



VOICE OF THE VILLAGE

Fall 2023

Volunteers Appreciated at Annual Event



Dona and Jim Kless were honored by Mayor Brenda Bodnar as Outstanding Citizens at the Volunteer Appreciation Luau.



Yildiz and Troy Koch were also named as Outstanding Citizens.



Mayfield Village hosted a Volunteer Appreciation Luau to thank special event volunteers, and Committee, Board and Commission members for their service throughout the year. Residents Dona and Jim Kless and Troy and Yildiz Koch were named as this year's Outstanding Citizens. Pictured above are Recreation Board members Kate Sullivan, Peggy Kerver and Patti Fioritto. More photos and cover story on Page 12.

Event photos by Therese Grida, Community Partnership on Aging.

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A Season of Gratitude

Memo from the Mayor / Brenda T. Bodnar

As Autumn unfolds, leaves burnish and release to the earth, and cozy gatherings replace outdoor concerts, I find myself reflecting on the many things I am thankful for — particularly here in Mayfield Village.

First of all, the Village is, as I have dubbed it, a community of quiet confidence. We are, at our core, friends, neighbors and families who are caring, considerate, involved and positive. That doesn't mean we don't disagree. It means we have the capacity to listen to other ideas and respect them. It means we get to know our neighbors and look out for them. It means that many citizens volunteer in order to make our community better and to carry on our cherished traditions. It means we understand that people and relationships are the foundation of our strength. What we have here, and maybe even take for granted sometimes, is special.

Second, I am thankful for all of the Mayfield Village employees, not just because they work hard every day, but because serving our community is their passion. Again, I'm not saying that we are perfect, but I am saying that our employees genuinely work to make our community well-served, healthy, well-protected, and wonderfully entertained. Every day, I see our administration and staff go out of their way to assure that we have the best. Whether it's establishing a fraud hotline, participating in SPAN (the suburban police action net-

work), making sure summer camp is fun for the children and concerts are fun for the whole family, keeping our roads, infrastructure and housing stock safe, working with community groups and the Community Partnership on Aging to serve our needs, keeping our roads cleared in snowy weather and providing assistance with our senior snow plow program, taking advantage of up-to-date training for our first responders and all of our staff, providing holiday parties and activities, making sure our fiscal planning is sound and our finances are in order, or working with businesses and seeking out new economic development opportunities to fund it all, our employees take pride in their work and genuinely care about our community. We recognize that the services we provide are essential to our community, and that motivates us every day.

So, as Thanksgiving approaches and the air gets chilly, I am warmed by our quietly confident community — the caring friendships we share and the challenges we take on together — and I am excited about the opportunities we have to work side by side on our successful path, knowing that the combination of caring citizens and dedicated staff will continue to yield and improve on our successful Village. Thank you.

Brenda T. Bodnar



Mayor Brenda T. Bodnar

Your Lyndhurst Municipal Court Update

Dominic J. Coletta / Presiding Judge

SLOW DOWN!

During the pandemic, area police departments greatly reduced traffic enforcement in an effort to minimize interaction with the public and slow the spread of the coronavirus. However, area police departments have been gradually increasing traffic enforcement and the number of traffic citations filed with the Court in 2023 are nearing pre-pandemic numbers. While I truly enjoy interacting with my fellow Hillcrest area residents, I prefer to do so outside of the courthouse. So please watch your speed!

In addition to normal traffic enforcement, Mayfield Village and Gates Mills are utilizing traffic cameras to assist in speed enforcement. Mayfield Village started its traffic camera program in January 2022. Mayfield Village utilizes traffic cameras on its stretch of I-271 during morning and afternoon rush hours, Monday through Friday. Fines start at \$150 (up to 19 mph over the speed limit) and go as high as \$300 (driving 30 mph or more above the speed limit).

The Village of Gates Mills initiated its traffic camera program this August. Gates Mills is utilizing stationary cameras eastbound and westbound on Mayfield Road. The eastbound camera is located east of West Hill Drive as drivers approach Chagrin River Road. The westbound camera is located just east of Fox Hill Drive as drivers approach Chagrin River Road. Signs are posted notifying drivers that photo enforcement is in use. Fines start at \$135 (between 10 and 19 mph over the speed limit) and go as high as \$300 (driving 30 mph or more above the speed

limit). Gates Mills operates its traffic camera program 24 hours a day.

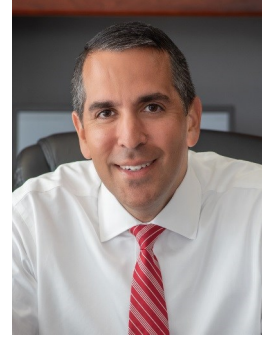
Traffic enforcement speed cameras are permitted in the State of Ohio. If you receive a traffic camera ticket issued by either Gates Mills or Mayfield Village, you can contest the ticket through the Lyndhurst Municipal Court. Check the back of the ticket or the Court's website (www.lyndhurstmunicipalcourt.org) for directions on how to contest your ticket. No one likes receiving a traffic camera ticket in the mail, so please be mindful of your speed.

PROTECT YOURSELF FROM FRAUD

Local police departments have been investigating an increasing number of fraud complaints related to checks that were altered after being mailed. Individuals are realizing that the check they mailed to pay a utility bill, for example, was altered by changing the payee and the amount on the check. While these victims are typically made whole by their bank, the ordeal is stressful, frustrating, and time consuming. Please consider taking steps to protect yourself from this type of fraud by paying more bills electronically and closely monitoring your bank accounts.

LOCK YOUR CAR DOORS

Local police departments continue to investigate reports of stolen cars and car break-ins right from the owner's driveway during the overnight hours. Please lock your vehicles and keep nothing of value in them.



Dominic J. Coletta
Lyndhurst Municipal
Court Presiding Judge

MAYFIELD VILLAGE

2023 Holiday Decorating Contest



Mayfield Village Residents! We need some great holiday displays for 2023! Please call the Recreation Department at 440.471.1041 or just send us a Facebook message to get registered! Mayfield Village Residents! Have you or someone you know transformed a home or business into a winter wonderland? Maybe you or your business? If so, it's time to start thinking about how you want to wow your community with your truly awesome holiday display!

WINNING CATEGORIES AND PRIZES

People's Choice Award

\$250 Local Gift Cards plus 2024 Family
Membership to Parkview Pool

Clark Griswold Award (Tribute to the movie)

\$250 Local Gift Cards plus 2024 Family
Membership to Parkview Pool

Neighborhood Participation

Parkview Pool Private Rental for you and your
neighbors (up to 200 people) plus \$200
Gift Card towards food for your party

Best Business Award

Parkview Pool Private Rental for your
employees (up to 200 people) plus \$200
Gift Card towards food for your party

Most "Village"

\$250 Local Gift Cards plus 2024 Family
Membership to Parkview Pool

Best of Show (You blew the judges' minds!)

\$350 Local Gift Cards plus 2024 Family
Membership to Parkview Pool

BONUS

All households that participate will be eligible to win a Household Pool Pass for the 2024 Season
(two winners will be drawn).

CONTEST RULES

- Must be located in Mayfield Village
- You must register your house or business by December 1, 2023 with the Mayfield Village Recreation Department at 440.461.5163
- All participants must have their house or business decorated by 5 P on December 8, 2023

For more information, please call Mayfield Village Recreation at 440.461.5163

Mayfield Village Has Become a Kindland Partner

George Williams / Council Ward 4

In August of this year, Council approved a Resolution to partner with the Values in Action Foundation on its "Kindland" initiative. I'm sure many of you have seen Kindland signage posted around NE Ohio and, most recently, on the Village marquee at the corner of Wilson Mills and SOM Center Road.

On the home page of the Foundation's website is its mission statement:

At Values-in-Action Foundation, we empower students and adults to build communities of kindness, caring and respect through programs that teach, promote, and provide skills and tools to enable individuals to make positive, values-based decisions every day.

The Foundation has existed for over 30 years and is funded by corporate sponsors and grants. Their offices are located right here in Mayfield Village on Beta Drive. They started out by working with young people in local school districts and have expanded their message to all through the Kindland

initiative. I have been working with the Foundation as a student mentor for several years and was grateful that Council was willing to support participation.

There is no cost to Mayfield Village to participate and we can all be as active as we choose to be. I encourage all of you to visit the Values in Action Foundation's website at <https://www.viafdn.org/> and think about ways that we can each embrace the Kindland message and make Mayfield Village a kinder and more inclusive place to live.

As a kick-off, Kindland's Director of Community Partnerships, Shaun Sweet, was the guest presenter at the September Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) meeting. He shared examples of how neighboring communities have embraced the initiative. At the next CAC meeting on October 23rd, members will discuss ideas for how Mayfield Village can become involved. All residents are welcome to attend.



George Williams
Ward 4 Council

Mayfield Village

is a proud community of

Kindland

JUST BE  KIND

Take the pledge at BeKindland.com



**Santa Floats through
Mayfield Village**
Saturday, December 2, 2023

8:30-10:00 Individual pictures with Santa at the Community Room (taken with your own device)

10:15 Joyce, Robin Circle, Hemingway, Worton Park, North/South Woodlane, Woodlane, Norman area

11:15 Aintree Park, Derby, Hunt, Beechers Brook, Chase, Northboro, Foxboro, Raleigh area

12:15 Bonnieview, Glenview, Seneca area

1:00 Village Trail, Hanover, Hardwood Ct., Echo area

1:30 SOM Ct, Thornapple, Meadowood, Eastgate, Oakwood, Walnut, Sandalwood, Butternut, Kenwood, Ravine, Robley area

2:30 Wildwood, Thornsday, Bramblewood, Timberline, Creekwood, Deepwood, Zorn, Metropark Blueberry, Hickory Hill, Woodbine, Oakton area

2:45 Montebello

**For Mayfield Village Residents &
their family members only!**

Call 440.461.5163 to register your address and then on Dec. 2, put a decorated box at the end of your driveway. Santa & his elves will deliver a present into it at the APPROXIMATE scheduled time for your neighborhood.

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School Bus Safety Law

Paul Matias / Chief of Police

It is important to remember to drive safely around our school busses. Below is the Village's Codified School Bus Law and a visual aid describing when a motorist must stop.

331.38 STOPPING FOR SCHOOL BUS; DISCHARGING CHILDREN.

(a) The driver of a vehicle upon meeting or overtaking from either direction any school bus stopped for the purpose of receiving or discharging any school child, person attending programs offered by community boards of mental health and County boards of developmental disabilities, or child attending a program offered by a head start agency, shall stop at least ten feet from the front or rear of the school bus and shall not proceed until such school bus resumes motion, or until signaled by the school bus driver to proceed.

It is no defense to a charge under this subsection (a) hereof that the school bus involved failed to display or be equipped with an automatically extended stop warning sign as required by subsection (b) hereof.

(b) Every school bus shall be equipped with amber and red visual signals meeting the requirements of Ohio R.C. 4511.771, and an automatically extended stop warning sign of a type approved by the State Board of Education, which shall be actuated by the driver of the bus whenever but only whenever the bus is stopped or stopping on the roadway for the purpose of receiving or discharging school children....

(c) Where a highway has been divided into four or more traffic lanes, a driver of a vehicle need not stop for a school bus approaching from the opposite direction which has stopped for the purpose of receiving or discharging any school child.... The driver of any vehicle overtaking the school bus shall comply with subsection (a) hereof.

(d) School buses operating on divided highways or on highways with four or more traffic lanes shall receive and discharge all school children...on their residence side of the highway.

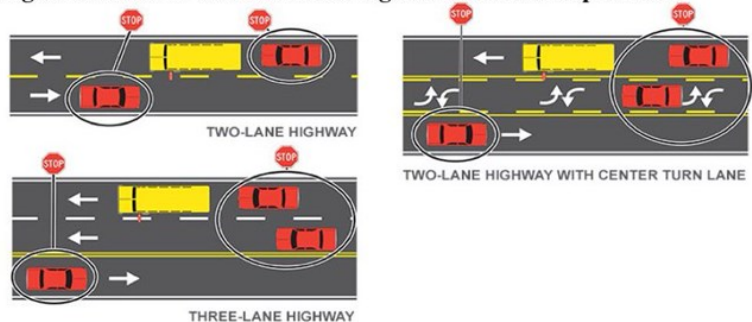
(e) No school bus driver shall start the driver's bus until after any child...who may have alighted therefrom has reached a place of safety on the child or person's residence side of the road.



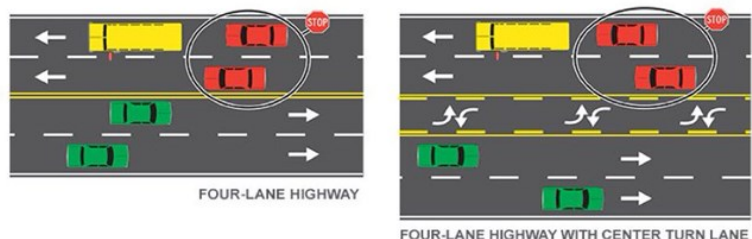
Paul Matias
Chief of Police

When to stop for a school bus in Ohio

On a road with fewer than four lanes, all traffic approaching a stopped school 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 with four or more lanes, only traffic proceeding in the same direction as the bus must stop.



Failure to stop for a school bus adds 2 points to your license in Ohio and is punishable by fines up to \$500. You must appear in court and the judge has the discretion to suspend your driver's license for up to one year. A driver who injures a pedestrian while failing to comply with school bus safety laws can face both criminal charges and civil liability. Those liabilities can include the victim's medical expenses, lost wages, rehabilitation, and non-economic damages, such as pain and suffering.

Contractor Registration Protects Residents

Michael E. Cicero, Village Prosecutor

From time to time, I am routed legal questions via the Village's Building Department about construction projects, usually residential remodeling, that have developed problems. In almost every project that has gone wrong, I discover that the contractor was not registered with the Village. That is why I wanted to take this opportunity to speak to the community about the importance of ensuring that certain contractors hired to perform work at or in your property are properly registered with the Village through obtaining a certificate of registration from the Village's Building Commissioner. This is required by Mayfield Village Codified Ordinance Chapter 1313. While some might find such a law as overkill, this requirement is there to protect all property owners!

Pursuant to Chapter 1313, a contractor or tradesman providing services in any of the following areas must obtain a certificate of registration from the Building Commissioner prior to commencing any work in the Village: general contracting, carpentry, roofing, plumbing, electrical, piping, sewers, heating, air conditioning, refrigeration, concrete or asphalt paving, snow plow, land-scaper, and/or masonry. Should any contractor or tradesman perform any of the above without first registering with the Village, an offender faces a maximum penalty of not more than \$500.00 (each day on which a violation occurs) or up to six months of imprisonment.

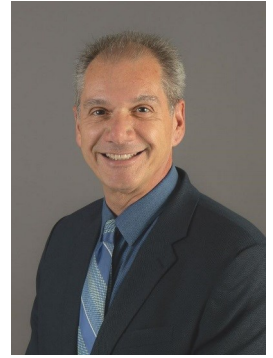
As the Prosecutor, I can also choose whether to pursue criminal action against a contracting company, or the individual who controls the day to day affairs of the company. Additionally, as mentioned above, I

can charge the contractor with multiple criminal charges for each day the contractor did work while unregistered.

While these penalties are against the contractor/tradesman and not the property owner, it is still vitally important that a property owner requires that work to be performed is done so by a properly registered contractor/tradesman.

Why does this matter to a property owner? Ensuring that a contractor/tradesman has appropriately registered with the Village provides peace-of-mind that the contractor/tradesman has a valid certificate of insurance for bodily injury and property damages. Such liability insurance must be in amounts of at least \$1,000,000.00 in a combined single limit for personal injury or death, and for damage to property caused by work authorized under the building permit. Hiring a contractor/tradesman that has not registered with the Village leaves a property owner susceptible to having to fix damage or be liable for injuries caused by a contractor or its employees, with limited legal recourse.

Please remember that, depending on the work to be performed, whether it is the homeowner themselves or a contractor/tradesman performing the work, the work shall be subject to all provisions of the Village's Building Code. This includes such requirements as permitting and inspections. Prior to beginning any project, be sure to look into what requirements are included in the Building Code.



Michael E. Cicero
Village Prosecutor

Economic Development News

John Marquart, Economic Development Manager

MAYFIELD VILLAGE'S "HOMETOWN REALTOR" RECOGNIZED

Long-time resident, Sara Calo, was honored with the Ohio Realtors 2023 Vincent T. Aveni Lifetime Achievement Award at its annual convention, held September 10-13 in Cincinnati. The Vincent T. Aveni Lifetime Achievement Award recognizes those past presidents of Ohio Realtors who provided exemplary service to the organization.

Since 2007, the award is bestowed upon a past President of the Ohio Realtors who has demonstrated a continued commitment to the same values and passion for excellence that Aveni displayed throughout his life. Sara served as Ohio Realtors President in 2016.

"Sara has been a fixture in our industry, playing an important role at every level of the Ohio Realtors," said current President, Ralph Mantica. "We are grateful for the many contributions she has selflessly made, and we are stronger because of her."

Serving as the Business Development and Sales Manager for Howard Hanna' branch at 6501 Wilson Mills Rd., Sara's resume in the industry is unparalleled. She has previously served as President of the Lake-Geauga Area Association of Realtors and re-

ceived numerous awards, such as LGAAR Realtor of the Year, CABOR Professional of the Year, WCR Business Person of the Year and the Ohio Realtor's President's Sales Club Award of Distinction. Sara has also served several state and national roles, including Federal Political Coordinator for 9th District Congresswoman, Marcy Kaptur.

Sara and her husband, Jack, have two daughters and five grandchildren, calling the Village home since 2012.

Thank you to Ohio Realtors for this content. With more than 36,000 members, Ohio Realtors is the largest professional trade association in Ohio.



John Marquart
Economic Development
Manager

MAYFIELD VILLAGE COMPANIES RECOGNIZED AS TOP WORKPLACES



Once again, we are proud to recognize two Mayfield Village companies for being named among Northeast Ohio's top workplaces. Progressive Insurance and Omni Systems claimed the honors in the 14th annual Plain Dealer/Cleveland.com survey. Omni Systems placed among "small" employers (149 local employees or fewer), and Progressive won the top spot among "mega" employers (1,000 or more local employees). Additionally, Progressive once again placed among the top ten nation-wide among employers with at least 2,500 employees. Congratulations to both for the honor, and for helping make Mayfield Village the top town to work!



Sara Calo, second from left, receives Vincent T. Aveni Lifetime Achievement Award.

STUDENT SUCCESS CENTER OPEN AT CCPL



Cuyahoga County Public Library's Student Success Center is now open for the school year Monday - Thursday from 4:00 - 6:30 PM at the Mayfield branch (500 SOM Center Rd.) The Student Success Center helps students in grades K - 8 improve their academic skills and subject comprehension. Students receive homework assistance and / or academic enrichment in English language arts, math, reading, science and social studies. To register your child for this free service, please visit www.cuyahogalibrary.org/services/student-success/homework-help

Interested in helping fuel the success of our next generation of Mayfield leaders? The Library is also seeking volunteers and paid part-time tutors for the Student Success Center. For volunteer information, contact Nicole Beleske at nbeleske@cuyahogalibrary.org For more information on paid tutor positions, click on the Job Opportunities page at the bottom of www.cuyahogalibrary.org

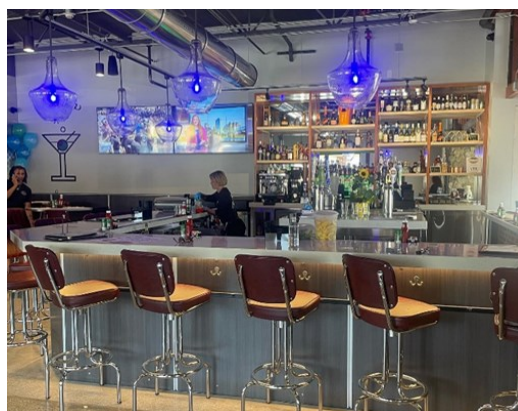
YOURS TRULY KITCHEN AND BAR RETURNS

After six months of construction, Yours Truly is back and better than ever at the corner of Wilson Mills and SOM Center Rd. The restaurant was starting to show its age after decades of service to the Mayfield community, and ownership decided the time was right to not just refresh the long-time favorite, but to expand and convert to the more contemporary "*Kitchen and Bar*" format.



All the familiar menu favorites are back, but everything else is brand new, from the smallest detail in the back of the house to a full bar and unique all-season patio room.

www.ytr.com
440-461-0000



The Summer issue of the *Voice of the Village* included an article regarding State Issue 1 which was before voters at the August 8 election. The article included the following portion which we later learned was incorrect. The on-line version has been corrected as follows:

- State legislators can also propose constitutional amendments, which is how Issue 1 came about. The Ohio House of Representatives and Senate approved a resolution in May that put Issue 1 on the ballot in August. If Issue 1 passes, future constitutional amendments proposed by legislators would still only require 50% of the vote to pass. [CORRECTION: If approved, proposed amendments by the General Assembly would have required a 60% vote of electors to pass.]

We strive to provide accurate information to residents and apologize for the error.

Volunteers Provide Important Services to the Village

Volunteers who serve on Village Committees, Boards and Commission, or who worked at special events, or who offered their services in some other way, were invited to a Luau hosted by Mayor Bodnar and Mayfield Village at Parkview Pool this past August. During this annual event, Mayor Bodnar addressed the crowd and honored residents Jim and Dona Kless and Troy and Yildiz Koch with Outstanding Citizen Awards. Below are excerpts of the Mayor's comments:

After a long hiatus, it is very nice to be back together again to resume one of our most important traditions—our volunteer appreciation party. We are happy to be here tonight to celebrate with you, And more importantly, we are happy to celebrate YOU.

Volunteers are the unsung strength of most organizations, and most assuredly of Mayfield Village.

You solidify our cherished traditions and create lasting memories of Village life. Think of the children who grow up with fond memories of enjoying cocoa and donuts at our tree lighting ceremony, or who delight in the activities on our Halloween Trail. We can't do these events without you.

You assist our government in matters of Civil Service, Zoning and Architecture, making the Village a fair and beautiful place to live.

You give us wise counsel and serve as our liaison with your friends and neighbors.

In short, you don't just have your fingers on the pulse of Mayfield Village. You are the pulse of Mayfield Village.

Many people, when asked to volunteer, will tell you, "I just don't have the time." But when you really think about it, volunteers don't "have" the time either. What separates volunteers from the pack is that volunteers "make" the time to give back to the community, and in doing so, you sacrifice your own time.

You are a rare breed – putting the needs of Mayfield Village ahead of your own, giving up your time to make the lives of others better.

And so tonight is a well-deserved celebration of you – of your selflessness, your community-mindedness, your dedication, and your positive spirit. I thank each of you for what you do for our community.



Mayor Bodnar presented an Outstanding Citizen Plaque to residents Troy and Yildiz Koch. Troy has served on the Recreation Board for 15 years and works with Special Olympics. Yildiz volunteers annually to be the Easter Bunny and both regularly work special events.



Civil Service Commission members Henry DeBaggis and Mike Bucci, pictured here with Janet Bucci.



Dona and Jim Kless, seated on the right, are long-time Village residents who were named Outstanding Citizens this year. Dona serves on the Recreation Board and is a dedicated special events volunteer. Jim serves on the Planning & Zoning Commission and the Board of Zoning Appeals. They are pictured here with Jean Triner, Mayor Bodnar, Paul Bodnar and Jim Triner.



Ward 2 Council Member Mark Arndt with his wife Lisa.



Recreation Board Members Terrie Haycox and Pat Andrzejczyk.



Resident Art Goldstein with Recreation Board Member Mary Murphy.



Special Event volunteer Mary Beth Brooks and her guest enjoying the festivities.



Ward 3 Council Member Denny Murphy and wife Katie enjoyed spending some time with Recreation Board Member Meg Stifler and Assistant Recreation Director Danielle Echt.



Maura McKinley, Police Department Executive Assistant, pictured here with long-time volunteer Betty Jo Mooney and husband, Dan McKinley.

Cuyahoga-Mayfield Special Olympics

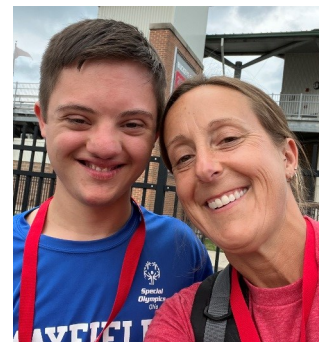
Danielle Echt, Assistant Director of Parks & Recreation

"Every individual matters. Every individual has a role to play. Every individual makes a difference."-Jane Goodall

Mayfield Village Parks and Recreation Department has been helping to coordinate the Cuyahoga-Mayfield Special Olympics teams for well over ten years however it wasn't until nearly seven years ago that I began working closely with these teams. At the time we had athletes participating in Bowling, Athletics (Track & Field) and Basketball. Unfortunately when Covid came along the local Regional Bowling Tournament was cancelled and it has not returned. Our basketball and athletics teams are still going strong! The Cuyahoga-Mayfield delegation is comprised of approximately fifty athletes, one head coach, volunteers, one parent coordinator and one local coordinator. I have the privilege of working with

this group and their families most of the year with Athletics in Spring/Summer and Basketball in Fall/Winter.

Determined. Friendly. Skilled. Social. Athletic. Competitive. Supportive. Positive. Accepting. Happy. Respectful. Silly. Off the top of my head, these are the words that come to my mind when I think of our athletes. These 50 individuals come together to play and have fun at the track or on the court. There are several in this group who are highly competitive and want to win but I think most care more about having the social experience and being around their fellow contestants. When these individuals gather for a practice, game or meet, each is



Danielle Echt
Asst Director of Parks &
Recreation
(Pictured here with
Vincent DiTomas)



Teammates hanging out at a 2023 meet.



Vince and Nolan waiting for their next event.

met with much enthusiasm by their teammates. The individuals with the greatest athleticism support their fellow teammates who might not be quite as skillful and vice versa. The encouragement that they have for each other is unmatched. A team is a group of people who perform interdependent tasks to work toward accomplishing a common mission or specific objective. This is exactly what our Cuyahoga-Mayfield group is; a team in the truest sense! They rally around one another and motivate each other continuously.

I shared the quote at the beginning of this article with the intention of focusing much deserved attention on our Special Olympics athletes. In addition, every individual and every role matters also in terms of the group who keeps this delegation going at the local level. As far as I can trace back, Gilmour Academy has supplied the facilities and head coach for our teams. Jeff Klein is the Girls Varsity Track Coach for Gilmour so coaching the Special Olympics track/field team is a natural fit. Jeff also lends his coaching skills and athletic abilities to lead the basketball team. David Pfundstein from Gilmour aids in securing practice space

for the Cuyahoga-Mayfield team, helps run practices and also secures student volunteers for practices, games and meets. There is an abundance of Gilmour students who take the time to work with these athletes during the season. Our very own Recreation Director Shane McAviney is a huge supporter of Cuyahoga-Mayfield Special Olympics. He is genuinely interested in the status of our individuals/teams, how the season is going and has even offered to help coach when needed. Mayfield Village Resident Troy Koch is our parent coordinator; a role which receives very little attention but deserves tremendous appreciation. Troy gathers information between coach, athletes and their family members, the local coordinator and then filters through it to relay appropriate information to the correct parties. He is absolutely the go-to guy of the team. I would certainly be lost without him because I am the local coordinator for the Cuyahoga-Mayfield delegation. I send/receive information from Special Olympics Ohio and run it by Coach, Troy (and often Shane) before passing it on to the necessary parties. We also have several local organizations and civic groups that contribute donations to our teams. All of us as individuals play an essential role in making sure that all the moving parts keep things running smoothly for these teams!

I have assisted our Cuyahoga-Mayfield Track/Field team at the Summer State Games in Columbus several times. I have helped at local/regional track meets and I have attended many basketball games to support our team. I was even at the State Basketball Tournament in 2020 when Cuyahoga-Mayfield took Fourth Place! These are all experiences that I am so thankful for. I wanted to leave you with one last piece that I came across from Special Olympics Ohio. I believe this gem embodies what Special Olympics strives for and what I'm proud to be a part of. It's about the individual. It's about their different abilities and skills. It's about recognizing individual effort. On the Special Olympics Ohio website it says: "Athletes in every sport and event are grouped by age, gender, and ability – giving everyone a reasonable chance to win. At Special Olympics there are no World Records because each athlete, whether in the fastest or the slowest division is valued and rec-



Noelle got to meet Governor DeWine this past summer.



Some basketball action

Special Olympics, continued.

ognized equally. In every division, all athletes receive an award, from gold, silver, and bronze medals, to fourth through eighth place ribbons. This idea of equal ability groupings is the foundation for competition in Special Olympics and can be witnessed at all events, whether it's athletics, aquatics, table tennis, football, skiing, or gymnastics. All athletes are given an equal chance to participate, perform, and be recognized for doing their best by their teammates, family, friends, and fans."

I personally have held the hand of an athlete who has been unsure of what to do and I have held the hand of an athlete not confident in their own ability. I have chased after an athlete running from a venue in order to ensure his safety; to encourage him to participate in the sport that he excels at; to remind him that he is capable of giving his best effort. I witnessed a smile from one of our athletes who rarely conveys emotion. I am grateful to be part of these moments and I am thrilled to be part of our Cuyahoga-Mayfield team.

Every individual does matter.



Naomi! So proud!!



Coach Klein leading the basketball team.



Excellent form Malik!



Cuyahoga-Mayfield representing at the State Games at OSU.



Malik demonstrating one of the key components of competition—SPORTSMANSHIP!



Service Department Fall Reminders

Service personnel collect leaves on all residential streets in Mayfield Village each Fall. There is no Spring pick-up.

- The Village begins pick-up in mid-October and ends in mid-December, dependent on the weather. Please don't wait until the end of the season to bring your leaves to the curb. Once it begins to snow consistently, Service will not be able to pick up leaves.
- Leaves must be raked to the tree lawn, no more than 6 feet from the curb. Please make sure there are no branches or other debris mixed in with leaves because they can clog and damage the leaf machines. Branches should be placed in a separate pile.
- Do not rake leaves into the street as they can clog the street sewers, causing roadway flooding.
- Do not rake leaves up against your mailbox post or near street signs as it is difficult to get the leaf machine in those areas. Try to keep leaf piles 4 ft. away from any obstruction.
- Please do not call for a special pick-up. The Service Department follows a specific route in order to ensure that leaves on all streets are picked up routinely and equally.

Thank you for your help and cooperation!

**If you have questions, call the
Service Department at 440-442-5506**

Fall Fire Safety Reminders

Eugene Carcioppolo / Fire Chief

Happy Fall from all of us at the Mayfield Village Fire Department. Fall represents a great time to enjoy the outdoors and spend time with friends and family. October 8 thru 14 was the National Fire Protection Association's Fire Prevention Week and cooking safety was addressed. Be safe and follow all these Fall reminders.



- Be on alert! If you are sleepy or have consumed alcohol don't use the stove or stovetop.
- Stay in the kitchen while you are frying, boiling, grilling, or broiling food. If you leave the kitchen for even a short period of time, turn off the stove.
- If you are simmering, baking, or roasting food, check it regularly, remain in the home while food is cooking, and use a timer to remind you that you are cooking.
- Maintain a "kid-free zone" of at least 3 feet around the stove and areas where hot food or drink is prepared or carried
- Keep anything that can catch fire—oven mitts, wooden utensils, food packaging, towels or curtains—away from your stovetop. If you have a small (grease) cooking fire and decide to fight the fire...
- On the stovetop, smother the flames by sliding a lid over the pan and turning off the burner. Leave the pan covered until it is completely cooled.
- For an oven fire, turn off the heat and keep the door closed. If you have any doubt about fighting a small fire...
- Just get out! When you leave, close the door behind you to help contain the fire.
- Call 9-1-1 or the local emergency number from outside the home.

Transitioning from the warmer months to the cooler weather is a good time to have your home HVAC system and any other fuel fired appliances (stove, cooktop, water heater, dryers, etc.) serviced by a licensed technician to ensure they are operating appropriately.

It will help reduce the chances of a fire or the emission of Carbon Monoxide, and it may help reduce your consumption of fuel to operate your home heating appliance ultimately saving you money. Even if you have an electric home heating appliance, is still appropriate to have it serviced to ensure it is operating appropriately.

It is also a great time to have your chimney cleaned to ensure that your flue is not in appropriate condition to have a fire. The build up of creosote in your chimney can limit the evacuation of smoke and if left too long can ignite and support combustion in the chimney flue which can heat the masonry chimney and extend into the rest of your home.

Moving into winter, please ensure that you have working smoke alarms and carbon monoxide



Eugene Carcioppolo
Fire Chief



alarms. Remember to replace the batteries when you change your clocks in accordance with daylight savings time. When you change your batteries, it is also a good time to determine the age of your alarms. Smoke alarms and carbon monoxide alarms have a definitive lifespan, with smoke alarms being 10 years from the date of manufacturing and carbon monoxide alarms being 5-7 years from the date of manufacturing. The date of manufacturing can be found on the



back of the alarm.

The 2022 National Fire Protection Association fire safety week slogan was: **Fire won't wait. You're your escape.** Reviewing your home escape plan while the weather is still mild is a great idea, and all occupants of the home should practice and understand the concept of the home escape plan. Talking through the two ways out of each occupied space in the home, where the common meeting place is outside, and never returning into the home after evacuating. Practicing evacuating and meeting at the common meeting place should be done during the day and at night to help the tenants of your home understand the challenges associate with limited or no light. The above listed items are not all encompassing, but are being presented, to begin the discussion at your home to cover the basic concepts of emergency fire planning in your home.

If you have any questions regarding fire and life safety in your home please don't hesitate to contact the fire department and we would be happy to provide you with assistance. Happy Holidays.

Winter

Outdoor Clothing

D R O V E

COATS • SCARVES • MITTENS • GLOVES

Accepting New Items Only.

DEC. 9-JAN. 5

Drop-Off Location:

MAYFIELD VILLAGE CIVIC CENTER

8:30 AM-4:30 PM

Decorate the Mitten Tree with your items and they will be donated to a local shelter.

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ART EXHIBITS AT THE CIVIC CENTER

SUPPORT LOCAL ARTISTS!

Stop by the Civic Center (M-F, 8:30-4:30) to view, and maybe purchase, a piece of art made by a local artist.

WATERCOLOR ART SHOW / OCT 23–NOV 9

A display of watercolor paintings made by the students in our Senior Watercolor Class. This exhibit will be going on during the Village Craft Mart on Nov 4.

HILLCREST ART SHOW / DEC 8–JAN 11

Artists in the Hillcrest Art Club will display art in a variety of mediums in the halls of the Civic Center.

Monarch Butterfly Migration

Kate Chapel, Euclid Creek Watershed Coordinator at Cuyahoga SWCD



Pictured here: a monarch butterfly rests and refuels on a native ironweed (*Veronia fasciculata*).

Monarch butterflies will soon be migrating south across our state. Many folks know that planting milkweed for monarchs is important, and we, of course, encourage planting native milkweed species where you can. Monarch butterflies lay their eggs on milkweed so that their caterpillars have a ready food source when they emerge. Eating milkweed leaves makes the caterpillars toxic to birds, a stealthy defense strategy.

But what do they need once that caterpillar transforms into a chrysalis, and ultimately an adult butterfly themselves? Adult monarch butterflies are not eating milkweed leaves, but instead are collecting nectar from a variety of native wildflowers. If you'd like to support the entire monarch lifecycle, you can plant a diversity of native wildflowers that includes some late blooming species to fuel them for migration.

Fall blooms for migration:

Common boneset (*Eupatorium perfoliatum*)

Ironweed (*Veronia fasciculata*)

White snakeroot (*Eupatorium rugosum*)

New England aster (*Aster novae-angliae*)

Showy goldenrod (*Solidago speciosa*)

Tall coreopsis (*Coreopsis tripteris*)

Blue mistflower (*Conoclinium coelestinum*)

Hillcrest



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**

Senior News / Samantha Clark-Cartwright

Program & Facilities Manager / Senior Program Coordinator

Happy Fall! Summer was a blast! I had so much fun at all of our events and concerts. My favorite event of the summer had to be the Village Celebration. We truly have amazing residents and staff that make all our programs and events great.

I just started thinking about the holidays being right around the corner. Shortly, everyone will start making plans for all the great holiday traditions, but before you book all your time, we would like to invite you to join us at some of our programs.

Senior Services is excited to welcome **Mayfield Academy of Self-Defense** to the Community Room for a free class. On November 2nd, 1:00-2:00 P.M. the instructors will help you learn basic self-defense moves to combat most situations.

On November 10th, 10:00-12:30 P.M., we will have our **Veterans Salute** in the Community Room. We are inviting Veterans and their guest, to join us in celebrating those who served our Nation. The program will start with a ceremony in the morning followed by a light lunch provided by Pizzazz.

December is going to be a busy time of year! The winter in Mayfield Village will have your days feeling merry and bright! We have **Holiday Gift Wrapping Days** in the Community Room on December 4th and 11th from 10:00 to 12:30 P.M. to give you all the space you need to wrap your presents. Hot chocolate and coffee will be provided. Please make sure to bring wrapping paper and all other supplies to make your presents look great!

We are looking forward to our first **Holiday Dessert Swap and Cookie Decorating** on December 5th. Bring in your favorite desserts for everyone to try. Share your recipes, try other desserts, and decorate cookies with Governors Village. You will leave with a plate full of goodies and new recipes for years.

We also have our **Annual Mayfield Village Senior Resident Holiday Lunch** on December 8th, 12:00-2:00 P.M. Signups will begin on October 30th. We will have tasty food from Alfredo's, musical entertainment by the Cleveland Carolers, and most importantly the company of our senior residents.

Finally, we are hosting a **Holiday Brunch with Frank and Dean** on December 19th at 10:00 A.M. in the Community Room. Over the summer, Frank and Dean gave an amazing performance of music and jokes to the largest audience we had for our Wednesday Lunch Concert this year. They are back for a holiday special! Breakfast and a show? Yes, please! Relax before the rush of the holidays and enjoy a spectacular breakfast from Governors Village.

For all of these programs and more, registrations can be found at mayfieldvillage.activityreg.com or call Samantha at 440.919.2332.

We hope that your holidays are spent with the ones you love. Cherish the moments you get to spend with each other. We wish you a safe and happy holiday.



Samantha Clark-Cartwright
Program & Facilities Manager
Senior Program Coordinator



Upcoming Garden Club Meetings & Events:

- October 25 at 7 p.m. at the Community Room. **Preparing for the Annual Craft Market.** Members will be creating decorative items to be sold at the Craft Market.
- November 4, **Village Craft Market** at the Mayfield Civic Center from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is \$2.00. All Vendors are selling hand-made items. Visit The Bakery Shop and Grandmother's Closet for unusual items. This year, in addition, we will have a 50/50 Raffle, and a Basket Auction. Proceeds go to the Special Projects and Scholarships Funds. For further information, contact Pat at (216) 832-3660 or email MVGardenClub@yahoo.com.
- November 15 @ 7 p.m. at the Community Room. **The Culture of Tea** presented by Ruth Narendran. Enjoy a Special Tea Party.
- December 8 @ 12 Noon. Membership **Holiday Luncheon.** Info to follow.
- January 24 @ 1 p.m. at the Civic Center. Felicia Zavarella will present **"Through the Eyes of the Artist, Georgia O'Keefe."**

For additional information,
contact Patsy at lili733@aol.com.



FOR INFORMATION EMAIL PAT ISENSTADT: MVGARDENCLUB@YAHOO.COM

Mayfield Women's Club GFWC/OWFC

Upcoming Women's Club Meetings:

- October 16 @ 7 p.m. at the Community Room. **Workshop Project** - Greeting Cards and Paper Flowers to be given to assisted-living organizations in the area.
- November 20 @ 7 p.m. at the Community Room. Tom Wetzel, Interim Police Chief of University Circle, will advise the members about **"Protecting University Museums and How Women can Protect Themselves."**
- December 2 @ Noon. **Members Holiday Luncheon.** Details to follow.
- January 2, 2024 @ 7 p.m. at the Community Room. **Travelogue by Sue Knauer**, member. Enjoy her travel experiences.

For additional information, contact Sue at 440-665-6498.

The Mayfield Township Historical Society

Please join us for our free meetings with speakers at the Mayfield Community Room at 7 p.m. Bring a friend. Call us at 440-487-3133 for a ride or more information.

Our gift card raffle for local restaurants is on sale now and the drawing will be on Nov. 8. See a member to purchase or at meetings. 6 tickets \$5 or \$1 each.

November 8-THE INTERURBAN, Wed., 7 pm.

Author Dr. Dan Rager presents the famous Maple Leaf Route that ran through Gates Mills/Geauga County between 1899 & 1925. Participants will enjoy a fun, intriguing and picturesque journey including rare photos, maps and stories that will capture the imagination.



The Bennett-Van Curen Historical House

Included will be a sample of his Vol. 5 book titled "Ohio's Interurban Railroads." Rager will also preview the lost Cleveland & Eastern Railroad church bell that has something to do with Mayfield Village! Dan Rager's books will be available for purchase after the program. Tonight is pie night for our refreshment. Members, please bring in your money and ticket stubs for the Gift Card Raffle to be drawn this evening. Tickets are 6 for \$5, or \$1 each, on sale this evening.

December 13-Holiday Luncheon, Wed., 11:30-2:30 p.m. at the Mayfield Village Civic Center, 6622 Wilson Mills Rd.

Information will be sent out in November to members with the menu and cost to be returned by Dec. 8 for your advance reservation. Call for more info. Open to all. Ask a friend to share the holiday season and socialize with us. We will have a Brown Bag Auction, 6 tickets for \$5 or \$1 each. If you have a new or gently used gift item to donate, bring it to the house by Dec. 11.

January- No meeting. Membership month. Please turn in your membership form and dues:

\$15 single, \$25 family, \$50 contributing, \$500 lifetime to 606 SOM Center Rd, Mayfield, OH 44143. You can pick up a form at the house, a meeting, or at the Civic Center.

Mayfield Village
PRESENTING

Hanukkah
Kindling of the Menorah

December 7, 2023
7PM-8PM

At the Gazebo
6621 Wilson Mills
Mayfield Village, Ohio
440.461.5163

Mayfieldvillage.com/recreation



Annmarie Finch
Parkview Pool Manager

19 Successful Rescues this Summer

Annmarie Finch / Parkview Pool Manager

During the 2023 season, Parkview Pool had nearly 17,000 visitors, and the swim lesson program grew to 570 participants. All this happened during one of the rainiest summers in years.

Parkview staff began training in May with all-staff in-service that brought presenters from the FBI, Mayfield City Schools Counseling Department, and the Mayfield Village Fire and Police departments. Together, the camp and pool staff engaged in activities that gave them tools to deal with bullying, behavioral issues, and internet safety. Fire and Police representatives went over and discussed emergency procedures to help ensure a smooth transition in an emergency.

Throughout the season, the Pool staff continued on-site in-services, CPR, First Aid, and Water rescues. Combined training with each shift of Fire-fighters established a sound foundation for lifeguards by practicing and knowing what to do when EMS arrived and provided a continuous standard of care. Weekly skills checks and fitness challenges kept the staff rescue-ready.



Jack Kerver



Gabriella Trivisonno



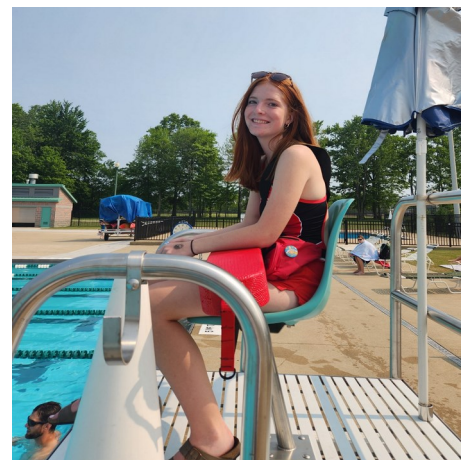
Reese Duroske



J.D. Sega



Joey Agresta



Megan Mennel

Nineteen pool guests, ranging from ages 5-80, were grateful for the well-trained Parkview Staff. Lifeguards activated the emergency action plan 19 times. Lifeguards recognized and reacted quickly, entered the water, and assisted guests who literally got in over their heads. All the staff at Parkview Pool did an amazing this season. These sixteen Lifeguards performed active rescues during the 2023 season.



Nicholas Sipos



Ava Rumbarger

Jackson Rumbarger and
Peyton Koballa

Charlie Robinson



Francesca Webber



Lindsay Sague



Jessica Downing



Ava Golem



Anna Wallace

CALENDAR OF EVENTS / NOV 2023 TO JAN 2024

NOVEMBER

4	Garden Club Craft Show	Civic Center	9am-4pm
6	Council Caucus	Civic Center	7pm
7	Election Day	All Wards Vote at Civic Center	6:30am-7:30pm
9	Red Cross Blood Drive	Civic Center	12-6pm
20	Council Regular Meeting	Civic Center	7pm
22	Red Cross Blood Drive	Civic Center	11-5pm
23-24	Thanksgiving Holiday	Offices Closed	

DECEMBER

2	Pictures with Santa	Community Room	8:30-10am
2	Santa Float	See Street Schedule on Page 7	10:30am-3:30pm
2	Tree Lighting	Gazebo	6pm
4	Hillcrest Art Show	Thru Jan 11 @ Civic Center	8:30-4:30 M-F
4	Council Caucus	Civic Center	7pm
7	Menorah Lighting	Gazebo	7pm
14	Red Cross Blood Drive	Civic Center	12-6pm
18	Council Regular Meeting	Civic Center	7pm
25-26	Christmas Holiday	Offices Closed—Rubbish Delayed One Day	
28	Red Cross Blood Drive	Civic Center	12-6pm

JANUARY

TBD	Council Caucus & Regular Meeting	Civic Center	7pm
1	New Year's Day	Offices Closed—Rubbish Delayed One Day	
15	Martin Luther King Jr. Day	Offices Closed	

Community Recycling

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

Residents Can 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



November 4-11

For information about items accepted for recycling, please call 440-442-5506 or visit

mayfieldvillage.com/services/service-department



Heritage Home offers assistance and low-interest loans to residents with homes over 50 years old. Visit mayfieldvillage.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 be found on the website.



COMPOSTING MADE EASY! Turn your food scraps into soil and help stop the production of powerful greenhouse gases. Drop-off location at Civic Center Parking Lot. Visit rustbeltriders.com or call 216-800-4651(Ext 2) to become a member.



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:

November 9 from 12-6 pm

November 22 from 11-5 pm

December 14 and 28 from 12-6 pm

January 4 and 18 from 12-6 pm

February 15 and 29 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!

Plan ahead for next year!

Saturday

May 18, 2024

9 A.M. to Noon

CIVIC CENTER PARKING LOT

6622 Wilson Mills Road



mayfieldvillage.com

MAYFIELD VILLAGE

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Mayfield Village, OH 44143
Phone: 440-461-2210
contactus@mayfieldvillage.com

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Holiday Events in Mayfield Village

All on December 2!



Pictures with Santa!

Santa will be available for photos
at the Community Room
from 8:30 to 10 am



**Santa Ride
Through The Village**

10:30 AM to 3:30 PM

Watch for the Holiday Float with Mr. & Mrs.
Claus, Elves, the Grinch and more. Elves
will drop off holiday treats to all the boys
and girls in the Village!

**Register to receive your holiday treat
by calling 440-461-5163!**



**Annual
Tree Lighting Ceremony**

From 6 to 7 pm at the Gazebo

Enjoy holiday songs as the
trees near the gazebo will be lit
for a fabulous display.

