



OUTDOOR AMENITIES BRING SUMMER FUN!



The Bruce G. Rinker Greenway Trail is just one of the many amenities enjoyed by residents and visitors to Mayfield Village. Between the programmed events and activities happening all summer—from concerts at The Grove to Cruise Night and July 4th Fireworks—to the more passive enjoyment of the Greenway Trail, the Wetlands Trail, Parkview Pool, bocce, tennis and pickleball courts, or catching a softball game at Parkview fields, there is truly something for everyone. This amazing photo of the Greenway trailhead sign at the First Responders Memorial was submitted by Village photographer Harvey P. Niven. For more photos by Dr. Niven and information about his work, see *Through the Lens* on pages 6-7. For scenes of summer fun, see pages 18-19.

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The Things that Matter

Memo from the Mayor / Brenda T. Bodnar

Mayfield Village's Memorial Day Celebration was held on Sunday, May 26th at Whitehaven Memorial Park. Mayor Bodnar spoke at the ceremony, along with Sergeant First Class/Green Beret Joshua Franey, a U.S. Army Veteran, and Police Chief Paul Matias, who served in the U.S. Navy. Mayor Bodnar's Memorial Day speech is reprinted here in its entirety. As always, special thanks go to the Recreation Department and resident Mary Singer for putting together a beautiful commemoration.



Mayor Brenda T. Bodnar

Thank you for coming out this afternoon to honor the thousands upon thousands of men and women who sacrificed their lives so that we can live in peace and freedom here in this great democracy – the United States of America.

"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.--That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed."

We are all familiar with these words from the Declaration of Independence, signed unanimously in 1776 by Congressional representatives from the original 13 states, when we rejected the oppressive governance of the British monarchy, and donned the cloak of democracy – a government by the people, for the people and of the people – the things that matter. We appreciate the courage of our founders, and their immortal words live on to remind us of the importance of our democracy and the principles on which it is founded.

But let's focus for a minute on some less-often repeated words in the Declaration of Independence. These words, found at the very end, state: "And for the support of this Declaration, with a firm reliance on the protection of divine Providence, we mutually

pledge to each other our Lives, our Fortunes and our sacred Honor."

If indeed the devil is in the details, then these are the details we're talking about. Our lives, our fortunes, our sacred honor – these are the things that matter the most. This is why we are here today, because the men and women who died in service to our country honored that pledge, not by words, but by their actions. Their sacrifices are the actions that matter.

We are certainly aware of the great suffering and tragedy suffered by our soldiers and their families. Many of you have served in our armed services. You have preserved peace, you have made great sacrifices for our good, you have brought honor to the United States of America. We are forever in your debt, and we humbly thank you. Your service matters.

Many of you have experienced and been touched by the loss of the heroes we celebrate today. Your loss matters, and our sympathies and respect go out to you.

Today, we remember, we honor, we revere those who sacrificed that which matters the most – their own lives – so that we can live in peace and freedom.

We know that there are no wars without suffering and tragedy. And we know that, as long as there is injustice in this world (and there always will be), there will be wars.

Philosopher George Santayana reminds us that “Only the dead have seen the end of war.”

And, in every war, there is a price to pay – a ransom of blood given in exchange for a higher cause.

In her novel, The Women, author Kristin Hannah recounts the experience of three fictional women who served as army nurses in the Vietnam War.

One of them is Frankie, a 20 year old woman who signed up to serve as an Army nurse in 1966 so that she could be near her only brother, Finley, who had shipped out to Vietnam a few months earlier.

Frankie had been uneasy about Fin going off to war, but he assured her, “It isn’t dangerous, Frankie. Trust me. I’m a Naval Academy graduate, an officer with a cushy assignment on a ship. I’ll be back in no time. You’ll hardly have time to miss me.”

As fate would have it, when Frankie gets home from the Army recruiting office to tell her parents of her commitment, the family receives notice that Fin has been killed in combat.

When Frankie arrives in Vietnam, she learns quickly that it is a far different place than what had been described to her, one that is filled with unimaginable horrors.

On one particularly awful night, after the hospital itself had come under attack, after all of the casualties had been operated on and she is getting ready to leave, Frankie finds a dying soldier, Albert, whom she remembers as a prior patient of hers in the OR. Hannah writes:

“The compound was a stinking, smoldering mess. Something over by the Park was on fire, lighting up a sky that would soon be darkening again.

“Rye [her friend] said, ‘I’ve never seen a night like this.’

“Frankie started to say something – she had no idea what – when she heard a soldier moan in pain. She yelled, ‘Medic!’ and ran toward the morgue overflow area, where there were rows of canvas-covered dead bodies. A pair of exhausted-looking corpsmen were managing it all, gathering the names of the dead, checking dog tags, zipping the bodies into bags.



Mayor Brenda Bodnar delivered a heartfelt address at the Memorial Day Celebration. This year, Council President Stephen Schutt served as the Master of Ceremonies. Boy Scout Troop 289 of Western Lake County and the Greater Lake County Young Marines participated in the service as well as Pastor Bret Smith from the Mayfield Baptist Church. Music was provided by the University Heights Symphonic Band and the Suburbanairs Chorus.

"Over to the left, there was a single litter left on a pair of sawhorses. She saw blood dripping down from the sides and through the canvas bottom; she heard the patient moan again.

"Westley, has this soldier been given morphine?" she asked one of the corpsmen.

"Yes, ma'am. Doc Morse saw him. Said he couldn't do any more."

"Frankie nodded and went to the man on the litter. . .

"There was almost nothing left of a man who had been whole minutes ago. Field dressings were blood-soaked on three missing limbs. Blood and mud covered what remained of his face.

"She reached for his dog tags so that she could comfort him by name. 'Hey, Pri –" Her voice broke.

Private Albert Brown [she recognized him].

"Hey, Albert.' She said softly. 'Did you come by to show me that fine [blank] of yours again?' [Here she refers to Albert's injury the last time he was treated in the OR.]

"She leaned over the dying man, barely older than a boy, and placed a hand on his ruined chest.

"His head lolled toward her. One eye looked at her. She knew he recognized her when his eyes filled with tears.

"I'm here, Albert. You're not alone.' She held his hand. It was all she could do for him in this moment, be the girl back home he'd never had. 'I'll bet you're thinking about your family, Albert. In Kentucky, wasn't it? Land of bourbon and good-looking men. I'll write to your mama...' Frankie couldn't remember his mother's name. She knew it, but couldn't remember. It felt like another loss, her not remembering. Albert tried to speak. Whatever he wanted to say, it was too much. He closed his one eye; his breathing turned as clunky as an old motor. Frankie felt his last breath expand and empty through her own lungs.

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"And then he was gone."

In that moment, Frankie's compassion mattered. Having lost her own brother to war, Frankie understood what a comfort it would have been to hear from someone who held Fin's hand during his dying moments.

While Albert is a fictional character, we know that his fate was shared by hundreds of thousands of American soldiers, from the Revolutionary War through the 21st century. Whether their deaths occurred on a battlefield or a battleship, in a helicopter or hospital, their blood was shed for the same purpose – to preserve our rights, and the rights of people around the world, to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

When we take the time out to remember and appreciate those who made the ultimate sacrifice, we acknowledge the importance of their deaths, and we strengthen our dedication to the principles they died for.

For all who are here today, you had a choice to come here or stay home or do whatever you wanted today, so when you chose to come here today, to honor and appreciate those who made that choice possible, you honor those who gave you that choice, and you recognize that patriotism does not lie so much in words as it does in action. After all, as Hannah tells us, "It's not intentions that matter. It's actions. We are what we do and say, not what we intend to." In short, showing up matters.

I will leave you, then, with a final thought from Kristin Hannah: "That's one thing this war had taught her, there was never enough time for the people who mattered." I hope you all enjoy this Memorial Day weekend, and I hope you can enjoy some time with family and friends and neighbors – celebrating our freedom with the people that matter. God bless you and happy Memorial Day.



Always a sobering sight—volunteers placed memorial flags at the graves of all veterans at Whitehaven Memorial Park.

HARVEY P. NIVEN: THROUGH THE LENS

In Constant Search of Beauty Through the Lens and Beyond

As a long-time native Clevelander, I have maintained a deep interest in wildlife/nature and architectural photography. Throughout the years, these photographs have been taken with single-lens reflex cameras using traditional color and black/white film or digital imaging. Currently, my digital process relies on state-of-the-art advanced “darkroom techniques” that emphasize fine detail in either vibrant color or full grey-scale that give dynamic contrasts encompassing pure black to brightest white. These photographic capabilities have expanded to include producing impressionistic optical abstractions, macrophotography, and restoration/preservation of vintage images. My work is known to capture a subject’s personality, a site’s character, and an essence of an object’s critical features. I consider this work as an extension of myself.

—Harvey P. Niven (June 2024)



Featured Photos: Fox Squirrel with Green Apple; Eclipse April 2024; Goldfinch in Butterfly Garden; and Spring at Foster Pond.



Featured Photos: Great Blue Heron on Tip Toes; Monarch in Butterfly Garden; Weeping Willow by Lotus Pond; Early Evening Over Corning Lake; and Summer Garden.

Embracing Kindland—Without Cannabis

George Williams / Council Ward 4



George Williams
Council Ward 4



During the recent public conversation about whether to ban cannabis (aka marijuana) as a business entity, a remarkable attribute of Mayfield Village came to light.

As the Village Council conducted its obligatory due diligence to understand both sides of the discussion and make an informed decision whether to ban cannabis or not, residents simultaneously and candidly provided their individual input. A significant message that kept emerging was, "That's not who we are as Mayfield Village."

This sentiment resonated with me in considering how to vote.

It highlighted one of the underlying reasons for introducing and promoting the Kindland initiative in Mayfield

Village. Although I have only been a short-time resident since 2005, compared to others, I have witnessed firsthand the kindness that quietly permeates from the professional delivery of public services and programs to neighbors helping each other in different ways.

Moving forward, without cannabis, we encourage you to:

- **Take a serious, hard look at what the Kindness Initiative represents.**
- **Take the Kindness Pledge.**
- **Accept the Summer of Kindness Challenge.**

Thank you for your consideration.

P.S. Did you know that The Kindland Initiative headquarters is in Mayfield Village? Let us work and play together to be their role-model community.

To learn more and to participate in the Summer of Kindness Challenge, visit <https://www.viafdn.org/summer-of-kindness>

Finance Director Ronald C. Wynne Retires New Finance Director Angie S. Rich Sworn In



Angie S. Rich, the new Mayfield Village Finance Director, pictured here with retiring Finance Director Ron Wynne.

On May 20, 2024, Ronald C. Wynne attended his final Council meeting as the Finance Director of Mayfield Village. Ron served as the Village's Finance Director since 2009 when he was hired by then-Mayor Bruce G. Rinker. With Ron's guidance, the Village successfully passed a much-needed income tax increase in 2010 and, during his tenure, the Village's annual revenues more than doubled over the next decade. Debt was reduced from \$16 million to \$2 million and reserves increased from \$2 million to \$42 million.

Ron was presented with a Resolution of Council to thank him for his 15 years of exceptional service to Mayfield Village. As stated in the Resolution, "Ron's knowledge, experience, demeanor, and wise perspective made his opinions sought after and respected. His ability to refine financial concepts, making them easily understandable, and his willingness to patiently explain them, was appreciated by us all." Ron will be missed and we all wish him a happy and healthy retirement.

Ron was replaced by Angie S. Rich who was appointed and sworn in by Mayor Bodnar on April

15th, officially taking over the position on June 1, 2024. Ms. Rich began her career at the State of Ohio Office of the Auditor and then worked as the Assistant Finance Director in Brecksville for 11 years. She left there to work for Cuyahoga Community College and Cuyahoga County for several years, returning to Tri-C as the Executive Director for Accounting and Financial Operations.

As described by Mayor Bodnar, "Ms. Rich is a CPA, has the financial experience and knowledge that we are seeking and I feel confident that she also has experience with many of the extrinsic items that are helpful to this position. I feel that her personality is well-suited to the Village. She is professional, while being friendly and personable, and I believe she will work well with Department Heads, Council and staff."

Per the Village Charter, Finance Directors must be CPAs and are appointed by the Mayor every two years, subject to the confirmation of Council.



Many of Ron's Village colleagues gathered on his last day to say goodbye and wish him well.

Problem Properties & Criminal Prosecution

Michael E. Cicero, Village Prosecutor



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Village Prosecutor

In the past dozen or so years, I have noticed a significant increase in the number of commercial and residential property owners that fail to correct Building or Housing Code violations issued by municipal Building Departments across the region. Though not as prevalent, we have had a few such property owners in the Village.

In 2019, the Village modernized its approach to property maintenance by adopting both the Residential Code of Ohio as well as the International Property Maintenance Code. Both codes provide minimum maintenance standards for the interior and exterior of commercial and residential properties.

Twenty years ago, municipalities would utilize what was known as an “administrative public nuisance abatement” process for exterior violations, wherein notice was provided to a property owner, and if the violations were not corrected, the municipality would either use its own Service Department or hire outside contractors to fix the violations. The costs to fix the violations were then assessed on the County tax duplicate. If the taxes were not paid, a municipality may be made whole if the property were sold at foreclosure or deeded to it via the Cuyahoga County Land Bank for possible rehabilitation and resale. However, due to various factors in modern municipal finances, abating a public nuisance is no longer a viable option.

Instead, after the period within which violations are to be corrected has expired, the matter is referred to me, the Village Prosecutor, for possible criminal prosecution. Violations of the Village Building Code can result in a fine of \$500 **for each day a violation continues** and/or the possibility of jail time (which I have never requested of a Court). Depending upon how long the violations have existed, fines can reach tens of thousands of dollars for an individual, and millions of dollars for a company.

As an example, in 2023 I filed criminal charges against husband-and-wife property owners who failed to: (1) remove trees that had fallen, (2) paint the garage, and (3) repair missing asphalt roof shingles—despite being given almost a year to do so. These individuals did not live in the Village (they lived in Geauga County) but had inherited the home. They rejected all efforts by the Building Department to work with them. Eventually, each of them was charged with multiple criminal violations of the Building Code. The total cost to correct the violations was less than \$2,500, but for some reason they did not want to make the repairs.

After numerous months of court proceedings, their attorney pled them to the charges in June 2024. The Lyndhurst Municipal Court fined each of them \$30,000, with the opportunity to purge the entire fine, so long as the violations are corrected by this Fall.

The Village does not want to see its residents fined or jailed. The Building Department and I work with residents to achieve compliance, even after a criminal case is filed. If compliance is achieved, many times the case is dismissed, and the defendant pays the court costs (roughly \$150).

Maintaining quality commercial buildings and residential housing stock is important. The Building Code exists to ensure that all properties are appropriately maintained for the health, safety, and welfare of the community, as well as ensuring that neighboring properties maintain their economic value. If you believe a commercial or residential property in the Village is unsafe, unsightly, or in great disrepair, please do not hesitate to reach out to either me or the Building Department staff.

Personnel Changes at Police and Fire Departments



Mayor Bodnar congratulated Sgt. Kathryn Troyer on her retirement and read Council's Resolution into the record at the May 20, 2024 Council meeting.



Assistant Fire Chief/Fire Marshal Jeffery Federico was given the oath of office on June 17, 2024.

Sergeant Kathryn Troyer Retires After 26 Years

At the Council meeting on May 20, 2024, retiring Sergeant Kathryn Troyer was honored and thanked for 26 years of dedicated service to Mayfield Village.

Kathryn Troyer was hired as an Auxiliary Police Officer and Part-Time Dispatcher with the Mayfield Village Police Department in 1998 and was hired as a full-time Police Officer and in, June 2011, she was promoted to Sergeant, serving as a Patrol Sergeant, Field Training Officer, and the K-9 Unit Supervisor. During Sergeant Troyer's 26-year career she has received multiple commendations and letters of appreciation for her professionalism, compassion and leadership, including numerous letters from the community complimenting her actions. She improved the Department by creating traffic templates to diagram accidents and organizing Officer wellness initiatives.

Sergeant Troyer was in charge of the Active Threat Community Education program, which provides vital training to businesses and schools in Mayfield Village and organized the Mayfield Village "Pink Patch Project", the annual event to fight breast cancer. Sergeant Troyer designed our patch and collected donations that supported The Gathering Place Cancer Support Center. Sergeant Troyer retired effective June 4, 2024. Civil Service testing is planned for this fall to appoint a new sergeant.

Firefighter Jeffery Federico Appointed as Assistant Fire Chief/Fire Marshal

On June 17, 2024, Firefighter Jeffery Federico was sworn-in by Mayor Bodnar as the Village's new Assistant Fire Chief/Fire Marshal, replacing retiring Assistant Chief Mike Libens. Jeff has worked full-time as a Mayfield Firefighter since 2020. Prior to coming to the Village, Jeff was a Firefighter in Euclid and in Willoughby and is a member of the HAZMAT Team.

Jeff is also a veteran of the U.S. Navy, where he received numerous commendations and awards.

Be On The Lookout For Scams!

Paul Matias / Chief of Police



Paul Matias
Chief of Police

I regularly include information about scams in the Voice of The Village. Scammers continue to become sneakier and more convincing where you can hardly trust any email, text, or phone call you receive. Please be wary of scams and when in doubt, call the Mayfield Village Police Scam Hotline (440) 461-1236

Signs of a Scam:

- You're asked to immediately send payment via cash, gift cards, wire transfers, or cryptocurrency.
- You're pressured to 'act now'.
- You have to pay a fee to receive a "prize".
- You're asked to keep conversations a secret.

Here are some common scams we have seen recently:

Computer Repair Scams: A computer company contacts you by calling or through a pop-up message claiming your computer has a virus and offers to "fix the problem." The person will likely ask you to allow them access to your computer, which then allows the scammer to install malicious software designed to scan your computer for personal information or to lock your computer so that you cannot use it until you pay the scammer "ransom" to unlock it.

Imposter Scams: Someone may contact you pretending to be from a government agency like the IRS or the local court. The person will demand immediate payment, likely for back taxes or an old court fee, and threaten arrest if payment is not made immediately. The scammer may also request personal information, such as your SSN.

Phishing: Some scammers pretend to be your bank, utility company, Amazon account, etc.. to "phish" for your personal information. They ask you to update or confirm your account by submitting your bank account number, password, or Social Security number. Never respond to unexpected requests for your personal information. Your bank or the Internal Revenue Service will never request your personal information over the phone or by e-mail.

Mayfield Village Police Scam Hotline (440) 461-1236

Backyard Composting 101

Tuesday September 10th at 6:00pm
at the Mayfield Village Civic Center, 6622 Wilson Mills Rd.

Get the dirt on backyard composting in this free workshop from Cuyahoga Recycles. Learn the science of composting and receive how-to-compost instruction.

Affordable composting equipment will be available for sale at the end of the program. Learn more about the equipment and pricing here:

https://cuyahogarecycles.org/buy_a_compost_bin/
Note: payment is by cash or check only, no credit.

Attendance is FREE. Register at this link:
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/comreg24>



Mayfield Village Companies Named Top Workplaces

John Marquart, Economic Development Manager



John Marquart
Economic Development
Manager

PROGRESSIVE



For the 15th year, Cleveland.com and The Plain Dealer are honoring 212 northeast Ohio companies, nonprofits, schools and organizations in the *2024 Top Workplaces* rankings. The workplaces are split into four categories:

- Mega workplaces (1,000-plus employees).
- Large workplaces (500 to 999 employees).
- Mid-sized workplaces (150 to 499 employees) and
- Small workplaces (149 employees or fewer).

For the 15th straight year, Progressive (www.progressive.com) earned a spot in the rankings, this time capturing the top spot among “mega” workplaces.

For the 3rd year, Omni Systems (www.omnisystem.com) was honored, this time with the 60th ranking among northeast Ohio’s “mid-size” workplaces.

Panzica Construction (www.panzica.com), earned its first ever *Top Workplaces* award, coming in at 67th in the “small” employers category.

Whether ranked as “mega,” “mid-size” or “small,” all three are giants in Mayfield Village! Congratulations and keep up the great work!

Summer 2024

WELCOME TO MAYFIELD VILLAGE

Welcome to the newest companies calling Mayfield Village home:

- **Nurzhamal Kanatbekova Cosmetology**
6449 Wilson Mills Road
- **On Target ABA**
767 Beta Drive
- **MK Jewekry Designs**
781 Beta Drive
- **Technical Search Consultants**
6555 Wilson Mills Road

Welcome aboard! We’re glad you chose Mayfield!

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ENJOY THESE AUGUST SHOWS!



AUG 2

The McCartney Project

America's #1 tribute to Paul McCartney, Wings and The Beatles.

AUG 9

RockHouse

Your crowd can expect all of the biggest hits from bands such as: Bon Jovi, Def Leppard, Journey, Poison, Van Halen, Motley Crue, Ratt, Kiss, and so many more! It truly is a ROCK Experience!

AUG 10

FM77

FM 77 presents The Guardians of the Galaxy Soundtrack and more plus live movie! *8pm Showtime.

AUG 17

Out of Eden

Out of Eden returns to Mayfield Ohio for an evening of Eagles, Joe Walsh and Don Henley solo hits. This is a beautiful venue, family friendly and Ohio's best Eagles Tribute.

AUG 24

Saturday Night Live

A Tribute to Saturday Night Fever and the Music of the Disco Era.

AUG 31

The British Legends

The British Legends. Featuring the Production of David Bowie, Mick Jagger, Elton John, Rod Stewart and Freddie Mercury.

SEPT 5

6:30-9:30 P

Pet the Cougar

A FANTASTIC Group that plays a Combo Concert of Tom Petty and John Cougar Mellencamp Hits

SEPT 12

6:30-9:30 P

Audiophile CLE & The Shootouts

Audiophile CLE is a mix-tape, pop/rock cover band based in Cleveland, Ohio. Playing songs from the 80s and on! "The Shootouts do it all: Great songs, great pickin' and always lookin' sharp. Stampede encompasses all forms of American roots music. You'll be singing along in no time!

THE WEDNESDAY

LUNCH SERIES
AT THE GAZEBO
11:00A-1:30P



August 7 Express Way Band

The sound of Motown in Mayfield Village.

August 14 Frank and Dean

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

August 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!

September 4 Time Trax

Time Trax plays a huge variety of songs ranging from the 50's to today. The band's music includes the best of Motown, Rock, Pop, Funk, Disco, and even Hip Hop.



Urban Forester and newly-appointed Service Director Frank Stupczy accepted the Tree City award on behalf of the Village.

VILLAGE NAMED A "TREE CITY" FOR 9TH YEAR

In May of 2024, Mayfield Village was once again named a Tree City by the Ohio Division of Forestry. In order to maintain its designation as a Tree City, the Village must have an Arbor Day observance, must issue an annual Arbor Day Proclamation, and must have a tree ordinance and comprehensive tree program.

This year's Arbor Day Ceremony was held at Center School and organized with the help of the Mayfield Village Garden Club and the school administration. A lilac tree was planted by the third grade students, who each received a willow tree branch to take home to plant in their yards.

Community Partnership on Aging and
the Heights-Hillcrest Regional Chamber of Commerce present



SAVE THE DATE!
THURSDAY
OCTOBER 24
LYNDHURST
COMMUNITY
CENTER

CPA'S

FAMOUS FIRE DEPARTMENT CHILI COOK-OFF

- ✓ Enjoy chili from 6 fire departments with oversight from Edwin's Leadership Institute
- ✓ Raffles, sideboards, cash bar, and more
- ✓ Tickets are \$45/person; proceeds benefit CPA and HRCC

Presenting Sponsor



Tickets on
sale in
September



216-470-1771 (Julie) or 216-291-0772 (Therese)
www.hrcc.org
www.communitypartnershiponaging.org



Mayfield Memorial Scholarship in Honor of Debbie Hudacko

Shane McAviney, Director of Parks & Recreation

Who is Debbie Hudacko?

"Debbie Hudacko, an honor student and natural athlete, left a lasting impact on everyone who knew her before passing away at the age of 14. Her courage, determination, and compassion are remembered through the annual scholarship awarded in her memory."

Debbie Hudacko was a remarkable young girl remembered for her determination, athletic talent, and caring nature. An honor student at St. Francis of Assisi, she was praised by her teacher, Mrs. Sinks, for her courage and dedication. Debbie excelled in sports, notably baseball and soccer, where she even played as a goalie on an all-boys traveling team. Her friend Eileen Hoenigman recounted Debbie's prowess in baseball, highlighting her strength and passion even during her illness. Despite being quiet and somewhat shy, Debbie's true character shone when she was with her close friends, sharing jokes and laughter.

Debbie's battle with a brain stem tumor began in December 1988, but she remained mentally strong and continued her schoolwork and participation in activities. She attended her eighth-grade graduation despite her deteriorating condition, exemplifying her determination. Debbie's love for nature and animals was evident as she chose to spend her final moments looking out the front window at "her animals." Her legacy lives on through the annual scholarships awarded in her memory to Mayfield High School and St. Francis of Assisi students, celebrating her courage, perseverance, and caring spirit.

I am honored to introduce you to the 2024 Mayfield Memorial Scholarship in Honor of Debbie Hudacko award recipients:

Erika Gathy

"Music has taught me many critical skills that have allowed me to discover what I am passionate about, and what I believe to be truly important."

Erika Gathy, a dedicated student at Mayfield High School, has excelled in the school's music department, participating in every band class and engaging in both vocal and instrumental music, which has honed her patience, ambition, and public speaking skills. Her passion for advocating for others led her to intern at Hope for Kids Geauga, where she utilizes her performance abilities to support children's quality of life. Erika plans to pursue a university degree to deepen her impact as an advocate. She highlights the significance of scholarships in easing financial burdens, allowing her to focus on her education. Erika has been accepted to several universities, including Cleveland State, Kent State University, University of Akron, Pennsylvania State University, University of Pittsburgh, and Bowling Green State University.



Shane McAviney
Director of Parks & Recreation

Jeanne Assing Schroeder

"Although I talk a lot about myself and my achievements throughout this application, it would be a disservice to my teachers, family, coaches, and peers to say that I accomplished what I did alone."

As a senior at Mayfield High School, Jeanne Assing Schroeder reflects on her journey towards college acceptance at institutions like The Ohio State University, Miami University, Furman University, University of South Carolina, and University of Cincinnati. She attributes her success to a rigorous academic path, a passion for running, and unwavering support from mentors. With aspirations to major in Philosophy, Politics, and Economics and pursue law school, Jeanne emphasizes her commitment to public service and the importance of community support in achieving her goals.

Luke Durosko

"Through my career technical program, I have developed the skills and desire to use exercise to help rehabilitate people and get them back to their everyday lives."

Luke Durosko's journey to college began uncertainly, but his direction crystallized upon enrolling in the Exercise Science and Sports Rehabilitation Program at Brush High School. Initially drawn to the program out of curiosity for weightlifting, Luke discovered a passion for physical therapy as he learned about anatomy, injuries, and exercise rehabilitation. This newfound passion led him to decide on pursuing a career as a physical therapist. Accepted to Ohio University, Luke plans to major in Exercise Physiology with a focus on Pre-Physical Therapy. He anticipates attending physical therapy school after college and recognizes the financial challenges ahead, hoping for scholarships to support his educational journey towards becoming a licensed PT.

Alexis Scruggs

"At 6 months old I was adopted and I believe that is the greatest gift my parents have ever given me."

Alexis Scruggs reflects on her journey from adoption to pursuing a career in medicine. Raised by parents nearing retirement, Alexis aims to secure scholarships to ease their financial burden and enable her pursuit of becoming a first-generation medical student. Currently working as a server and saving diligently, she aspires to specialize in pediatric surgery after experiencing a life-changing health scare with her appendix. Despite struggles with public speaking and focus, Alexis credits her school experiences for pushing her out of her comfort zone and preparing her for future challenges. Accepted to Kent State and Cleveland State University, she is determined to achieve her academic and professional goals in medicine.

Adam Schumacher

"On my twelfth birthday, I sat on my bedroom floor with all the parts to assemble my first computer. I connected each piece to my final creation, plugging my computer in and seeing the lights flash. I was hooked."

Adam Schumacher's passion for technology began at a young age when he assembled his first computer, sparking a lifelong interest in information systems. Through volunteering with seniors and leading technology projects in his community, Adam demonstrated his ability to bridge generational divides and make technology accessible. His dedication extends to sports, where he excels in track, soccer, and newly introduced volleyball, earning him recognition with the Western Reserve scholar-athlete award. Accepted to multiple universities including the University of Cincinnati, Adam plans to pursue a degree in information systems, inspired by his family's legacy at UC. He looks forward to college as an opportunity for growth and new experiences, aiming to utilize scholarships to support his academic journey.

Summer Fun in the Village!





Senior News / Samantha Clark-Cartwright

Program & Facilities Manager / Senior Program Coordinator

Dear Mayfield Village Seniors,

Beautiful summer days are here at last! I hope you all are also enjoying the sunshine this summer. I have been having a wonderful time soaking up the sun at our Wednesday Gazebo Concerts and The Grove. We have had some amazing entertainers join us. Whenever I hear one of my favorite songs playing, I find myself singing along to every word. Even outside of work, I still try to be outside when possible. My family and I have gone to local beaches to swim and play frisbee. We also enjoy walking our dog Chewy and spending time in the backyard with some tasty barbeque and even a bonfire. I hope you are soaking up these sunny days before fall catches up with us.

We have some neat programs coming up soon that we would love for you to join us.

Calling all historians! We have an upcoming program called Presentations with Pizzazz. Each topic will include a great history lesson for all. Susan Cannavino is not just a speaker; she is a force of nature, bringing history to life like never before. Whether you are a history buff or just love a good story, Susan's engaging talks will leave you wanting more. Learn more

on September 10th about the life of Katharine Hepburn or on October 15th about the eerie tale of the Romanov family. The presentations are at 11:00 A at the Mayfield Village Community Room. Each class is \$15 per person, but it is a history lesson you do not want to miss. Registration is required. Call Senior Services at 440.919.2332 to register today.

Looking for something more interactive and want to show off your knowledge? Join us for Trivia once a month. Our trivia ranges from entertainment, sports, leisure, art, American literature, science, and more. Bring your A-Game for a fun afternoon. The next trivia matches are in the Community Room on August 1st and September 5th from 2:00 to 3:00 P.

We also have specialized classes to help with tech issues that might be on your mind. Improve your phone, iPad, tablet, or computer skills today! You can reserve a 30-minute time slot with me for personalized tech support. We have Tech Help available every Thursday from 11:00 A to 1:30 P in the Community Room, but you will have to call in advance to schedule an appointment (440.919.2332).

Of course, if you want to join me in the sunshine, come to the Gazebo for our



Samantha Clark-Cartwright
Program & Facilities Manager
Senior Program Coordinator



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

remaining 11:00AM lunchtime concerts. Bring your lunch and enjoy amazing music in the great outdoors. Our next concerts include the August 7th Express Way Band with the classic sound of Motown. August 14th, we have the hilarious duo of Frank and Dean. They have fun picking on each other while also singing the amazing tunes of Frank Sinatra and Dean Martin. Then sail away on August 28th with Cheeseburger in Paradise. They will play relaxing island tunes and Jimmy Buffett classics. Finally, we end the summer on September 4th with Time Trax. They will play a variety of songs from the 50's to today.

I hope this summer is treating you well, and if you ever have any questions about programs or information on resources in the area, please feel free to call or stop by my office in the Community Room. I look forward to seeing you all soon.



Many senior residents gathered for the Dedication to Dad Luncheon and a Gazebo Concert .



The Senior Self-Defense Course is fairly new and will be offered again in the Fall.



The Fairy Garden Class on May 30th. Participants had fun planting their flowers then creating beautiful scenes for their fairies.



Gazebo Concert moved inside. Our Senior Residents were enjoying the tunes of Hit List Duo.



Gazebo Concert with Disco Express! This band had us dancing and singing to the best of Disco.

EPA Grant Received for New Leaf Machines

Frank Stupczy, Service Director

The fall *Yard Waste/Leaf Collection and Recycling Program* is a principle focus for our Service Department every year from October through June. Last fall our service employees collected over 1,300 tons of organic yard waste from the residents of Mayfield Village through the use of tow-behind leaf vacuum trailers. The collected leaves were then fed into a tub-grinder, which breaks down and combines the leaves and yard debris into a uniform organic leaf humus or leaf-mulch. The humus was piled into wind-rows at our Service Garage site to be monitored for temperature and turned over at regular intervals throughout the winter until spring. The resulting "mulch" was then delivered back to our residents at no cost by our Service Department beginning the day after Mother's Day. This year our Service Department delivered over 1,100 yards of mulch to our residents.

Mayfield Village is proud of this program that recycles and repurposes its own yard waste. The program has kept organic bulk material from taking up unnecessary space in solid waste landfills since 1987.

The collection season over the years has, however, taken its toll on the expensive collection trailers rendering two trailers unsafe and barely operable. Seeking assistance, in February of 2023, the Service Department applied for a grant through the EPA Recycling and Litter Prevention Program. July 1st of last year the program awarded Mayfield Village \$200,000 for the purchase of two brand new leaf vacuum trailers. Over the course of the year, the Service Department has been

working with *Best Equipment* to spec-out and build the two new machines. We are happy to report the new trailers were delivered to the Service Garage in May of this year!

The two new trailers will replace our oldest machines which have been dutifully serving our Village since 1987 and 1992 respectively. The new machines will be put into service this fall during our normal leaf collection season. The new bright-white machines will be easily recognizable on the streets of our Village. They will also proudly display the "EPA recycle" logo to recognize and thank Ohio EPA for its support and funding.



Frank Stupczy
Service Director



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Grass Clippings are Recyclable

Lisa Lesner, Service Department Executive Assistant

It's that time of year again, the grass is growing so fast we can almost watch it happen right in front of us! Yes, mowing can be a chore but everyone loves a healthy green lawn. Did you know grass clippings from mowing can be a valuable source of nutrients for our lawns? Clippings help improve soil quality by increasing the organic matter in the soil. Using a mulching blade or mulching style lawn mower is an easy way to add clippings back to the lawn. Mowing your lawn on a regular basis also reduces the need to collect the clippings and the shorter clippings decompose more quickly into the yard.

When the grass gets too long and must be collected, instead of sending clippings to a landfill, there are other ways to reuse collected grass to make our yards healthier and more vibrant. Collected clippings can be recycled throughout the yard. Grass clippings have a naturally high nitrogen content making them a great addition to an organic compost pile. Clippings not recently treated with herbicide can also be used to mulch planting beds and gardens as well.

Mowing more frequently during the growing season sounds like work, but it feeds our lawn and reduces the strain of collecting heavy bags of grass clippings. Reusing grass clippings throughout our landscape also reduces our carbon footprint and overreliance on landfills.

Remember that the Village partners with Rustbelt Riders and has a food composting drop-off location in the Civic Center parking lot. More information on how to participate can be found at their website: rustbeltriders.com

Finally, a representative from the Cuyahoga County Solid Waste District will be in Mayfield Village on September 10th to present a free workshop on Backyard Composting.

Please see the information below and please register to attend.



Lisa Lesner
Service Dept.
Executive Assistant

Backyard Composting 101

Tuesday September 10th at 6:00pm
at the Mayfield Village Civic Center, 6622 Wilson Mills Rd.

Get the dirt on backyard composting in this free workshop from Cuyahoga Recycles. Learn the science of composting and receive how-to-compost instruction.

Affordable composting equipment will be available for sale at the end of the program. Learn more about the equipment and pricing here:

https://cuyahogarecycles.org/buy_a_compost_bin/

Note: payment is by cash or check only, no credit.

Attendance is FREE. Register at this link:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/comreg24>





Summertime is a great time to visit the wonderful parks areas that are offered in The Village. Suggestions include the Bruce G. Rinker Greenway Trail, the Gazebo, Union Cemetery, Bennett-Van Curen Museum, Parkview Pool, and the Monarch Way Station to mention a few.

The Monarch Way Station is a garden designed to attract butterflies and bees to promote much-needed pollination of plants and flowers. The Members of the Garden Club work diligently to propagate the flowers to do this. The Monarch Way Station is located across from Parkview Pool. It has many flowers to admire as you stroll the paths or just rest on the benches.

Mayfield Village Garden Club Meetings and Presentations:

- September 25 @ the Community Room / 7 PM: "Learn about the Bees" by Sue Budeenbaum.
- October 30 @ the Community Room / 7 PM: "Plant and Landscape Design Technology" by Dr. Jim Sunai & Lori Jatrock.
- November 20 @ the Community Room / 7 PM: "Make & Take Design Class." Members will design floral arrangements.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS and SAVE THE DATE!

ANNUAL GARDEN CLUB SHOW & SALE

NOVEMBER 23, 2024 FROM 9 AM TO 4 PM
@ the Community Room

New Additions to this year's show include: Learn how to make Gingerbread House Tablescapes, Cookie Shuffle, Holiday Wreaths & Arrangements. Much more for your Holidays! Admission \$2.00.

Mayfield Women's Club GFWC/OFWC

Women's Club Meetings are held at the Community Room at 7 PM. Any change of meeting place will be noted.

- September 16—"Beginning of Walt Disney's Success." Guest Speaker Joy Borland.
- October 21—"Traveling with Sue." Guest Speaker Sue Knauer.
- October 26—**MAYFIELD WOMENS' CLUB ANNUAL LUNCHEON AT THE MAYFIELD VILLAGE CIVIC CENTER**
FOR RESERVATIONS CONTACT MARCIA (mpecjakMWC@gmail.com)
Your check will be your reservation. Cost is \$20.00. Enjoy an Afternoon with Baskets, Split Raffles and Entertainment. Please support this Scholarship Fundraiser for the Mayfield Senior Students.
- November 25—Program to be announced.

If you are Interested in the Mayfield Women's Club activities or becoming a member, contact: Sue Knauer @ 440-665-6498

The Mayfield Township Historical Society

We welcomed 360 students from the Mayfield Schools and St. Francis 3rd grade classes to tour the Bennett-Van Curen House this spring. They learned about pioneer living from the 1800's to the 1930's and wrote letters to us telling us what they learned and what was most interesting to them, along with drawn pictures. We keep them in our library so they can come back someday.



The Bennett-Van Curen Historical House



Students visiting the Historical House were able to spend some time in an old-style classroom.

Have you lived in Mayfield for 50+ years?

We would like to do a brief interview with you to hear how it has changed, improved, your memories of the good old days. Call the house for an interview time.

A luncheon was held at Wiley Park to thank the 37 volunteers and docents who keep our society and house going. We recognized 6 of them who have reached the 90 yr. old milestone and continue to contribute. We know there is some skill you can contribute to our group whether it's baking a dozen cookies for a meeting, sewing quilt square on a machine, helping with mailings, becoming a tour guide, pulling weeds and anything in between. Call us at 440-461-0055 with your information and we will help you find something you can help us do.

The historic house will be open for tours from 1-3 pm on Sunday, July 28 and Saturday, August 31. Come in for a tour. Look for us passing out our 2024-25 schedule at the 11 am Gazebo concerts. They are also located at the Civic Center office along with membership applications. All meetings with our interesting speakers, are free and open to the public.

Ice Cream Social / Wednesday Sept. 11 from 6:30-8 pm

\$3 adult, \$1 child tour of the house and ice cream social, with homemade cookies. Join us and make your own sundae. Wiley Park, 606 SOM Center Rd.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS / AUGUST-OCTOBER 2024

AUGUST

5	Council Caucus	Civic Center	7pm
8	Red Cross Blood Drive	Civic Center	12-6pm
10	Village Celebration	Parkview Pool & The Grove	11:30am-10pm
21	Red Cross Blood Drive	Civic Center	12-6pm
19	Council Regular Meeting	Civic Center	7pm

SEPTEMBER

2	Labor Day	Offices Closed—Rubbish Delayed One Day	
5	Red Cross Blood Drive	Civic Center	12-6pm
9	Council Caucus	Civic Center	7pm
10	Backyard Composting Program	Civic Center	6-7 pm
11	Ice Cream Social	Historical House	6:30-8pm
19	Red Cross Blood Drive	Civic Center	12-6pm
23	Council Regular Meeting	Civic Center	7pm

OCTOBER

3	Red Cross Blood Drive	Civic Center	12-6pm
7	Council Caucus	Civic Center	7pm
17	Red Cross Blood Drive	Civic Center	12-6pm
19	Halloween Party	The Grove Amphitheatre Area	11am-1:30pm
21	Council Regular Meeting	Civic Center	7 pm

GENERAL ELECTION

Tuesday, NOVEMBER 5, 2024

All Wards Vote at the Civic Center — 6:30 A.M. TO 7:30 P.M.

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



August 10-17
November 2-9

For information about items accepted for recycling, please call 440-442-5506 or visit the Service Department tab at <https://mayfieldvillage.com>



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 simplerectycling.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:

August 8 & 21 from 12-6 pm
September 5 & 19 from 12-6 pm
October 3 & 17 from 12-6 pm

See www.redcrossblood.org for other local locations. Please note that appointments are required. Make an appointment online or call 1-800-REDCROSS (800-733-2767).

SHRED DAY!

SAVE THE DATE!
Saturday, May 17, 2025
9 A.M. to Noon

CIVIC CENTER PARKING LOT
6622 Wilson Mills Road
Residents can bring up to five boxes to be shredded.



MAYFIELD VILLAGE

6622 Wilson Mills Road
Mayfield Village, OH 44143
Phone: 440-461-2210
contactus@mayfieldvillage.com

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Mayfield Village Celebration!

End of summer get together for Mayfield Village Residents and their guest. Passholders may also attend Parkview Pool to enjoy the celebration. Start the day at Parkview Pool and end at The Grove. Free!

Saturday, August 10, 2024

Parkview Pool 11:30 A-5:00 P

Cookout & Kids Activities. Mayfield Village Residents/their guests and passholders only.

11:30-5:00 P Free swim all day for Mayfield Village residents and their guest, plus cookout

Jungle Bob 1:00-3:00 P

Face Painting 2:00-5:00 P

Caricature Artist 2:00-5:00 P

*Event times and activities subject to change

The Grove 6:00-10:00 P

Food, kids activities and band, plus a movie!

5:00-10:00 P

Caricature Artist 6:00-9:00 P

Balloon Artist 6:00-9:00 P

Glitter Tattoos 6:00-9:00 P

Henna Tattoos 6:00-9:00 P

Juggler 7:00-8:00 P

Movie/Band 8:00-10:00 P

FM77 Band Presents the Guardians of The Galaxy Soundtrack and more during live screening of movie.