



## Lucky the Leprechaun Visits The Greenway Trail



Celebrating St. Patrick's Day with Lucky the Leprechaun was one of the early spring events organized by the Recreation Department. Learn about upcoming spring and summer events in Director Shane McAviney's article on Page 11 and watch for ads throughout this issue.

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## Announcing More Price Stability for NOPEC Electric Customers

Chuck Keiper / NOPEC Executive Director and CEO

Continuing our commitment to providing price stability for residents and small businesses, I am pleased to announce that **NOPEC will hold our electric Standard Program Price (SPP) steady for another six-month period from the June through December 2025 meter read dates at 8.929 cents/kWh.** That price is expected to be below the utility's Standard Service Offer (SSO) pricing over that time. This price stability follows a 12-month period where we held our Standard Program Price steady from June 2024 through May 2025.

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## 2025 State of the Village

### Memo from the Mayor / Brenda T. Bodnar



Mayor Brenda T. Bodnar

The State of Mayfield Village is multifaceted. It encompasses income and expenses, programs and services, personnel, sports and recreational programs.

And while our economy is not everything, there is no mistaking the fact that it is the primary driver of our ability to serve this great community. I was happy to see that, in 2024, income tax collections were up about \$2 million from 2023, but still totaled only \$11.7 million, a decrease of over \$10 million from pre-pandemic days. A big part of the 2024 revenue boost was due to generous bonuses paid by one of our largest employers. In 2025, we have not, thus far, seen income tax revenues that would mirror last year's bonus payments, and, as of April 1, 2025, we are down about \$700,000.00 in income tax revenues from the same date last year. We are beginning to see an uptick in Progressive tax revenues, but it's too soon to tell if this is a trend or a one-off.

It has been more than five years since the start of the COVID pandemic, and, working together as a dedicated Council and Administration, we have tightened our belts so that we can live within our means. I am pleased at how well we have managed over the last several years, even with reduced revenues. Staffing levels have remained the same, services have not been touched, and we have not dipped into our reserves. As of January 1, 2020, our general fund stood at \$24.8 million. Currently, our general fund balance is approximately \$45.4 million dollars. As we transfer funds out of the general fund and into dedicated funds for capital projects, that number will dip, however, our moves will be intentional, and we will not lose our focus on maintaining economic strength.

I have no doubt that we will continue to work together for the economic stability of Mayfield Village.

We have several **economic development prospects on the horizon that will improve the Village's financial picture**, and we must remain open to changes that will yield positive results.

One of those prospects is the Progressive Campus 1 property on Wilson Mills Road, which was put on the market in 2024. (Progressive has consolidated all employees into Campus 2 on SOM Center Road, now known as *Progressive Corporate Headquarters*.) Even though there is a current trend to get employees back to the office, there is still not much of a market for office space, making it likely that we will need to consider alternate uses for Campus 1—potentially a mix of uses—and for a possible future zoning change. In all choices, we keep in mind that any use should not result in a negative financial impact to Mayfield Village. Also, we have referendum zoning here. All zoning changes must be approved by the voters. At this time, we have made no moves to seek rezoning Campus 1, and we remain in regular conversation with Progressive as we collaborate to seek end-users that will benefit us both.

Another, more positive, item on the horizon is the construction of a new commercial building at the north end of the Village, north of Progressive's campus and near the Governor's Village nursing facility. The Gunton Corporation, a locally-owned independent distributor of Pella Windows in Ohio, Pennsylvania, West Virginia, New Jersey and Delaware, has partnered with a local developer, Premier Mayfield, LLC, to move its offices and distribution center to the Village. The property in question is currently zoned "Residential" and the Village has introduced legislation to put this 15 acres of land on the ballot in November for rezoning to "Production/Distribution."

Gunton projects that approximately 75 employees will be moved into the facility, generating \$120,000 in municipal income tax in the first year, with projections of 95 employees within ten years, generating roughly \$152,000 in income tax per year.

More detailed information will be shared with residents over the summer months and a public hearing on the rezoning is being scheduled for Monday, June 16, to allow residents to ask questions and express their opinions.

I am proud that the Gunton Corporation has chosen Mayfield Village as its new home. Gunton has been a family-owned business since 1932 and has an excellent reputation. The developer, Premier Development Partners, has been in the real estate business for 25 years with a great track record in the Village: re-developing 6655 Beta Drive in 2016 as the home of two of the Village's most successful businesses—Quality Electrodynamics and Mars Electric.

We are happy to partner with them in this exciting project and begin to find new ways to generate revenue to maintain the level of services that Village residents expect and enjoy. As the Village has very little vacant land available for development, construction in the north end provides an opportunity for business and revenue expansion with no impact to our residential neighborhoods.

Also on the economic development front, we welcomed seven new small businesses into the Village in 2024, mostly along Beta Drive, where we also saw a few high-profile real estate transactions.

On September 18, 2024, Canon Healthcare USA, Inc. celebrated the grand opening of its new, modern, training facility on Beta Drive in Mayfield Village — Canon Medical Academy USA—with a mission of creating a dynamic learning environment where healthcare professionals can elevate their expertise and address healthcare challenges with the help of advanced education and training. Canon Medical Academy USA offers comprehensive training on Canon's most advanced medical imaging products and solutions, with a curriculum crafted by expert faculty in collaboration with Canon Medical Systems USA, providing a unique learning experience for healthcare professionals.

Mayfield Village has always been proud to be the home of Quality Electrodynamics —a Canon subsidiary whose components power the world's leading medical imaging equipment— and is equally honored that Canon Medical Academy USA now calls Mayfield Village home as well.

The former Rockwell Automation property at 6680 Beta, largely vacant since COVID, was acquired by Process Technology, a leading supplier of thermal and

power supply equipment for the metal finishing and semiconductor industries. Village staff is working with the company on plans to locate its power supply manufacturing operation here in Mayfield, possibly as early as this summer.

Our Economic Development Manager, John Marquart, has been instrumental in both setting the table for economic success and bringing guests to that table to grow and prosper in Mayfield Village. It is not unusual for our business base to pay high compliments to me on the professionalism, courtesy and knowledge of Mr. Marquart.

As we grow our economy, we are mindful of our economic position and spending capabilities. Last year, general fund revenues totaled \$18,443,676 and general fund expenditures were \$15,882,372. Once again, despite the challenges, our earnings exceeded our spending.

We ended 2024 with total outstanding debt of \$1,484,513, and we have sufficient funds set aside in the debt retirement fund to pay off our remaining debt and will do so when it is economically beneficial and permissible.

### **So how are we spending our money?**

#### **Civic Center Improvements**

During 2024, the ADA and energy efficiency improvements to the Civic Center were completed. These improvements included all exterior door and window replacements, a new HVAC unit, several interior door replacements, ramp construction for access to Reserve Hall, and website upgrades. The total cost of these upgrades was \$455,000 with a \$250,000 grant from Cuyahoga County ARPA funds. We got a lot of much-needed work done with minimal out-of-pocket cost.

#### **Improvements at The Grove**

The Village also completed the installation of permanent restrooms at The Grove during 2024, receiving another \$250,000 grant from Cuyahoga County.

#### **Salt Dome Roof**

A \$75,000 grant was received from the State of Ohio's Recycling and Litter Prevention Program which covered the lion's share of the cost to replace the roof of our salt dome. The work was completed in September 2024.

As always, thanks to the State of Ohio and Cuyahoga County for the many different grant programs offered to help

local governments. We have been fortunate to have received several grants these past several years that have allowed us to add to and improve our facilities.

### **Worton Park Culvert Replacement Project**

Phase 2 of the Culvert Replacement Project in the Worton Park neighborhood is moving forward but has been delayed. The acquisition of two properties needed to allow more natural routing of the stream and expand floodplain has been successful, but took longer than expected. Phase 1 was completed in 2023 and included replacing two culverts. Phase 2 will see three additional culverts replaced on Norman, Woodlane, and South Woodlane. Neither phase of this project received any grant funding, however, the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District has been an excellent partner, covering the cost of purchasing the properties and razing the homes. The Sewer District has also hired engineers to develop the best possible plan. Design and permitting is underway and we hope to be taking this \$1.3 million project out for bids later this year. We look forward to completing this project that should alleviate the roadway flooding that this neighborhood has been experiencing for decades.

### **2025 Road Program**

Improvements on Beta Drive were planned for 2025, if we were able to secure assistance from the State of Ohio to help with the more than \$3 to \$4 million cost to repair the roadway, install an asphalt overlay, replace an old and deteriorating culvert, and replace all drive aprons and sidewalks. So far, we have not been successful in obtaining any grant money and we are now in the process of applying for a no-interest, 20-year loan to allow this project to move forward. We should know more in the coming months.

### **Village Departments**

Village Departments continue to operate in the same efficient manner as usual.

A notable 2024 retirement was Ron Wynne, our finance director. Ron's financial acumen and dry wit brought respect and clarity to the Village finances, and helped us to achieve financial success. We are pleased with the seamless transition to our new finance director, Angie Rich. Like Ron, Angie is keeping us on a sound financial path and moving in the right direction.

Another notable recent retirement was Debbie Thomas, our long-time and beloved Administrative Assistant. Debbie manned the front desk and phones for the past 25 years, and also handled all rentals at the Community Room. Stepping into Debbie's role is Logan Willis of Fairport Harbor. She is a recent graduate of Lake Erie College and I know we all look forward to getting to know her and wish her much success in the Village.

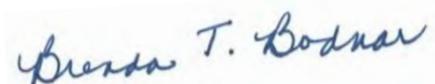
Our Service Department has been doing a fantastic job of keeping the Village in tip-top condition. Just coming off of a busy plowing season, they are looking forward to getting outdoors now to get us in shape for all of our spring and summer activities.

The Parks & Recreation Department continues to operate successfully and with panache. Recreation Director Shane McAviney and Assistant Recreation Director Danielle Echt do an amazing job with special events and programming, and Samantha Clark-Cartwright has settled into her job as our Senior Program Coordinator.

At the Building Department, work continues at the Montebello subdivision on Highland Road with 21 homes already occupied and three new homes built during 2024. This year, the subdivision is building a third St. Jude Dream Home. Overall, 2024 saw a decrease in new home construction which we believe can be attributed to interest rates climbing. On the commercial side, we saw a modest increase in permits issued for major improvements, mostly due to renovations at Progressive Headquarters.

I often receive compliments, not only on the programs and services we provide, but also on the professionalism and courtesy of the people who provide them. That is a testament to members of Council, the Administration and all of our workforce team.

And because of our team efforts, despite the financial challenges we've faced coming out of the pandemic, Mayfield Village remains in a strong position to continue delivering top-notch services to our residents and businesses.



# Change

## Peter Gall, Ward 4 Council Member

I have lived in Mayfield Village for 30 years and have witnessed lots of change in our community. With the purchase of the Mayfield United Methodist Church which now holds our village offices; the building of the Community Room; the development of the Parkview Complex which includes the pool, playground, ball fields, and The Grove; the new police station and fire department; and the creation of the Greenway Trail and the First Responders Memorial Trailhead; Mayfield Village leadership has continuously worked to make our community a more enjoyable place to live.

Closer to home, Ward 4 residents in Wor-ton Park have seen houses torn down, water retention bases put in, and bridges rebuilt; and changes are still coming to this area. Most of the change I have seen has been positive for our residents.

Some people like change and some people hate it, but we all know it happens. I am all about change. If there is something you would like to see changed to make life better in Ward 4, I want to hear about it. I can't promise that it will be done, but I promise that I will forward your concerns and ideas to those that are responsible for making the decisions.



Peter Gall  
Ward 4 Council Member



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# MAY 6, 2025

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# Mayfield Village Financial Position

## Angie S. Rich, Director of Finance



Angie S. Rich  
Director of Finance

The Village’s 2024 financial position improved compared to the recent COVID years, primarily due to increases in income tax collections, strong return on investment earnings, and utilizing grant funds received from the federal government and County to finance capital projects as opposed to using General Fund dollars. As the Village continues to navigate the post pandemic economy, income tax collections and investment earnings are not expected to yield the same results in 2025 as they did in 2024. The Village is committed to seeking grant opportunities to fund future projects, but it is unlikely we will experience the same level of grant funding as we did during the pandemic.

### Income Tax Collections

For 2024, income tax collections, net of refunds of approximately \$143,000, totaled \$11,716,456. This amount is \$1,905,356 **above** our 2023 collections of \$9,811,100 and \$2,699,328 **above** our 2022 collections of \$9,017,128. Larger than normal bonuses and stock option conversions contributed to the significant increase in 2024 collections.

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

Year	Total	Withholdings	Individuals	Net Profit
2024	\$11,716,456	\$9,912,118	\$614,676	\$1,189,662
2023	\$9,811,100	\$7,100,693	\$602,512	\$2,107,895
2022	\$9,017,128	\$6,721,903	\$514,481	\$1,780,744

**General Fund.** For 2024, General Fund revenue totaled \$18,443,676. This amount is \$2,456,883 **above** our 2023 revenues of \$15,986,794 and \$1,551,621 **above** our 2022 revenues of \$16,892,055. General Fund expenditures totaled \$15,882,372. This amount is \$86,246 **above** our 2023 expenditures of \$15,796,126 and \$167,909 **below** our 2022 expenditures of 16,050,281.

Our General Fund balance for the year has **increased** by \$2,561,304 and is \$44,719,249 at December 31, 2024. This compares to \$42,157,945 at December 31, 2023, \$41,967,277 at December 31, 2022 and \$41,125,503 at December 31, 2021.

**Actual vs Budget Comparison – All Funds.** Total Village receipts at December 31, 2024 are \$20,149,866. This represents approximately 117.2% of our 2024 budget of \$17,193,896. Total Village expenditures at December 31, 2024 are \$19,593,294. This represents approximately 80.5% of our 2024 budget of \$24,349,126.

**Debt.** Total outstanding debt at December 31, 2024 is \$1,484,513.

## 2024 Financial Position / 2025 Budget

	2025 <u>Budget</u>	2024 <u>Actual</u>	2023 <u>Actual</u>	<u>Change</u>
<b>Receipts:</b>				
Property Taxes	\$782,515	\$745,989	\$710,865	\$35,124
Municipal Income Taxes	10,170,000	\$11,939,344	9,991,315	1,948,029
Hotel Taxes	248,000	\$239,523	277,721	(38,198)
Payments in Lieu of Taxes - TIF's	926,000	\$1,078,687	1,144,347	(65,660)
Charges for Services and Sales	1,485,496	\$2,229,023	2,647,917	(418,894)
Grants, Entitlements and Contributions	1,428,900	\$1,108,471	1,134,810	(26,339)
Franchise Taxes	59,000	\$59,908	63,880	(3,972)
Earnings (Loss) on Investments	1,220,100	2,255,438	2,298,015	(42,577)
Sale of Capital Assets	35,000	66,033	32,551	33,482
Miscellaneous	473,500	427,451	738,461	(311,010)
<i>Total Receipts</i>	<u>16,828,511</u>	<u>20,149,866</u>	<u>19,039,881</u>	<u>1,109,985</u>
<b>Disbursements:</b>				
General Government	3,745,376	2,554,488	3,013,292	(458,804)
Security of Persons and Property	10,294,371	8,902,116	9,164,999	(262,883)
Public Health Services	31,325	27,143	26,388	755
Leisure Time Activities	1,510,000	1,332,374	1,257,581	74,793
Basic Utility Services	438,000	336,524	276,421	60,103
Community Development	661,000	695,235	471,096	224,139
Transportation	3,384,000	2,469,448	2,618,359	(148,911)
Capital Outlay	4,310,700	2,752,244	2,965,454	(213,210)
Debt Service				
Principal Retirement	507,500	490,349	478,811	11,538
Interest and Fiscal Charges	23,500	33,374	43,419	(10,045)
<i>Total Disbursements</i>	<u>24,905,772</u>	<u>19,593,294</u>	<u>20,315,819</u>	<u>(722,525)</u>
<i>Increase (Decrease) in Financial Position</i>	(8,077,261)	556,572	(1,275,938)	1,832,510
<i>Financial Position, Beginning of Year</i>	<u>51,104,310</u>	<u>50,547,738</u>	<u>51,823,677</u>	<u>(1,275,939)</u>
<i>Financial Position, End of Year</i>	<u>\$43,027,049</u>	<u>\$51,104,310</u>	<u>\$50,547,739</u>	<u>\$ 556,571</u>

# Understanding Charters and the Role of Charter Review Commissions

Diane A. Calta / Law Director

A **Charter** is a foundational document that outlines the structure, powers, and functions of a governing body, such as a county, city, or village. Essentially, it serves as the constitution for local governments, detailing the roles of elected officials, i.e., the Mayor and Council and the operations of the various departments, boards, and commissions. Overall, it establishes how the governmental entity operates, and how its laws and regulations are enforced. Charters are essential because they provide the legal framework under which government entities operate, ensuring accountability, transparency, and clear processes for decision-making.

Mayfield Village was incorporated in 1920 and adopted its first charter on May 7, 1974, at an election held by voters. The power to adopt a charter is provided by the Ohio Constitution and authorizes municipal corporations to set up their own plan of government. Without a charter, the Village would be required to operate under and strictly adhere to one of the plans of government set out in state law.

In many communities, including Mayfield Village, **Charter Review Commissions** play a critical role in maintaining the relevancy and effectiveness of a municipal charter. This commission is typically a group of citizens or appointed members tasked with periodically reviewing the charter to determine if any updates, amendments, or revisions are necessary. A Charter Review Commission's work is

often sparked by changes in laws, evolving community needs, or concerns over government efficiency and fairness.

The commission's duties typically include evaluating whether the current charter is serving the needs of the community, identifying areas for improvement, and proposing changes that might better reflect the values or challenges of the population. If the commission recommends changes, those suggestions are often put to a public vote for approval. In this way, Charter Review Commissions serve as a vital tool for keeping local governance up-to-date and responsive to the people it serves.

In the Village, Charter Article XI sets out that every five years, the Mayor and each member of Council shall appoint one elector, holding no other elective office, to be a member of the Charter Review Commission. The eight member Commission serves without compensation and all its meetings are open to the public. The Commission's duty is to meet and review the charter within five calendar month. The Commission may ask for Village officials and employees to attend their meetings to discuss the specifics of the charter provision being reviewed. The Commission shall then present any recommendations to amend the charter to the Mayor and Council. Thereafter, Council provides those recommendations for consideration by voters of the Village at the next general election.

The 2025 Charter Review Commission anticipates providing their recommendations to Council in early June and thereafter, Council will hold three readings and a public hearing on each item. In the case of the 2025 Charter Review Commission, any recommendations will be up for a vote at the November 4, 2025 general election.

More information about the 2025 Charter Review Commission can be found on the Village's website at <https://mayfieldvillage.com/commissions-boards/>. A detailed explanation of any proposed changes to the Charter that will be on the November ballot will be included in the summer *Voice of the Village*.



Diane A. Calta  
Law Director

## Creating Moments to Remember

### Shane McAviney, Director of Parks & Recreation



Shane McAviney  
Director of Parks & Recreation

*"Recreation's purpose is not to kill time, but to make life, not to keep a person occupied, but to keep them refreshed; not to offer an escape from life, but to provide a discovery of life."*

This quote perfectly captures the spirit of Mayfield Village's recreation programming. Through events like the Lucky the Leprechaun Trail and Party and the Easter Trail Eggstravaganza, families and friends have come together to celebrate, connect, and make lasting memories. These well-attended and highly successful programs are a testament to the value of recreation in our community—it's not just about keeping people busy; it's about enriching their lives.

As we move forward, Mayfield Village continues to provide a variety of programming designed for everyone, offering more opportunities to engage, refresh, and discover something new. The upcoming months are packed with exciting events that reflect this commitment:

**Mother's Day Pancake Breakfast (May 11).** Start Mother's Day with a delicious breakfast by Pizzazz, featuring pancakes, sausage, and hash browns. Whether you dine in or pick up, this is a great way to celebrate the moms in your life. The Mayfield Village Garden Club's annual Garden Shop Sale will also be on-site, making it a perfect morning outing.

**Memorial Day Celebration (May 25).** Honoring those who have served is an essential part of our community. Join us for a meaningful ceremony led by the Disabled American Veterans, featuring music, speeches, and the presentation of service flags.

**Summer Kick-Off Party (June 7) & Cruise Night (June 14).** Get ready for summer with back-to-back celebrations! The Grove will host the Summer Kick-Off Party, featuring free swimming for residents and members, complimentary pizza and drinks, and exciting summer-themed activities. The night will wrap up with a live performance by Parrots of the Caribbean, bringing Jimmy Buffett's tropical vibes to The Grove.

Cruise Night will bring classic cars, music, and entertainment to Mayfield Village. Enjoy live performances by Ricky and the Rockets and Pet the Cougar, plus alfresco dining and family-friendly attractions near the Gazebo Stage and Community Center. Proceeds will benefit Hillcrest Meals on Wheels.

**International Day of Yoga (June 21).** Take a moment to refresh your mind and body with this global observance of yoga. No registration is required—just bring a mat and enjoy a relaxing session promoting balance and well-being.

**Independence Day Celebration (July 4).** A full day of fun awaits at Parkview Pool and The Grove, ending with a Bruce Springsteen Experience by Saints in the City at 7:00 pm. The night will close with a spectacular fireworks display. (Rain date: June 29 for fireworks and music only.)

**End of Summer Celebration (August 9).** Say farewell to summer with a day filled with free swimming, games, activities, and live entertainment at Parkview Pool. The event will feature favorites like Jungle Bob, face painting, a caricature artist, balloon art, and Tada the Magician.

**The Grove Friday Night Concert Series & Wednesday Gazebo Lunch Series.** Music lovers can enjoy live performances all summer long at The Grove and the Gazebo. The lineup was included in the Recreation Brochure mailed to all residents and can be found on our website at [recreation.mayfieldvillage.com](http://recreation.mayfieldvillage.com).

By continuing to offer diverse and engaging programming, we ensure that recreation remains a source of refreshment and inspiration. In Mayfield Village, it's not just about filling time—it's about making every moment count.

# Home Habitat Help with Nature in My Backyard

Submitted by Darin Croft, Mayfield Village Resident

If you would like to learn how to identify invasive plant species in your yard and increase native biodiversity, there is a program that can help: Nature in My Backyard (NIMBY). The NIMBY program, sponsored by the Audubon Society of Greater Cleveland and the Shaker Lakes Garden Club, together with the Master Gardeners of Cuyahoga County, is designed to help homeowners create habitats that support more native biodiversity. Much of the inspiration for the program comes from the writings of Doug Tallamy, an ecologist at the University of Delaware who has authored several books, including *Nature's Best Hope*, which formed the basis for the Homegrown National Park program (<https://homegrownnationalpark.org>).

NIMBY has a certification program similar to that of some other conservation organizations. The steps are detailed on the program's website (<https://clevelandaudubon.org/nature-in-my-backyard/>) and include removing invasive plants, planting native species, and providing habitat for wildlife, among other activities. If you choose to certify and follow the necessary steps, you can purchase a sign to display in your yard, which helps publicize NIMBY to others. The purchase offsets the cost of the sign and benefits the Audubon Society of Greater Cleveland.



Many types of habitats can support wildlife. In the foreground is a foundation planting consisting mostly of native shrubs including bayberry, shrubby St. John's wort, fragrant sumac, azalea, and bush honeysuckle. In the background is a meadow of native grasses and wildflowers that previously was lawn.

Are you ready to schedule a site visit? If so, go to the NIMBY home page and click the "Register Your Garden" button. As you fill out the online form, click the box next to the statement "I would like to schedule habitat advisors to come to my home and consult with me." If you are simply interested in learning more about native plants and creating wildlife habitat, click the "Resources" tab at the top of the NIMBY home page. It will take you to a page with links to lists of native plants, sources for purchasing native plants, reliable reference books, free nature apps for plant identification help, relevant online videos, and even field trips (places to see native plants). On the video page, the two at the top, both by Doug Tallamy, are excellent explanations of why it is so important to create wildlife habitat at home.

What makes the NIMBY program unusual compared to other conservation programs is that you can request a site visit from a habitat advisor to help you get started. A visit typically lasts an hour and a half and allows you to get advice from volunteers who are knowledgeable about growing plants and creating wildlife-friendly habits. There is no cost for the visit, and you don't have to schedule a visit to become certified. However, it is a great way to learn how to identify non-native species, especially those that are invasive, and to get advice about how to make your property more welcoming to wildlife. Habitat advisors will ask you about your personal goals and preferences and base their suggestions on your answers; every yard is different, and each homeowner has their own priorities.

Are you ready to schedule a site visit? If so, go to the NIMBY home page and click the "Register Your Garden" button.



Sunny areas are best for pollinator gardens, which should feature native plants like late agastache, boneset, swamp milkweed, black-eyed Susan, bee balm, and cardinal flower. The Nature in My Backyard sign visible in the foreground helps promote the program and includes a QR code that links to the website.

# Debbie Thomas, the real “Voice of Mayfield Village” Retires After 25 Years

Since the year 2000, Debbie Thomas has been the face and the voice of Mayfield Village, answering phones, greeting all guests to the Civic Center, and helping co-workers in all Departments with whatever needed to be done. Debbie was in charge of scheduling all rentals at the Community Room and worked closely with community groups that utilize Village facilities, ensuring that all schedules were coordinated and all details were handled. Since 1993, Debbie has been a member of the Parks & Recreation Board and has volunteered her time at more Mayfield Village events than can be listed here. She was recognized for her efforts and named a Mayfield Village Outstanding Citizen in 2014 and plans to continue her volunteer work on the Parks Board following retirement. Debbie was presented with a Resolution of Appreciation at the March 18, 2025 Council meeting.



Debbie Thomas was presented with a Resolution of Appreciation by Mayor Bodnar and Council on March 18, 2025.



Many employees and members of Debbie’s family attended the Council meeting to bid her farewell.

Taking on Debbie’s position is Logan Willis. Logan is a recent graduate of Lake Erie College and a resident of Fairport Harbor. Logan is excited to get involved in Mayfield Village events and being able to help such a lovely community of people. When not in the office, you can find Logan spending time with her husband, Logan, or reading at a nearby park.



Logan Willis  
Administrative Assistant



## Mayfield Village has a New Full-Time Firefighter Eugene Carcioppo / Fire Chief



Eugene Carcioppo  
Fire Chief

On March 18, 2025 at the regular meeting of Council, Ben Gruber, our newest full-time Firefighter, was given the oath of office by Mayor Brenda Bodnar.

Ben scored No. 1 on our regional Civil Service test. He served eight years in the Marine Reserves and worked full time at the Conneaut Fire Department for five years prior to seeking a full-time opportunity that was a better fit for him and his family. Ben is a second generation firefighter and his father is the Fire Chief of Ashtabula City. We welcome Ben to Mayfield Village and wish him a long and rewarding career here.



At left, Firefighter Ben Gruber was sworn-in by Mayor Brenda Bodnar on March 18, 2025.

Below, many members of the Fire Department attended the Council meeting to support their newest member, providing a great opportunity to take an updated group photo.



## Mayfield Village Dispatch Center

### "The Calm Voice in the Dark Night"

#### Paul Matias / Chief of Police

Few persons in the public safety world make as many daily and important impressions as the Public Safety Dispatcher. They receive calls that may range in scope from simple directions to providing life-saving information. They may be required to calm a distraught person whose child is choking, attempt to stop a person from committing suicide, or dispatch police, fire, and EMS in the span of a few seconds. Public Safety Dispatchers must be proficient at multi-tasking and possess many technical skills. They undergo a great deal of specialized training and must be capable of controlling their emotions during emergencies. Along with answering calls, they are the first person to greet you when you visit the Police Station. Mayfield Village has an excellent Public Safety Communications Center staffed by some of the area's most experienced and well-trained Dispatchers.

Here is some important information all residents should know:

- When you call 911 from a landline phone, the call goes directly to the Mayfield Village Dispatch Center and includes the address you are calling from. You can also reach the Dispatch Center by calling the non-emergency line at (440) 461-1234.
- If you call 911 from a mobile device, the call is answered by an operator at the Cuyahoga County Emergency Communication Center. Once they establish your location, they forward the call to the Mayfield Village Dispatch Center. During times of high call volume, Cuyahoga County may take some time to answer your call or may put you on hold. If this

occurs, you may call the Mayfield Village Dispatch Center directly using the non-emergency number or call 911 from a landline. Always be prepared to provide detailed information on your location and type of emergency.

- During power outages, the Police Department's emergency call volume increases dramatically. If you have an emergency during a power outage, please do call us. However, to report a power outage, please contact the Illuminating Company at 1-888-LIGHTSS (1-888-544-4877), report the outage online, or text REG to 544487 (LIGHTS). If you are calling the Police Department only to inquire when the power will be restored, just like you, we do not know. When this is done, it prevents our dispatchers from answering calls when emergencies are pending. You may call the Illuminating Company or check their website from a mobile device during a power outage to get an estimate of when the power will be restored. We do not know when you will get your power back.



Paul Matias  
Chief of Police



### UTILITY WORK IN NEIGHBORHOODS

Village Departments have recently received complaints from residents regarding utility work being done on their streets, particularly about installation of equipment in their front yards. Please note that the Village does not have control over this work as it is being done in a utility easement located in the right-of-way. Utility companies generally provide notification directly to residents with contact information before starting work. If you have concerns, please call the utility as early as possible to see if adjustments can be made prior to completion of the work.

# Spring Cleanup and Brush Collection

## Frank Stupczy, Service Director



Frank Stupczy  
Service Director

As we finally thaw out from a long winter and get back into our yard maintenance routines, I thought it would be helpful to touch upon some of the services and guidelines Mayfield Village offers to help with spring cleanups and brush pickup throughout the year.

**Mayfield Village does not offer curbside spring leaf pickup.** Leaf machines are broken down and put into storage at the end of the fall season. Our trucks are set up for end of winter and spring projects as well. Mayfield Village contracts with Kimble Trash and Recycling to pick up leaves and debris year-round. **Place grass clippings and yard waste in plastic bags or the paper yard waste bags and please remember to keep bags under 50 lbs.**

Sticks, tree limbs, and yard brush are also commonplace this time of year and throughout the growing season. There are several options homeowners have when deciding how to dispose of brush and limbs:

- Kimble will pick up tree branches and brush if placed directly into the trash can, yard bag or cut into 4' pieces and bundled to the side. This is a preferred option for smaller, more manageable, amounts of yard debris.
- Larger sticks and brush brought to the curb will also be picked up by our crews. The Service Department makes every effort to cycle through the entire Village for sticks and brush at least once a week. Please follow these guidelines when placing brush at the curb for us to collect:
  - 1) Branches should be placed parallel to the road;
  - 2) Brush piles be able to fit reasonably into the bed of a dump truck;
  - 3) Logs should not exceed 50 lbs. and cut to be able to be picked up by one person;
  - 4) You are welcome to call to let us know you have brush for pick up, but it is not required. We will come get your pile if we are able or you will be part of our next rotation through the Village; and
  - 5) **The Service Department will not pick up debris produced by a contractor.** We are unable to keep up with the demand and volume of debris produced by independent contractors working in the Village. When paying for yard services, please confirm your contractor has made arrangements for hauling and disposing of brush, branches, or debris.
- Residents able to haul their own debris are welcome to bring their branches or debris to our Service yard. Due to inherent safety concerns, we ask residents to call before coming to dump in our yard to make sure we can safely accommodate you. Please stop in the office and verify your address with ID before continuing to our back yard.

In the event of a widespread weather event, we will make every attempt to communicate what you can expect from our yard debris collection. If you haven't already, please sign up for Service Department text and email communication/alerts through CivicReady on our [Mayfieldvillage.com](http://Mayfieldvillage.com) website.

Other circumstances certainly come up throughout the course of the year. If you have a question or a request that falls outside of these guidelines, please call our Service Department. We will do everything we can to schedule and accommodate your situation.

## Freecycle/E-Waste Event

Lisa Lesner, Service Department Executive Assistant

Ever heard the saying, "One person's trash is another person's treasure?" Well, there is a great way to keep your items out of a landfill while shopping for treasure yourself. The Highland Heights Green Task Force's **15th Annual Freecycle/E-Waste Event** is coming up, and it's the perfect opportunity to give and receive gently-used items while supporting environmental efforts.



Lisa Lesner  
Service Dept.  
Executive Assistant

## 15th Annual Freecycle/E-Waste Event

**Date:** Sunday, June 22, 2025

**Time:** 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM

**Location:** Highland Heights Community Park Barn, 5905 Wilson Mills Rd

This free event is open to the public, where you can give away unwanted but usable items and "shop" for free! Items will be accepted for drop-off **no later than 1:30 PM**.

### What Can You Drop Off?

- Household goods
- Clothes
- Toys
- Small furniture
- Sports equipment
- Gardening tools
- Books/office supplies

**Note:** Please ensure items are in usable condition (no junk). Baby furniture, car seats, and other baby equipment will **not** be accepted due to safety concerns.

Alongside the Freecycling Event will be an **E-waste Collection Drive**. Bring broken or obsolete electronics, including:

- Small appliances (microwaves, fans, hair dryers)
- Cell phones, home phones, cameras
- Computers, printers, scanners
- No items containing **Freon or Mercury**
- **No non-flat screen TVs or CRT monitors**
- **Flat-screen TVs** accepted for a \$20 fee

"Shopping" begins at **10 AM** and ends at **3 PM**. Everything is **free!** Take home any items you like, or give items that still have life left in them a new home. After 3 PM, any unclaimed items will be sent for proper recycling.

**Come help reduce waste while giving your unwanted items a second life!**

**For updates and changes visit the Highland Heights Green Task Force website at: [highlandhtsgreen.org](http://highlandhtsgreen.org).**

# A Champion's Journey: The Power of Special Olympics

Danielle Echt, Assistant Parks & Rec Director



Ricky had always loved running. As a child, he would race his siblings in the backyard, his laughter echoing through the neighborhood. But as he got older, the world seemed to put limits on what he could do. Ricky was born with an intellectual disability, and while his family always supported him, he often felt left out at school and in his community. He longed for a place where he could belong, where his abilities—not his challenges—would define him.

Then, one day, a friend told his father about Special Olympics. At first, Ricky was hesitant. Could he really compete? Would people take him seriously? But with encouragement from his family, he decided to try out for the track team. From the moment he arrived at his first practice, everything changed. He was welcomed with smiles and high-fives. The coaches treated him as an athlete, pushing him to do his best. He trained harder than he ever had before, discovering a strength and determination he never knew he had.

The day of his first competition arrived, and Ricky felt a mix of nerves and excitement. As he stepped onto the track, he saw the crowd cheering—not just for him, but for every athlete. It didn't matter who won or lost. It mattered that they were there, giving it their all. When the starting gun fired, Ricky ran with everything he had. As he crossed the finish line, he saw his family jumping up and down, tears in their eyes. He had won a medal, but more importantly, he had won confidence. Special Olympics had given him a place to shine.

Over the years, Ricky continued competing, making friends from all over Ohio. He became an advocate for inclusion in his own way by sharing his story and talking about the power of Special Olympics. He wanted the world to see what he had learned—that everyone deserves a chance, that effort and heart matter more than anything, and that inclusion makes us all stronger. Special Olympics didn't just give Ricky a race to run. It gave him a future. A purpose. A belief in himself.

And that is why Special Olympics is so important. It changes lives, one athlete at a time. We are overjoyed by the incredible enthusiasm for Special Olympics Basketball, which allowed us to form two teams once again this past winter!

Our Cuyahoga-Mayfield Lancers tournament team had an unforgettable journey at the Northeast Ohio Regional Tournament at Spire Academy in early February. These fifteen amazing athletes played their hearts out, showcasing their skills and determination, making it all the way to the final round. What an incredible achievement!



One team, one heart. They fight together, they rise together. Runner-up in the Regional Tournament. Working hard to come back stronger next season!

A huge congratulations to the entire team and coaching staff! We are so grateful to Coach Klein, Coach Pfundstein, and our wonderful student coaches—Molly, Lars, Aiden, and David—for their dedication, knowledge, and unwavering support.

Special Olympics, continued.

A heartfelt thank you to Gilmour Academy for generously providing our teams with a place to practice and compete. Your kindness and support make all the difference! Mayfield Village is proud to support Special Olympics and its mission of inclusion, empowerment, and athletic excellence. We believe in celebrating the abilities of all individuals and fostering a community where everyone has the opportunity to thrive. By supporting Special Olympics, we help provide athletes with intellectual disa-

bilities the chance to develop confidence, build friendships, and showcase their incredible talents.

The determination, sportsmanship, and joy displayed by these athletes inspire us all. Together, we are not just cheering them on—we are building a future where every individual is seen, valued, and given the opportunity to succeed.



Wendy Albin Sattin / Executive Director

[www.communitypartnershiponaging.org](http://www.communitypartnershiponaging.org)

Every May, CPA observes Older Americans Month (OAM), a time to recognize older Americans' contributions and reaffirm our commitment to serving older adults. CPA celebrates OAM with our annual luncheon at noon on May 9 at the Highland Heights Community Center. There is no cost, but reservations are required. Please call 216-970-0347 to make a reservation.

It's important to note that the 2025 Older American's Month theme, *Flip the Script on Aging*, focuses on transforming how society perceives, talks about, and approaches aging. It encourages individuals and communities to challenge stereotypes and dispel misconceptions; in short, to recognize instances of ageism that you can address.

Ageism is defined as discrimination against older people because of negative and inaccurate stereotypes—and it's so ingrained in our culture that we often don't even notice. It affects everyone. According to the World Health Organization, children as young as four begin to internalize our culture's age stereotypes. Some cultures revere aging. Ours does not. "In our society, there is this endless drumbeat of youth. We need to challenge the underlying message that age decreases your value," says Ashton Applewhite, author of [This Chair Rocks: A Manifesto Against Ageism](#).

What are some examples of ageism that we all run into?

- TV Ads that tout "Anti-aging" products and services.
- Praising older people by comparing them to younger ones: "You look good for [your age]," "Are you really that old?  
I thought you were at least 10 years younger."
- Describing minor forgetfulness as a "senior moment."
- Doctors, waiters, and others directing comments about an older person at a younger companion or child of the older person.
- Assuming young people are computer geniuses and older people are technologically inept.

The most straightforward path to reducing ageism in our day-to-day interactions is to recognize it and educate. Much work is being done to lessen ageism in the media and health care, but there is still a lot we can influence. We can challenge the narrative of older people as frail, dependent and vulnerable by demonstrating that each of us ages differently, with different strengths and abilities. Share your wisdom, stay active and engaged and remember, "Ageing is just another word for living." - Cindy Joseph

## Senior News / Samantha Clark-Cartwright

### Program & Facilities Manager / Senior Program Coordinator

Our recent Senior Appreciation Lunch was a beautiful reminder of what makes this community so special—you! Your energy, laughter, and friendly conversations fill the Community Room with life, with every game of Mah Jongg, every brushstroke in watercolor class, and every story shared over coffee. It's your participation, enthusiasm, and laughter that make this job so fulfilling—and for that, I sincerely thank you.

Looking ahead, we have a season full of engaging and enriching activities planned. Our Lunch and Learn and Invited Talks Series continue this spring with a variety of opportunities to learn, grow, and connect. On May 13 at 11:00 A, we'll host **Healthy Living for Your Brain and Body**, a session exploring how lifestyle choices can support cognitive health as we age. With insights into nutrition, exercise, mental activity, and social engagement—plus an interactive nutrition demo—it's both informative and inspiring.

In June, get ready for a delicious culinary experience as we welcome Deer Creek Lodge back for another Lunch and Learn on June 3. This time, they'll walk us through how to prepare the classic French dish Coq Au Vin, with plenty of tastings to enjoy along the way.

And speaking of cooking, don't miss our Cooking with the Coordinator classes! I'll be in the kitchen with you whipping up fun and flavorful recipes. On May 27, we'll make Creamy Bacon Spaghetti, and on July 29, we'll tackle Beefy Melt Burritos. Each class is \$12 per person and

starts at 11:00 A. in the Community Room. Come ready to cook, taste, and have a great time!

We're also excited to introduce our brand-new Magna Roll Game Clinic. These magnetic games are easy to learn and seriously fun to play. Whether you're new to the games or a competitive spirit at heart, you'll love the challenge and camaraderie. Clinics will run monthly through early fall, and they're a fantastic way to meet new friends and try something different.

Finally, we're excited to bring back our **Dedication to Dad Luncheon** on June 18 at 11:00 A. Celebrate Father's Day with us during a special gazebo concert featuring Cheeseburger Lite, playing the sounds of summer and the tropical vibes of Jimmy Buffett. We'll be serving up burgers and festive mocktails in true island style. And of course—Dads eat for free! All other participants are just \$5 per person.

For more information, please visit our website at [recreation.mayfieldvillage.com](http://recreation.mayfieldvillage.com) or call me directly at 440.919.2332. I'm always happy to help you find your next favorite activity!



Samantha Clark-Cartwright  
Program & Facilities Manager  
Senior Program Coordinator





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**August 2025**

**Master Rain Gardener Class**

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Train to be a Master Rain Gardener! Learn to design and install your own rain garden and become the rain garden expert in your neighborhood.

For more information:  
[www.cuyahogawcd.org/events](http://www.cuyahogawcd.org/events)  
[kchapel@cuyahogawcd.org](mailto:kchapel@cuyahogawcd.org)




### Emergency Preparedness Tips

Our local CERT has been working to develop a series of emergency tips for residents called "do 1 thing" that we are happy to share in the VOV. Watch for a tip in every issue.

Source: [do1thing.com](http://do1thing.com)

Provided by

[www.TriCommunityCERT.com](http://www.TriCommunityCERT.com)

#### do 1 thing: Emergency kits and supplies.

Gather emergency supplies. Important items may be overlooked if you must vacate your home in a disaster.

Your emergency kit should have a "Go Bag" if you must evacuate your home. Add the following items to your Go Bag:

- Each family member's medications and lists with names, drug names, dosages and prescribing doctors' names.
- Cell phones with their car chargers, charging cords and adapters are must haves!
- Toothbrushes for all plus toothpaste and soap. Moist towelettes will be handy.
- Credit and debit cards will be useless during a power outage. Put at least \$500.00 cash in the Bag. If \$500.00 is excessive, then put what you can afford -- \$1.00, \$5.00, \$10.00 -- in an envelope every week and let it accumulate.

Make or buy emergency kits for your car, pets, school and/or workplace. Remember that emergencies can occur without warning anywhere at any time.

## Economic Development News

### John Marquart, Economic Development Manager

#### PIZZAZZ CELEBRATES 50<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY in 2025

One of Mayfield Village's favorite pizzerias, Pizzazz at 839 SOM Center Rd., will be celebrating its golden anniversary this summer. While most restaurants come and go within a few years, Pizzazz will be marking an amazing 50 years in business with a birthday bash like no other July 13<sup>th</sup>. It all began in 1975 with an idea



by John and Marie Spiccia. Current owners, Mark and Val Gaspar, joined the team in 1984 and 1993, as a bus-boy and server, respectively. Their love for the restaurant business grew into a dream to own a pizza shop of their own, which eventually came true in 2008 when they acquired Pizzazz from the Spiccia family. The tradition of excellent pizza, out-of-this-world calzones and enormous entrees at great prices has remained ever since.



John Marquart  
Economic Development  
Manager

To celebrate, on July 13th from noon to 4:00 PM, guests can enjoy the Slice of Pizzazz food truck, games, prizes, visit Pizzazz alumni, pick up some 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary merchandise all while a DJ spins 70's tunes. Kids will be sure to love face painting, balloon art and Euclid Beach Rocket Car rides (parents will love those too). For more information about the celebration, the food truck, or to just order some great food, visit [www.pizzazzpizzeria.com](http://www.pizzazzpizzeria.com) or call (440) 461-2233.

#### OMNI SYSTEMS—GROWTH FORGED BY PEOPLE & INNOVATION

Since 1990, OMNI Systems has grown from a Cleveland-area startup into one of America's largest privately-owned label converters and the top consumer of thermal media nationwide. Headquartered in Mayfield Village, with plants in Cincinnati, St. Louis and Kansas City; as well as distribution hubs stretching to the west coast, OMNI is strategically positioned to serve their customers. "We craft high-volume labels – logistics, barcodes, and custom printed prime labels for the CPG industry, driven by our commitment to our business model to produce the highest quality labels at the lowest prices," says Michael Cook, COO.

Why the growth? "Companies need partners who provide cost-saving solutions while maintaining quality, and OMNI rises to the challenge," explains Rick Pantaleo, Director of Business Development. Investments in cutting-edge tech, like automation and digital presses producing millions of labels efficiently, keep OMNI ahead.

"Our ongoing success balances innovation with people – advanced technology, a skilled team meeting customers' labeling demands, and strategic vendor relationships help us thrive in a changing industry," adds Mike Murton, President. OMNI has earned Top Workplace honors in Northeast Ohio for three years and an Industry Top Workplace in Manufacturing award, reflecting its team and vision. OMNI is hiring in Cleveland for press operators willing to be trained and an experienced plant manager to join its award-winning crew. Apply at <https://www.omnisystem.com/careers>. A Mayfield Village success story, OMNI Systems creates jobs and drives progress, inviting talent to shape the future—one label at a time!



## SMOKEHOUSE 91 OPENS FOR BUSINESS

BBQ is back! After months of construction, Smokehouse 91 opened March 11<sup>th</sup> at 822 SOM Center Rd. Village residents will find a few familiar favorites from restaurateurs Carl Quagliata and Zach Ladner's former venture, Smokin' Q's, but as general manager Brad Zaremba explains, Smokehouse 91 is less Tex-Mex and more traditional Texas-style BBQ. "Our menu is a little more stripped down, but everything, including side dishes, is made fresh daily. Simple doesn't mean it's not good."



"We have two offset smokers that we use each morning, rain or shine, for our proteins. We primarily use oak, with some mesquite and cherry," explains Zaremba. "We don't go heavy on the sauce. The main flavor driver here is the smoke."

At Smokehouse 91, brisket is king. According to Zaremba, "If you don't do brisket right, you don't really do BBQ." The menu also features pork, sausage made right next door and turkey. "Some customers come in thinking smoked turkey will be dry, but we brine it for 48 hours, and the reviews have been incredible."

Business has been steadily growing, with the majority of business being take-out, although there are a handful of tables for anyone that wants to eat in. Word-of-mouth has proven to be Smokehouse 91's best marketing so far. "We do a lot of family-style take-out meals," says Zaremba, "Which means people are sharing, and those folks want to come back for themselves." The restaurant also places a lot of attention on side dishes – baked beans, mac & cheese and collard greens aren't simply an afterthought. One can't-miss side is Alyssa's famous cornbread. "Anyone who ever ate at Smokin' Q's missed the cornbread! We just knew we had to bring it back."

For more information, call (440) 565-7160 or stop in at 822 SOM Center Rd., just south of Wilson Mills. Smokehouse 91 shares a website with The Village Butcher [www.thevillagebutchermayfield.com](http://www.thevillagebutchermayfield.com) where you can find hours and menus, including catering.



## BANQUETS & EVENTS RETURN TO 700 BETA

Led by long-time industry executive Melissa Marik, Bellavie by Marigold will be taking over the banquet and conference center at 700 Beta Dr., with bookings to begin in May. Northeast Ohio's newest venue will bring elegance, sophistication and charm to your next special event.

With a variety of options up to 700 guests (or 1,000 theater-style), there's no event that Bellavie by Marigold can't handle. For decades, Marigold has strived to make memorable experiences that offer far more than just "food on a plate." Instead, Marigold pulls out all the stops from planning through to completion to ensure the happiness of each guest and to create personal connections and a sense of community that last beyond the event.

Bellavie by Marigold is sized to handle all your needs – not an overly large operation that loses sight of the personal touches that will make your event memorable, but also not a small shop that doesn't have the resources to ensure that any event runs smoothly start-to-finish. Keep an eye on 700 Beta Dr. this spring! For more information, visit [www.marigoldcatering.com](http://www.marigoldcatering.com) or call Melissa Marik directly at (216) 659-5623



The Mayfield Village Garden Club, established in 1967, is committed to encouraging and supporting gardening, flower arranging and civic beautification as well as both environmental and horticultural education. For more information and Club membership email [MVGC2024@gmail.com](mailto:MVGC2024@gmail.com)

#### UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **May 11, 2025, Sunday 8:30 am to 12 Noon**  
**Mother's Day Plant Sale** in conjunction with Mayfield Village Mother's Day Pancake Breakfast  
**Location:** Mayfield Village Civic Center
- **May 15, 2025, Thursday at 6:30 pm**  
**Scholarship Awards**  
**Location:** Gates Mills Environmental Education Center, 390 County Line Road, Gates Mills OH
- **May 21, 2025, Wednesday at 5:00 pm**  
**Annual Installation Dinner**  
**Location:** Rustic Grill at Stone Water Golf Club, Aberdeen

No General Club meetings in June and July. The first meeting of the new year is on August 27, 2025 at 6:30 pm in the Mayfield Village Community Room. This meeting will be a potluck. Guests are encouraged and welcome!

**For information about the Mayfield Village Garden Club see website:**  
[mayfieldvillagegardenclub.com](http://mayfieldvillagegardenclub.com) or email [MVGC2024@gmail.com](mailto:MVGC2024@gmail.com)

## Mayfield Women's Club GFWC/OFWC

The Mayfield Women's Club is a service organization that offers its members many opportunities for socializing and fun. If you are interested in membership, contact Marie at 440-449-8639.

Meetings are held the third Monday of the month at 7:00 pm at the Community Room unless otherwise noted.

- May 19 **Lost Lake Erie** by presenter Jennifer Boresz Engelking
- June 7 No meeting – Installation of Officers

Meetings resume in September.



The Mayfield Women's Club awarded the Middle School essay winners with a certificate and monetary award for their participation in the essay contest with a topic of "Choose one problem that needs to be solved to make your community a better place to live."

## The Mayfield Township Historical Society

We can use your experience being a tour guide for our 3rd grade visits on April 30, May 13, 21 and 23 at the historic house from 8:45-11:30. You will learn a 6 minute talk from a script and being trained by one of our docents for one of the 13 rooms. Let us know your interest and availability by calling 440-487-3133.



The Bennett-Van Curen Historical House

There will be an **open house and tour** of the 13-room Bennett-Van Curen Historic House on Sunday, June 29 anytime from 11-2 p.m. Suggested donation is \$3 adults, \$1 children.

Look for our volunteers passing out our 2024-25 schedule of events at Gazebo concerts and other events around the Village this summer. You can also pick one up and our membership application (only \$15 a year, \$25 for families) at the civic center office.

**Next year is the 250th anniversary of our country.** If you would like to join a committee to plan several special events to celebrate our country's founding, please leave a message at 440-461-0055.

**MAYFIELD VILLAGE**

**FOURTH OF JULY**  
The Grove June 28 at 5 P & Fireworks 10 P  
**CELEBRATION**

INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION

Kid Friendly activities at Parkview Pool from 11:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m. (times subject to change. A variety of entertainment and concession providers will also be onsite at The Grove starting at 5:00 p.m. with Tada the Magician and The Sky Circus. Music at The Grove will begin at 7:00 p.m. with Saints in The City A Bruce Springsteen Experience. Fireworks at 10:00 p.m. Cars can park in the pool parking lot, the softball parking lot, or the lots at Progressive.

Rain date is June 29 for fireworks and Band only.

**mayfieldvillage.com 440.461.5163**

Mayfield Village Parks and Recreation

**SUMMER KICK-OFF Party**

June 7, 5:00-9:30 P  
Parkview Pool & The Grove

Free swim for residents, members, and their guests.

Pizza & beverages from 5:30-7:00 P.

Fun summer activities for all ages.

No registration is required. Members and residents please check in at the front desk.

Performance at The Grove by Parrots of the Caribbean 7:30-9:30 P. Open to the public.

Questions: 440.461.5163 or [smcavine@mayfieldvillage.com](mailto:smcavine@mayfieldvillage.com)

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS / MAY-JULY 2025

### MAY

3-29	Hillcrest Art Club Show	Civic Center	M-F 8:30am-4:30pm
5	Council Caucus	Civic Center	7pm
6	Election Day	All Wards vote at the Civic Center	6:30am-7:30pm
11	Mother's Day Pancake Breakfast	Civic Center	8am-12pm
15	Red Cross Blood Drive	Civic Center	12-6pm
17	Shred Day	Civic Center Parking Lot	9am-12pm
19	Council Regular Meeting	Civic Center	7 pm
25	Memorial Day Celebration	Whitehaven Memorial Park	1pm

### JUNE

2	Council Caucus	Civic Center	7pm
3	Red Cross Blood Drive	Civic Center	12-6pm
7	Summer Kick-Off Party	Parkview Pool & The Grove	See Page 25
14	Cruise Night	Center of Town	4-9pm
16	Council Regular Meeting	Civic Center	7pm
19	Red Cross Blood Drive	Civic Center	12-6pm
21	International Yoga Day	Gazebo	10am
28	July 4th Celebration	Parkview Pool & The Grove	See Page 25

### JULY

7	Council Caucus	Civic Center	7pm
10	Red Cross Blood Drive	Civic Center	12-6pm
21	Council Regular Meeting	Civic Center	7 pm
23	Red Cross Blood Drive	Civic Center	12-6pm

# SHRED DAY!

Residents can bring up to five boxes for shredding.

Saturday, May 17, 2025

9 A.M. to Noon

CIVIC CENTER PARKING LOT

6622 Wilson Mills Road

## 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



**July 5-12**

**October 4-11**

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](http://mayfieldvillage.com) or [heritagehomeprogram.org](http://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 [simpler recycling.com](http://simpler recycling.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](http://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:

May 15 from 12-6 p

June 3 & 19 from 12-6 pm

July 10 & 23 from 12-6 pm

See [www.redcrossblood.org](http://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).

*Hillcrest*



Hillcrest Meals on Wheels serves 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 prepared by the Greater Cleveland Food Bank Catering Division and 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. 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](mailto:mealsonwheels@lyndhurst-oh.com) for more information.

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MAYFIELD VILLAGE

# CRUISE NIGHT



JUNE 14, 2025

4PM-9PM

Featuring Ricky & The Rockets and Pet The Cougar

Food Vendors - Inflatables - Petting Zoo - Face Painting - Balloons - Tada Magician

(Rain Date: June 15 / 1-5 pm)

