	Independence Day Celebration & Fireworks	Parkview Pool / The Grove	11:30am-10:30pm
4	Independence Day—Offices Closed	Rubbish Delayed One Day	
10	Council Caucus	Civic Center	7pm
12	Frank & Dean	Gazebo Concert	11 am
13	Red Cross Blood Drive	Civic Center	12-6pm
24	Council Regular Meeting	Civic Center	7pm
26	Eddie & the Edsels	Gazebo Concert	11 am

Community Recycling

In cooperation with the Cuyahoga County Solid Waste District, Mayfield Village sponsors quarterly week-long recycling events for residents.

Drop off old Computers, Scrap Tires and Household Hazardous Waste at the Service Department

610 SOM Center Road
Mon-Fri 7am to 3 pm / Saturday 9 am to 1 pm



August 19 –26
November 4-11

For information about items accepted for recycling, please call 440-442-5506 or visit our website at mayfield-village.com/services/service-department



Heritage Home offers assistance and low-interest loans to residents with homes over 50 years old. Visit mayfield-village.com or heritagehomeprogram.org for details.



Recycle old clothing, shoes, pillows, linens, household items and other soft recyclables through Simple Recycling. Bag your items and schedule a FREE pickup at simplerecycling.com or call 866-835-5068. Details about accepted items can also be found on the website.



**American
Red Cross**

Blood
Services

The need for blood continues and patients need your help. Donation sites continue to operate, including here at the Civic Center in Mayfield Village, 6622 Wilson Mills Road.

Upcoming dates include:

May 4 and 8 from 12-6 pm
June 8 and 29 from 12-6 pm
July 13 from 12-6 pm

See www.redcrossblood.org for other local locations. Please note that appointments are required.

You can make an appointment online or call 1-800-REDCROSS (800-733-2767).

SHRED DAY!

Saturday, May 20, 2023

9 A.M. to Noon

CIVIC CENTER PARKING LOT

6622 Wilson Mills Road

Residents are invited bring up to five boxes of paper documents to be shred, free of charge. Paper is shred twice for security and is 100% recycled.

Please check the Mayfield Village website or call us at 440-461-2210 for more information.



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Mayfield Village
CRUISE NIGHT

JUNE 10 ★ *Since 1989* ★ **4 TO 9 PM**