

**Mayfield Village Citizens Advisory Committee****Meeting Minutes****October 27, 2025**

The Citizens Advisory Committee met on Monday, October 27, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. at the Mayfield Historical House, 606 SOM Center Road, Mayfield Village, Ohio.

**Present:** Bob Haycox (Chair) Miki Steigerwald  
Marilyn LaRiche-Goldstein Patti Ferris  
Robert Gessner Lorry Nadeau  
Joanna McNally Mark Granakis

**Absent:** Maureen Washock Sara Calo  
Rosemarie Fabrizio Monica Syracuse  
Gerald Kasunic Sandy Batcheller

**Also Present:** Peter Gall, Council Representative  
Steve Schutt, Council Alternate  
Diane Wolgamuth, Director of Administration

**Approval of Meeting Minutes**

Mr. Haycox called the meeting to order. A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes from September 29, 2025, and the minutes were approved as written.

**Historical Society Update**

Mr. Haycox thanked Historical Society President Joan Gottschling for hosting the CAC again this year and said the group always enjoys their hospitality.

Ms. Gottschling described her history with the Society and said she is currently the President because she is the youngest member. She stated that she has been active with the Society since 2012, first as its Secretary, then Curator, then Vice President and now President. She described that the position requires not only taking care of the house and grounds, but running meetings, booking speakers, etc. She stated that they are always looking for volunteers to help in the house and the yard. "This can be a challenge because we are all trying to draw from the same group of people."

Ms. Gottschling stated that the Society currently has 121 members, but they want 135. She passed out the Historical Society's schedule of events for 2025-26 along with a membership application (copies attached). She introduced Vice President Janice Baker and Lorry Nadeau who is not only a member of CAC but also the Secretary for the Historical Society.

Ms. Baker provided some history of Mayfield Township and the families that built and lived in the Bennett-VanCuren house before it was given to the Historical Society. She talked about the Society's monthly meetings and that she likes to bring artifacts to meetings, stating that many people don't realize how many artifacts are kept in the house. Ms. Baker described some of the rooms located in the house and advised that about 150 third graders visited this year. After the students visit the house, they generally write letters of thanks and talk about what they found most interesting about the tour. She read several of the letters received this year.

Ms. Gottschling described that docents only need to learn a 6-minute talk about a particular room to help with the tours and stated that "we could use more docents."

Ms. Gottschling reported that the Ice Cream Social was moved to August this year and about 73 people attended. She added that this allowed for an additional monthly meeting and noted that attendance at monthly meetings has picked up substantially, from about 20 to over 75. Mrs. Nadeau stated that many times people suggest speakers to them and the 2026 meeting schedule is already booked.

Ms. Gottschling described that the Society has a great volunteer group who logged 1,463 hours of work between June and December last year. "That is over \$49,000 worth of work." She explained that Mayfield Village, Mayfield Heights and Highland Heights donate money to the Society every year, but there are many expenses. They try to make extra money through raffles.

Ms. Gottschling noted that, in 2026, America would be celebrating its 250<sup>th</sup> birthday and the Society would be celebrating its 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

The Society is currently running a campaign to raise money to update the electrical system in the house and add air conditioning. Phase 2 of this project will be to add a handicap ramp and replace the exterior doors. Phase 3 will be to replace all the windows. She distributed a flyer about the Capital Campaign (also attached).

Mrs. LaRiche-Goldstein commented that it is good to hear all their enthusiasm about the Society and the house. Ms. Gottschling replied that history is very interesting. She described the Historical House being moved from its original location in 1987 and the types of businesses it previously held.

Ms. Gottschling thanked the Committee for coming to visit the Historical House and encouraged them to call if interested in a tour.

Mr. Haycox thanked Ms. Gottschling and Ms. Baker for their presentation and announced that Ms. Gottschling had been named an Outstanding Citizen by Mayor Bodnar at the recent Volunteer Appreciation Dinner. Other recipients included CAC member Sandy Batcheller and her husband Peter, and Andy Daugherty for his photography work at The Grove.

**Council Report**

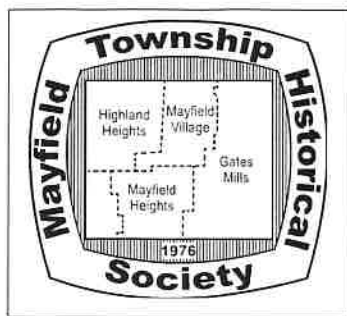
Mr. Gall reported that there has not been much going on at Council that is very exciting to report. He stated that a follow-up article about the utility poles will be in the next VOV and Council approved replacement of the broken pavers here at Wiley Park. Mr. Gall advised that the Mayfield Village Fire Department and Chief Carcioppolo won the CPA's Chili Cookoff this year.

Mrs. LaRiche-Goldstein asked about the sale of the Village-owned Wilson Mills properties. Ms. Wolgamuth advised that after the first property was placed on the market, a builder approached the Village about purchasing all four properties. Currently, a Development Agreement is being negotiated with the builder and that agreement will be coming to Council for approval in November. Ms. Wolgamuth explained that the intent is that the remaining two homes will be razed and the building will offer new residential construction. She added that the properties are zoned single-family residential, so without a rezoning, that is the only development that can occur.

Mrs. LaRiche-Goldstein stated that she is glad that the properties will remain residential. Mr. Gall commented that they will be nice homes on small lots, so there is not a lot of yard work. Mrs. LaRiche-Goldstein added that there are so many amenities close by and this is a great place to live. Mrs. McNally stated that she wished there were more ranches in the Village. Mrs. LaRiche-Goldstein responded that the last time we were expecting ranches and houses available for downsizing was when the Montebello Development was going in. She stated, "The houses were supposed to be in the \$300,000 range and now they are over \$700,000." Mr. Granakis agreed that the cost of the homes was misrepresented prior to the re-zoning. Ms. Wolgamuth responded that, with the current cost of construction, the new homes on Wilson Mills will likely be in the \$500,000 to \$600,000 range.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Diane Wolgamuth  
Director of Administration



**MAYFIELD TOWNSHIP  
HISTORICAL SOCIETY**  
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**MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION  
FOR THE MAYFIELD TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

Membership year goes from Jan 1-Dec 31. Payment is due by the February meeting  
Mail memberships with check to the address above or bring to a meeting. Fill out completely.

**NAME** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**City** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone** \_\_\_\_\_

In order to save on postage for our monthly meeting reminders , please provide your

**Email** \_\_\_\_\_ **so we can send reminders for meetings to your inbox. Put our email address**  
**mayfieldtownshiphistorical@gmail.com in your contact list. Check your spam the start of each month.**

<b>Individual.....</b>	<b>\$15.00</b>	_____
<b>Family.....</b>	<b>\$25.00</b>	_____
<b>Business/Professional.....</b>	<b>\$50.00</b>	_____
<b>Sustaining Membership (Lifetime)</b>	<b>\$500.00</b>	_____
<b>Additional donation.....</b>		_____

MTHS can receive matching funds from Progressive employees through the employee giving program. Please contact us for more information or if your company can match donations. We also accept memorial donations for a loved one or friend. You tax exempt donations are appreciated. Support us through your planned giving.  
Tax ID number: 34-1214639

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**MEMORIAL BRICKS**

The Mayfield Township Historical Society is sponsoring a Brick Walkway. Remember a loved one or family member with a permanently inscribed brick in the walkway leading to the Bennett-VanCuren Historical Museum at 606 S.O.M Center Road. We also have a Veteran's section. Cost per brick \$45.00.

Up to 3 rows (13 letters per row)

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If you need any historical questions about the township (Gates Mills, Mayfield Heights, Mayfield Village, Highland Heights) answered, contact our librarians by phone or email or have photos/artifacts to donate.

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**Do you have a volunteering skill you can share with us? Please check below:**

**HOSPITALITY**

- \_\_\_\_\_ Join the hospitality group and arrive 1 hr. before meetings to help make coffee, set up the dessert tables, greet people, or help clean up
- \_\_\_\_\_ Bake and bring 1 dozen cookies for meeting nights (2nd wed of month)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Volunteer to pick up and drive someone to a meeting who can't drive

*The following jobs are done on Mondays from 10-2 or when you are available:*

**QUILT GROUP**

- \_\_\_\_\_ Iron and sort quilt squares or sew them on Mondays or at your home
- \_\_\_\_\_ Join/learn quilting with the Mayfield Quilters every Monday from 10-2

**OFFICE/LIBRARY RESEARCH HELP**

- \_\_\_\_\_ Data entry on the computer
- \_\_\_\_\_ Curating and documenting artifacts in the collection
- \_\_\_\_\_ Research librarian: researching questions, organizing files
- \_\_\_\_\_ Stuffing and stamping envelopes for mailing each month
- \_\_\_\_\_ Membership committee; maintain lists, reach out to members
- \_\_\_\_\_ Sunshine committee; thank you, get well and sympathy notes and calls to members
- \_\_\_\_\_ Working with our social media sites to post current information
- \_\_\_\_\_ Help plan the programming and schedule interesting speakers for meetings

**GARDEN AND YARD HELP**

- \_\_\_\_\_ Cutting the grass at the house on the riding mower/trimming
- \_\_\_\_\_ Light seasonal garden work; pruning, weed pulling, dead heading
- \_\_\_\_\_ Light maintenance and house repair work/painting, handyman items

**COMMUNITY OUTREACH**

- \_\_\_\_\_ Train as a docent needed for one or more the 13 rooms during tours
- \_\_\_\_\_ Sell raffle tickets at our booth during voting day and/or Mother's Day Pancake Breakfast, Senior Information Night
- \_\_\_\_\_ Help with the Ice Cream Social 2nd Wednesday of September
- \_\_\_\_\_ Community education in our historical booth during community days in either Highland Hts., Mayfield Hts. or Mayfield Village.

**OTHER**

- \_\_\_\_\_ Light housework: dusting, vacuuming
- \_\_\_\_\_ I am interested in helping the historical society by \_\_\_\_\_

## **2025-26 MAYFIELD TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL SOCIETY SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

We are the historical society for Highland Hts., Mayfield Hts., Gates Mills and Mayfield Village and represent the area of the original 5-mile square, 1819 Mayfield Township that these 4 communities make up today.

Meetings are held at the Mayfield Village Community Room, 6621 Wilson Mills Rd., **second Wednesday of the month at 7 pm.** You don't have to be a member to join the meetings, free and open to the public. Bring a friend. Join us for refreshments after the program. Join our volunteer group if you feel you have a skill to help us at the historic house: tour guide, research, light weeding, garden care, handyman skills, computer skills, hospitality, baking cookies for a meeting. Please leave a message with your name and phone number: 440-461-0055

**August 27 – Ice Cream Social-** Wednesday, 6:30-8 pm. Join us at the historic house, 606 SOM Center. Meet to socialize and enjoy the end of summer, a tour of the house and then make your ice cream sundae outside in the Wiley Park Pavilion complete with homemade cookies. \$1 kids, \$3 adults. Bring the whole family.

**September 10 – History of Cleveland Metroparks** – Wednesday, 7 p.m. Former Mayfield Village Mayor and current Vice President of the Metroparks Board of Commissioners, Bruce Rinker, will share the vision of William Stinchcomb, who conceived the idea of the Emerald Necklace in 1905 and lobbied for its creation which culminated in 1917.

**October 8 – ‘What’s the Deal with Dead Man’s Curve? And Other Really Good Questions About Cleveland’** – Wednesday, 7 p.m. Join us in welcoming author Jim Sweeney for an entertaining presentation on the many wonders of living in the Cleveland area. Jim’s book will be available for purchase at the meeting – a fun gift and informative gift for a new neighbor or out-of-town relative!

**November 12 – The History of Woodland Cemetery** – Wednesday, 7 p.m. Michelle Day, President of the Board, Woodland Cemetery Foundation, will share the story of Woodland Cemetery’s place in the history of the Underground Railroad and the Civil War. Woodland Cemetery was the main cemetery in Cleveland from 1853 to the early 1900s, before Lake View Cemetery was established.

**December 9 – Holiday Luncheon** -Wednesday, 12:00-3:00 . Mayfield Village Civic Center, 6622 Wilson Mills Rd. Information will be sent out in November with menu and cost to be returned by Dec. 4 for your advance reservation. Open to all. Ask a friend to share the holiday season and socialize with us. We have a Brown Bag Auction, 6 tickets \$5. If you have a new, gently used gift item to donate for it, bring it to the house by Dec. 7.

**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. Thank you for your support.

**February 11 – The History of Scams!** – Wednesday, 7 p.m. The practice of swindling and scamming has been around since the beginning of time. Chief Paul Matias, Mayfield Village Police Chief, will join us for an eye-opening presentation about the history of scams and the many and varied types to be aware of to prevent becoming a victim.

**March 11 – The Grandma Gatewood Story** – Wednesday, 7 p.m. We welcome back Bette Lou Higgins for the amazing story of the first woman and 67 yr old, to hike the entire Appalachian Trail alone in 1955. Grandma Gatewood’s story is one of personal heartache that she turned into self-confidence and courage.

**April 8 – The History of the U.S.S. Cod** – Wednesday, 7 p.m. Paul Farace, the Director of the U.S.S. Cod Museum, joins us with the interesting and important role of the U.S.S. Cod in World War II and about the restoration it has recently undergone.

**May 13 -- PLEASE NOTE A ONE-TIME CHANGE IN LOCATION! MAYFIELD REGIONAL LIBRARY Hollywood’s Golden Age** – Wednesday, 7 p.m., MTHS and Mayfield Regional Library have partnered to present: “So much gossip! So little time! Women in History brings you the renowned Gossip Mavens, Hedda Hopper and Louella Parsons, as they take us on a journey through the Golden Age of Hollywood. (Sorry, no hair pulling allowed!)” The program will have some audience interaction!

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**Please join The Mayfield Township Historical Society in funding our Capital Campaign to begin Phase 1 of restorations to the Bennett-Van Curen Historic House**

We have been given a generous \$5000 matching fund donation.  
For every \$1 you donate, the donor will match it, up to \$5000.  
We could realize \$10,000! The campaign ends April 1, 2026.

Individual and corporate sponsors needed to fund Phase 1 which includes:  
--Updating the existing electrical system  
--Addition of air conditioning to help protect our collections from heat and humidity

**Donate TODAY to DOUBLE your**

The Mayfield Township Historical Society represents and keeps the history in the historic Bennett-Van Curen house for the 4 communities that grew out of the original 1819 Mayfield Township:

Gates Mills, Highland Heights, Mayfield Heights, and Mayfield Village.

What better way to support the local history than to donate to this campaign!

We are a tax-exempt, non-profit organization. Tax ID number: 34-1214639.  
If you are looking for a cause to donate to for your end of the year donations or Required Minimum Distributions, this is the perfect place.

All donors will have their names on a donor plaque installed at the house.

\$1-99      Outlet level  
\$100-249   Switch level  
\$250-499   Circuit breaker level  
\$500-999   Electric service panel level  
\$1000+     Electric meter level

To donate, scan this QR code and include your name or send a check to The Mayfield Township Historical Society, 606 SOM Center Rd. Mayfield, OH 44143. For more information, sponsor recognition opportunities, or questions email us at: [Mayfieldtownshiphistoricsociety@yahoo.com](mailto:Mayfieldtownshiphistoricsociety@yahoo.com) or call: 440-461-0055  
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