

VOICE OF VILLAGE

FALL 2025

Thank You! ... for Another Successful Season at The Grove!



It was another great summer at The Grove, which has grown in popularity over the past ten years to become one of the best-known summer music destinations in the area. This year, 13 concerts were enthusiastically attended by thousands of local residents. Highlights included an opening performance by **Parrots of the Caribbean**, a Jimmy Buffet tribute, **Out of Eden**, an Eagles cover band, and **In the Heartland**, a Michael Stanley tribute that brought in the largest crowd of the season. We closed the summer with a performance by the Akron Symphonic Winds. Pictured above, the July 18th concert by **Rockhouse Columbus** rocked Mayfield Village with the hits of rock icons like Bon Jovi, Journey and Def Leppard for a night of pure 80's nostalgia.

We thank all of you for your continued support. We look forward to bringing back more of your favorites next year and to introducing new bands and different styles music for everyone to enjoy.

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PUMPKIN COMPOSTING COLLECTION

A special, seasonal drop-off program
at eight locations in Cuyahoga County to keep
non-decorated pumpkins and gourds out of the landfill.

OCTOBER 30 - NOVEMBER 10, 2025

Mayfield Village
Village Service Department, 610 SOM Center Road
(parking lot in front of the village park)

Toss your pumpkins into the special 20-yard collection container and they will be transported to a compost facility.

Intact and decaying pumpkins, carved jack-o'-lanterns and gourds are accepted.

Remove candles, decorations and stickers. Pumpkins that have been bleached, chemically treated, painted or drawn on with permanent markers are not accepted. Do not include plastic or bags.

Do not place yard waste or other outdoor organic decor in the collection container.



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Utility Pole Failures and Power Outages

Memo from the Mayor / Brenda T. Bodnar

Over the years, the Village has had its share of issues with power outages, most commonly on Wilson Mills east of SOM Center Road, due to trees falling on wires, sometimes leaving residents without power for days and causing the road to be closed.

This past July, we experienced a new problem when a utility pole snapped, taking several others down with it. Cars traveling on Wilson Mills were trapped by downed wires as were some residents who could not leave their neighborhoods until Wilson Mills was safe.





Scenes from the utility pole failure on Wilson Mills Road on July 25th.

Then, only a few weeks later, a pole on SOM Center Road in front of Pizzazz caught fire. Fortunately, no one was harmed in either of these incidents, and Pizzazz managed to come out unscathed due to the efforts of our first responders.

As you might imagine, these incidents led to a meeting with First Energy to express our concerns about the poles and ask that they be proactive about utility pole safety and more effectively communicate with our first responders when incidents occur.



Mayor Brenda T. Bodnar

First Energy continues to investigate the utili-

ty pole failures and, meanwhile, they have performed enhanced inspec-



The utility pole fire on SOM Center Road in front of Pizzazz.

tions on the Wilson Mills poles. This involves visual inspections from the groundline to the top of the pole. The dirt around the poles is excavated to expose any external decay at or below ground level. The poles are then hammer-tested from a height of six feet down to the excavation area and bored at ground level to inspect for internal decay. Lastly, poles receive preventative treatments for both internal and external decay.

First Energy also advised us that vegetation management (tree trimming) on Wilson Mills Road from SOM Center to Chagrin Road was last performed in December of 2024 as part of the company's regularly scheduled maintenance program. They described that they prune vegetation to achieve a 4-year clearance corridor and remove targeted offcorridor Priority Trees (meaning those trees that are dead, dying, diseased, declining, structurally defective, severely leaning, or significantly encroaching on the corridor). In response to the Village's concerns, the company's forestry team re-patrolled this section of Wilson Mills Road in early September, and identified several Priority Trees that have been removed.

First Energy has assured us that, going forward, this area will continue to be inspected and maintained according to the company's inspection and maintenance programs. They also shared the information on the following page about managing through a power outage. They asked us to encourage residents to go to their website to report outages or other concerns directly to them. If you have outages or other specific complaints, please report them to the Village as well by calling 440-461-2210 or sending an email to contactus@mayfieldvillage.com. That will help us keep track of issues and, if they remain unresolved, follow-up with First Energy to address them.

Tips for Managing through a **POWER OUTAGE**

Safety Information

- Stay at least 30 feet away from downed power lines and anything touching them.
- If you see a wire down, call 911 immediately to report it. Don't report a line down unless you see one. Responding to false reports of downed power lines delays our service restoration efforts.
- Never use your stove, gas grill or a heater designed for outdoor use to heat your home.
- Never use candles around pets or small children.
- Visit our website at firstenergycorp.com/ outages_help to view additional safety reminders and other useful information.

Restoring Your Service

- We secure any known hazards first downed wires, for example – usually by sending out Hazard Responders to keep the area clear. They are not trained to make repairs, but to help keep the public safe until repairs can be made.
- We give priority to hospitals, police and fire departments and other critical facilities.
- First, we repair transmission lines and substations that supply power to the local system.
- Then we make repairs that restore the largest number of customers – this is the fastest way to restore all customers.
- We understand that customers with well water face additional challenges when the power is out.
 We recommend stocking up on drinking water and filling bathtubs with water in advance of a storm.
 Also, check with local media for information on shelters and free ice and water distribution.

Reporting an Outage

If your power is out, please report it to us. This can help us pinpoint damage and restore power more quickly. You can report your outage several ways:

- Call us at 888-LIGHTSS (888-544-4877).
- Visit us online at firstenergycorp.com.
- Text OUT to 544487 (LIGHTS); If you aren't enrolled, text REG to 544487 to get started.

For outage assistance and safety tips, visit: firstenergycorp.com/outages_help.

For more information on our communication tools, visit: firstenergycorp.com/connect.

Be Informed and Prepared

For Estimated Restoration Times:

- Visit our 24/7 Power Center at firstenergycorp.com/ outages to view outage maps and access other useful information.
- Log into your FirstEnergy account for the latest status update on your reported outage.
- You can also get restoration updates by calling 888-LIGHTSS (888-544-4877) or by texting STAT to 544487.
- During significant outages, we will provide updates on Twitter and Facebook.

Keep an Emergency Kit with these Items:

- Flashlights
- Extra Batteries
- Battery-powered Radio
- Bottled Water
- Camping Equipment
- Cell Phone and Car Charger



Eagle Scouts Make Meaningful Improvements

Jennifer Jurcisek, At-Large Council Member

Four members of Boy Scout Troop 124 recently completed their Eagle Scout projects at St. Bartholomew Episcopal Church, each leaving behind a meaningful and lasting improvement to the community. Their hard work and dedication reflect the true spirit of Scouting which is leadership, service, and commitment to making a difference close to home.



Parker Valentine (age 14) restored and refreshed the church's front signage, cleaning and repairing the church sign, improving the landscaping, and enhancing the curb appeal for all who visit.



Owen Caronchi (age 15) designed and built a Little Free Library along with a nearby wooden bench, creating a welcoming space where visitors can sit, rest, and read outdoors. The library offers church literature, small wooden crosses for individuals to take, and a variety of books for the community to enjoy and contribute to, through ongoing donations.



Carter Valentine (age 16) designed and constructed an outdoor food pantry drop box, providing a simple but powerful way for residents to give back. This pantry has quickly become well-used and deeply appreciated, providing access to nonperishable food items for individuals and families facing food insecurity. The outdoor pantry is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week, located by the front entrance to the Church and anyone in the community can donate items as needed.

Residents are encouraged to drop off canned goods, pasta, rice, cereal, peanut butter, and other nonperishables directly into the secure, weather-protected box. Donations are continually in high demand, and contributions are needed on an ongoing basis to keep the pantry stocked. It has already made a meaningful difference.



Jennifer Jurcisek Council President *Pro Tem* & At-Large



Andrew Caronchi (age 16) designed and constructed a wooden bridge connecting the church property to its outdoor recreation area, improving both accessibility and safety for those who enjoy the grounds.

The Eagle Scout rank is the highest honor in Scouting, achieved by only a small percentage of Scouts nationwide. It represents years of effort, leadership, and personal growth, culminating in a service project that benefits the broader community. Each of these young men demonstrated initiative, problem-solving skills, and perseverance throughout the planning and execution of their projects, skills that will serve them for a lifetime.

Their contributions have not only enhanced the beauty and functionality of St. Bartholomew Episcopal Church but have also strengthened the sense of community pride and connection that make our city such a special place to live. On behalf of the residents of Mayfield Village, we extend heartfelt congratulations and appreciation to these four Eagle Scouts for their remarkable achievements and for embodying the values of leadership, service, and citizenship.

Residents who wish to support their efforts can continue to drop off nonperishable food items at the outdoor donation box located on the church grounds. Every contribution helps our neighbors in need and continues the spirit of giving that these Scouts have so proudly demonstrated.



HOW TO HANDLE A SEWER BACKUP AT YOUR HOME

CUYAHOGA COUNTY, Ohio

For more than 40 years, Mayfield Village has contracted with Cuyahoga County and its Public Works Department to provide maintenance and repair of the sanitary sewers located in the right-of-way and the five pump stations located within the Village. A Maintenance Fund has been established and is funded through property tax assessments. Currently, the assessment is \$2.00 per foot of frontage of properties on the sanitary sewer system, generating \$308,800 per year.

If residents experience a backup in a sanitary sewer line, slow running drains, gurgling, etc., call the Service Department at 440-442-5506 to report the problem. If the issue occurs on a weekend, call the non-emergency Police line at 440-461-1234.

The Service Department or the Police Dispatcher will contact the County to come out to make sure there is not a blockage in the sewer lines in the right-of-way. If there is no blockage in the right-of-way, the County may jet the sewer line from the main to the house to clear any blockage there, including cutting through tree roots that may be obstructing the line. Please note that if tree roots are infiltrating your sewer line, there is likely a break or a separation in the pipe that is allowing the roots to get in. Any needed repairs are the responsibility of the homeowner and you must contact a plumber. The County will not perform any repairs on private property.

Also, please note that the County will not come out to perform any type of annual maintenance or jetting of lines. The County will not respond to calls directly from residents as all requests for assistance must come through the Village. Thank you for following these important guidelines.

Ward 4 Update

Peter Gall, Ward 4 Council Member

As the days grow shorter and the nights get colder, it's clear that fall has arrived and winter isn't far behind.

Thank you to all the Ward 4 residents who attended our October community meeting, as well as those who reached out to share ideas and suggestions. Your input is always appreciated! Some of the feedback you provided may appear in future *Voice of the Village* articles, while other topics have been shared with the appropriate Mayfield Village departments for follow-up.

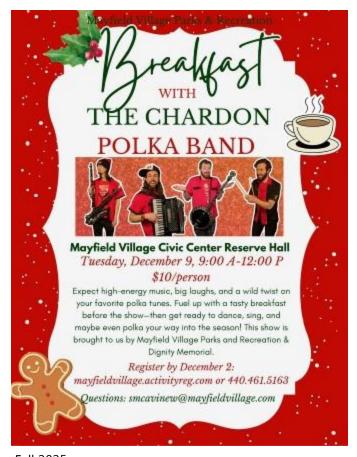
If you weren't able to attend but have thoughts you'd like to share, I'd love to hear from you. Please feel free to email me at PGall@mayfieldvillage.com or call me at (440) 473-1957.

I hope the meeting gave you a chance to reconnect with familiar faces and maybe even meet a few new neighbors. As we head into the colder months, a time that can often feel isolating, remember that staying connected is more important than ever. Be sure to check out the Village website, the Parks & Recreation Guide, and the Community Partnership on Aging brochures for upcoming events and activities.

Why not call a neighbor and invite them to join you? Mayfield Village offers so many great opportunities—take advantage of them and stay engaged in our wonderful community!



Peter Gall Ward 4 Council Member





2025 Outstanding Citizens

An annual tradition in the Village is to name several Outstanding Citizens whose contributions to the Village through their civic participation and/or volunteer efforts are notable. These individuals are usually honored at the annual Volunteer Appreciation Dinner. This year's dinner was held at the Bellavie Mayfield Ballroom on Beta Drive. The facility was recently purchased and upgraded by Marigold Catering and it was a perfect opportunity to introduce residents to this new, beautiful venue. Many thanks to Melissa Marik and Marigold Catering for a wonderful evening and for the gener-

ous beverage donation.

This year's honorees included long-time residents **Sandy and Peter Batcheller.** Sandy has served on the Citizens Advisory Committee for 30 years and both she and Peter have been very involved with the Mayfield School District, particularly Peter with the soccer program.

Joan Gottschling, President of the Mayfield Township Historical Society, was honored for her leadership of the Society and her hard work to maintain the Bennett Van-Curren Historical House.

Andy Daugherty received recognition for serving as the unofficial photographer at The Grove, sharing his photos of Village events with us for use on our website and social media. He also gets credit for the cover photo of this issue of the VOV.

And finally, **Councilman Allen J. Meyers** was honored for his years serving on Council and for a lifetime of living in the Village, running a business in the Village, and his generous donations over the years to support the Village and the Mayfield School District.

Congratulations and many thanks to all of this year's Outstanding Citizens. Their names will be added to the "Hall of Fame" at the Civic Center.



Joan Gottschling was recognized for her efforts as the Historical Society President and caretaker of the Historical House.



Photographer Andy Daugherty received thanks for his dedication to documenting shows and events at The Grove.



Residents Sandy and Peter Batcheller were honored at the Appreciation Dinner by Mayor Bodnar.



Councilman Al Meyers accepting his award from Mayor Bodnar. Councilman Meyers is not running for re-election and is retiring at the end of the year.

Do you have what it takes to be a member of the Parkview Pool Team?

Annemarie Finch, Parkview Pool Manager

"It's a great job for a teenager—just sitting around getting a tan!" is something you'll hear from almost every guest at any aquatic facility, including Parkview Pool. Every year, parents ask, "How can my teen get a job at Parkview Pool?" My answer is always the same: while every applicant fills out an application, more importantly, they must understand that working at Parkview Pool requires commitment, training, and being part of a team ready to respond in any situation—regardless of position

Parkview staff training begins in May, starting with the opening in-service on Memorial Day weekend. This includes cashiers, lifeguards, maintenance staff, and managers. During this intensive workshop, staff learn to recognize and respond to emergencies in the water, on the deck, in locker rooms, and sometimes even at the playground or greenway trail.

This year's training featured two emergency department nurses and a pediatric anesthesiologist from University Hospital, Cleveland Clinic, and Akron Children's Hospital. Staff learned to recognize sudden illnesses, respond appropriately, and accurately relay critical information to EMS, which can be crucial for treatment and recovery. Team exercises included using toys, fidgets, whistles, and breathing exercises to calm and assess children while providing care.

Some might think five hours of training is enough—but not for Parkview staff. Our team participates in weekly in-services that include water skills, first aid, CPR, and timed response drills. Support staff also join interactive sessions led by local professionals, including a dentist, school psychologist, and speech disor-

der specialist. These sessions cover topics like dental emergencies, effective teamwork, communicating with non-verbal or English-language-challenged guests, and understanding sensory overload in individuals on the autism spectrum. By the



Annemarie Finch Parkview Pool Manager

end, Parkview staff are prepared to respond to a wide range of emergencies and situations.

But the training doesn't stop at the pool. On Friday nights in May-field Village, Parkview staff may be scheduled to work concerts at The Grove, serving as crowd managers, providing first aid, or helping reunite lost children with their families. The Mayfield Village Fire Department provides specialized crowd management training to ensure staff are ready.

Unlike many other aquatic facilities, **Parkview Pool requires its staff to go beyond basic lifeguarding skills.** Our mission is to provide a safe, fun, and welcoming environment for every guest. So, if you thought Parkview Pool staff are just a bunch of teenagers getting a tan—you now know the truth.

Becoming part of the Parkview Pool Team means joining a trained, dedicated, and capable group that takes guest safety seriously, while still having a summer full of fun.



All-staff training in Reserve Hall, May 2024.

Parkview Guards invested in making Parkview Pool a safe place to swim.

Parkview staff don't just respond to emergencies—they actively recognize risks and are encouraged to recommend changes that make the facility safer for everyone. For example, lifeguards identified that the corner of the main pool in the five-foot area consistently had a high number of rescues year after year. In response to their recommendations, a rope was added in 2025 to divide the main pool, helping to manage swimmer activity and increase safety.

Additionally, swim tests are now required for both the diving well and the five-foot area, ensuring that swimmers are properly assessed before entering more challenging parts of the pool. Thanks to these proactive measures, Parkview Pool had eight water rescues in 2025, and none occurred in the five-foot area—demonstrating the positive impact of staff vigilance and their commitment to safety.

The Lifeguards who were there when needed.



Taylor Sweda, first year guard.



Christian Cifra, Head Guard, scooped a little boy out of the transition area while doing his rounds.



Elliot Hostelly, bottom of the slide rescue. First year at Parkview Pool.





Makenzie Pentsa, Rescue #1 of 2025, rescued an unattended 4-year-old.



Left, third year guards and Water Safety Instructors Sophia Palmisano and Reese Durosko. Adult rescue at Bottom of the Slide Rescue.

Above, Makena Bremec, first year guard, helped a little boy in the transition area called hoops.

More News from the Police Department

Paul Matias / Chief of Police

2025 continues to be an exciting year for the Mayfield Village Police Department. On September 10^{th,} we attended the Ohio Public Safety Telecommunications Gold Star Awards in Columbus.

Our very own Communication Supervisor, Toni Wilson, was a nominee for Communications Center Manager of the Year. Toni has been our Communication Supervisor since 2015 and has nearly 30 years of experience in Public Safety. Toni Wilson manages our dispatch center by focusing on the mission and our people. She is able to maintain the highest standards of service to our community while ensuring our staff is well-trained, motivated, and committed to excellence.



Communications Supervisor Toni Wilson with husband, Earl, who serves as a Captain on the Twinsburg Fire Department.

At the September 20th Council meeting, we swore in our newest Officer, Erica Rodriguez. Erica has over eight years of Law Enforce-

ment experience and has served for the last six years with the Euclid Police Department. We are excited to add Erica to our MVPD family.



Erica Rodriguez and her wife, Chardelle, who serves as a Police Officer on the Euclid Police Department, being congratulated by Mayor Bodnar.

We also presented a Commendation to Detective Mark Justice. His forensic work helped us solve a stolen auto case. Mark's "old school" detective work solved the case by collecting DNA evidence and fingerprints from the stolen vehicle. The lab results identified three suspects who are being charged with the theft.

I am so proud of all of our Officers, Dispatchers, and Administrative staff who serve our Department with honor, integrity, and courage.



Paul Matias Chief of Police





Detective Mark Justice received a Mayor's Commendation for his recent forensic work.

E-Bikes: Know the Rules and Stay Safe

Josh Manypenny / Police Lieutenant

As I'm sure you've all noticed, Electric Bicycles, or E-Bikes, are becoming more popular around the Village, especially among our younger residents. They're fun, efficient, and a great way to get around, but only when they're used safely and legally. Our goal at the Mayfield Village Police Department is to help riders and drivers share the roads, trails, and sidewalks without confusion.

Here's what you need to know before you or your kids hop on and ride:

What is an E-Bike?***

An e-bike is a bicycle with an electric motor that assists with pedaling. Most models are limited to speeds between 20-28 MPH, depending on the class. Ohio law defines the three classes of E-Bikes:

Class 1 E-Bikes

Fully operational pedals with an electric motor that only works when the operator is pedaling. The motor stops helping at 20 MPH.

Class 2 E-Bikes

Fully operational pedals with an electric motor that works regardless of whether the rider is pedaling or not. The motor also stops working at 20MPH.

Class 3 E-Bikes

Fully operational pedals with an electric motor that only works when the operator is pedaling. The motor stops helping at 28 MPH.

***All E-bikes manufactured after January 1, 2020 should have a permanently affixed label somewhere on the bike specifying what class it is.

What are the Rules? For All Classes of E-Bikes:

- If operating on the sidewalk, the motor cannot be engaged.
- If operating in the roadway, you must obey all traffic laws
- A white light in the front, as well as a red light and reflector in the back are required if operating between sunset and sunrise

For Class 3 E-Bikes, all above rules apply, PLUS:

- Operators must be at least 16 years old (Parents, please check your child's E-bike model before letting them ride).
- Operators are required to wear a helmet.
- Passengers can be of any age, but must wear a helmet.

What about the Greenway Trail and the Bike Path along SOM Center Road? Class 1 and 2 E-Bikes are permitted on the Greenway Trail and the Bike Path, but Class 3 are not permitted. No E-Bikes are permitted on the Mayfield Village Wetlands Trail.



- **Wear a helmet**: Simply by wearing a helmet you reduce your odds of a head injury by 50%.
- Practice: E-Bikes are much heavier than traditional bicycles, and may handle quite differently. You may want to try out your new bike in your driveway or in an empty parking lot before hitting the roads and trails.
- Be visible: Use front and rear lights at night, and always wear reflective gear.
- Ride Predictably: Don't weave between cars.
- **Stay Sober:** Alcohol and E-Bikes don't mix
- Watch your speed: E-Bikes move faster than regular bikes. Give your-self extra stopping distance. At 20 MPH an E-Bike takes about 40 feet to stop on dry pavement. That's more than two car-lengths! Braking early and giving space can prevent crashes.

Did you know? According to the IIHS, by wearing a helmet while riding a bicycle, you reduce your odds of a head injury by 50%. Helmets are important for riders of all ages, not just younger bicyclists. 90% of fatally injured bicyclists in 2023 were age 20 or older. Only about 14% of bicyclists who were fatally injured in 2023 were known to be wearing helmets. (*Karkhaneh et al., 2006*).

Ride Smart. Ride Safe. Ride Legal.



Joshua Manypenny Police Lieutenant

Tips from National Fire Prevention Week

Eugene Carcioppolo / Fire Chief

I wanted to highlight the 2025 National Fire Prevention Association (NFPA) Fire Week's safety message of:

"Charge into Fire Safety: Lithium-Ion Batteries"

Many of us have multiple devices that utilize Lithium-Ion batteries to carry out our life's daily tasks. Stay mindful in your homes and businesses to do the following when using these devices.

- **Buy:** Purchase products from reputable dealers and only use the original charger that came with the device.
- Charge: Avoid charging devices on beds, couches, or other flammable surfaces. Unplug devices once they are fully charged.
- Recycle: Do not throw lithium-ion batteries in the regular trash. Take them to an approved battery recycling or e-waste drop-off location.
- Be Aware: Pay attention to warning signs like swelling, overheating, or strange smells from a device or battery and stop using it immediately.

Along with this year's NFPA safety message, these other items should be reviewed.

Install and maintain smoke alarms: Have alarms on every level of your home, inside each bedroom, and outside sleeping areas. Test them monthly and replace batteries at least once a year. Replace the entire unit every

10 years. We still offer a smoke alarm product with wirelessly connected battery operated alarms that we offer at cost to residents.

Install and maintain at least one Carbon Monoxide Alarm in your home to alert your family of this harmful gas.

Have a home fire escape plan: Create and practice a plan with your family to ensure everyone knows how to get out of the house quickly in case of a fire.

Practice electrical safety: Don't overload outlets, and check cords for damage. Replace frayed or worn cords immediately and never run cords under rugs or behind furniture.

Be cautious in the kitchen: Never leave cooking unattended, and keep flammable items at least three feet away from heat sources.

Use open flames safely: Keep candles away from curtains and other flammable materials. Use flameless candles when possible.

Have your home utilities inspected and maintained by a licensed contractor to ensure optimal performance and limit potential hazards including fire and the production of carbon monoxide.

Have your wood burning fire place inspected and swept by a licensed chimney professional.

If you have any questions regarding these items please feel free to contact the fire department for assistance. Thank you and have a safe and enjoyable holiday season.





Eugene Carciopplo Fire Chief

Taking On a Dual Role in Mayfield Village

Caitlin Kelly / Administrative Assistant & Program Manager

After finishing my internship this summer, I officially started my new role as Administrative Assistant and Program Manager with Mayfield Village. The first few months have been a great experience – I've had the chance to get to know even more residents, take on new responsibilities, and continue working with great people that are dedicated to making our programs and events a success.

In addition to planning and helping with programs, I've also been handling a lot of daily operations, like coordinating the Community Room rentals and keeping track of what's coming up each week. It's been a great way to stay involved with everything that goes on – from programs and rentals to daily operations around Civic Center.

With fall here and winter on the way, I'm excited for everything we have planned. We had great weather for our Halloween Trick or Treat Trail and it was great to see all the costumes and enjoy a fun day of games and candy with families. Now that Halloween is over, we'll be focusing on the holiday season with events like our Breakfast with Santa and our Santa Float. It's something that seems to bring so much excitement to the community, and I'm looking forward to being part of it this year.

One of the things I've enjoyed the most so far has been getting to work with so many great people – from our staff who make everything happen to the residents who participate in our programs and events. Recreation is all about building connections in the community, and it's been great to be a part of that every day.

I'm looking forward to what's ahead this fall and winter – and I'm excited to keep learning and growing in this role. Thank you to everyone who's been so welcoming and supportive – I can't wait to see what the rest of the year brings for our community here in Mayfield Village.



Caitlin Kelly Admin Assistant & Program Manager



Fall Leaf Collection

Frank Stupczy, Service Director



Yearly leaf collection is one of the Service Department's principal responsibilities. It is our goal to provide efficient and effective leaf collection service to the entire Village every fall. This goal can only be realized through a cooperative effort between our Service Department picking up the leaves and our residents bringing the leaves out for collection at the road.

A successful leaf collection program requires the dedication of a majority of Service Department personnel and equipment throughout the fall season. This usually means some of our other services are stopped or slowed down considerably during the fall, so we appreciate your patience in advance. Keep in mind our crews follow a very specific route to ensure fair and equal service provision. If you see our leaf crew drive by before you have your pile out, we will be back, there is no need to call. If you haven't already, please sign up for text messages from our Service Department through Civic Ready at https://mayfield-villageoh.myfreealerts.com/

Our crews begin collection mid-October and cycle through the middle of December, weather permitting. Because there is a finite number of leaves to pick-up every season, the sooner leaves are brought out by our residents, the faster our crews can collect the leaves. With that being said, I've provided a few guidelines to keep in mind when performing your part in this cooperative effort. If you contract your leaf cleanup, please help by explaining these reminders to your contractor. These guidelines are meant to



Frank Stupczy
Service Director

ensure our crews can provide equal and fair service to every residence this fall.

- There is no Spring pick-up: The Village begins pick-up in mid-October and ends in mid-December, dependent on the weather, on all residential streets. Leaves and yard debris disposal outside of leaf collection season must be bagged in paper landscape bags no more than 50lbs each and put out with regular trash collection.
- Rake Leaves in Windrows, not Piles: Rake leaves in long piles (windrows) along the tree lawn on curbed streets, or along the street side of the ditch. Please do not fill the storm ditch with leaves. Our machines do not reach down into drainage ditches easily. Ditches filled with leaves are very difficult to clear out and slows our cycle-time greatly. Also, drainage ditches filled with leaves and branches create flooding and road safety hazards.
- **Keep Windrows Close to the Street and Away from Obstructions:**Our vacuum trailers have limited reach from the road. Leaves piled further than 8' from the road will not be picked up. Picking up leaves piled up around obstructions can cause damage to our vacuum trailers and will be left behind. Keep leaves at least 4' away from any obstructions such as street signs, mailboxes, trees, and light poles.
- Please Separate Branches from leaves: Machines cannot pick up leaves when they are mixed with large branches. Please make a separate pile of branches for our crews to pick-up separately.
- Rake Early and Often: Don't wait until the end of the season to bring your leaves to the curb. Inclement weather will cause delays. Workers and trucks that pick-up leaves are the same that plow snow and spread salt. Once it begins to snow consistently, Service will not be able to pick up leaves.

Don't Trash that Jack-O'-Lantern!

Lisa Lesner, Service Department Executive Assistant

After the costumes are packed away and the Halloween lights come down, one spooky decoration often lingers — the humble pumpkin. Instead of tossing it in the trash, why not give it a second life?

This year, Mayfield Village is once again teaming up with the Cuyahoga County Solid Waste District to host a special Pumpkin Composting Program. For the second year in a row, a 20-yard composting container will be placed at Wiley Park, near the Service Garage at 610 SOM Center Rd. Signs will clearly mark the drop-off location, which will be open for pumpkins and gourds only. Beginning October 30, 2025, and ending on November 10, 2025.



Lisa Lesner Service Dept. Executive Assistant



What to Bring — and What to Leave Out

Accepted:

- Intact or decaying pumpkins
- Carved jack-o'-lanterns
- Gourds

Not Accepted:

- Pumpkins with candles, decorations, paint, bleach, permanent marker, or stickers. Bags or plastic of any kind
- Make sure to remove any non-organic materials before drop-off. The
 collected pumpkins will be transported to a local compost facility —
 a great way to reduce waste and return nutrients to the soil

By composting or repurposing your pumpkins, you're helping to keep organic waste out of landfills — and giving back to the earth in the process.

Let's keep Mayfield Village green this fall!



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 Provided by www.TriCommunityCERT.com

Know how to locate a shelter or to equip your home as one:

- The best storm shelters have areas that are well away from windows and skylights and do not have large ceiling expanses.
- Allow you to shelter "down and in," which means "to shelter with as many walls between your family and the outside as possible." (Ceilings are considered walls.)
- Permit you to practice getting to and inside the shelter with your family.
- Accommodate your entire family comfortably for 45 minutes or longer.

Senior News / Samantha Clark-Cartwright

Program & Facilities Manager / Senior Program Coordinator

Fall has officially arrived in Mayfield Village. As I sit in my office to write, I'm greeted by the beautiful colors of changing leaves outside my window facing Wilson Mills—especially the golden yellows that seem to glow in the autumn sunlight. This time of year, even before Thanksgiving, I find myself reflecting on what I'm most grateful for. Personally, I'm thankful for my husband, family, good friends, a fulfilling job, and the excitement of new adventures on the horizon as we approach the new year.

Just as the trees transform and shed their leaves, the changing season reminds us that new beginnings are always just around the corner. Take a moment—today, or closer to Thanksgiving—to think about what (and who) you're grateful for, and how these people, places, and moments enrich your life.

Of course, fall also brings an abundance of events and activities to enjoy right here in Mayfield Village! We have two new classes for Senior Services. We have **Creative Meditation** classes on Monday mornings. Begin the week on a strong note with this seated meditation. The instructor, Lois, will help you work on breath work followed by guided visualization. The next session starts on Monday, October 27, and runs through November 17, from 9:15-10:00 A and is \$66/session. Our second new class is called Energy Medicine 101. You will learn simple techniques that allow your natural vibrancy to shine through as you balance your energies. This class is on Thursdays from 10:45-11:45 A. Registration is required a week in advance, and it is \$15/class. Join us to learn about the world of energy medicine.

On November 11, come to our **Salute to Veterans** event to celebrate and thank our veterans for their service. Veterans and their guests are welcome to join us in the Community Room from 10:00 A-12:00 P for our ceremony and a light lunch provided to us by Pizzazz Pizzeria.

After this, our **Mayfield Village Resident Holiday Lunch** will occur on December 4 from 12:00-2:00 P in the Community Room. Registration will start on October 31. Registration is required, and the deadline to register is November 26. Space is limited.

The festivities then continue in Mayfield Village! With our first-ever



Samantha Clark-Cartwright Program & Facilities Manager Senior Program Coordinator

Breakfast with the Chardon Polka Band at the Civic Center. Fuel up on a tasty breakfast and then dance and sing to the sounds of the Chardon Polka Band. This energetic band will have you up on your feet, enjoying the holiday season with fun polka music. Spaces are limited, so register today. The event is on December 9 from 9:00 A-12:00 P and is \$10/person. This concert is brought to us by Mayfield Village Parks and Recreation and Dignity Mem-orial.

We will then jump to the next week, where we have another concert at the Civic Center on December 11 at 7:00 P. We are pleased to welcome the **University Heights Symphonic Band** to the Reserve Theater. This 50-piece symphonic band performs a variety of pieces, including some core wind band music, Broadway hits, film scores, and popular music. Mayfield Village residents can reserve their spot by calling or emailing Parks and Recreation at 440.461.5163 or smcavinew@mayfieldvillage.com.

There's something magical about fall in Mayfield Village—whether it's the golden leaves swirling outside our windows, the sound of laughter during community events, or the comforting sense of gratitude that starts to settle in as the holidays approach. With so many wonderful programs, concerts, and gatherings on the horizon, there's no shortage of opportunities to connect, celebrate, and make memories with neighbors and friends.

So grab a pumpkin spice treat (we know you've got one nearby), mark your calendars, and get ready to make the most of this festive season. Whether you're finding your zen in meditation, dancing to a polka beat, or simply sharing a meal in good company, there's something here for everyone.

Let's fall into fun, gratitude, and community spirit—together!

Wendy Albin Sattin / Executive Director

www.communitypartnershiponaging.org



November ushers us into the holiday season, with all its joys and excitement. But for some, it also brings stress, sadness and loneliness. We are offering strategies to deal with the "holiday blues" whether it's for yourself or someone you care about. Join Sarah Peck, LSW with Ellie Mental Health-Beachwood for a session on **managing holiday meltdowns.** It is scheduled for November 7 at 1 PM in the Highland Heights Community Center.

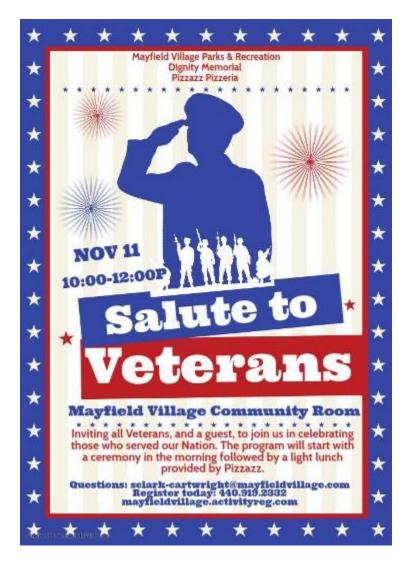
Also in November there will be a workshop on **Estate Planning**, featuring attorney Nick Weiss who will cover the importance of making healthcare decisions,

ensuring financial security, and preserving legacy and family peace. Join us on November 14 at 1 PM at the Highland Heights Community Center. Interested in one or both sessions? Call Zakiya to reserve your spot-216-978-5050.

Medicare Open Enrollment is from October 15 to December 7. During this period, you can join, drop or switch to another Medicare Advantage plan with or without drug coverage, switch from Original Medicare to a Medicare Advantage Plan (or vice versa) or join, drop or switch to another Medicare drug plan if you are in Original Medicare. Our trained social work team stands ready to assist you and answer questions- feel free to give them a call at 440-442-2628.

Peeking into December, our popular hand-dipped chocolate holiday pretzel boxes are coming! Boxes are available for \$15 and make wonderful gifts... Details will be in the November newsletter. Talking about CPA newsletters, they are available at locations throughout Mayfield Village, including the Civic Center, Community Room and the Mayfield Library. You can also access a copy on line at www.communitypartnershiponaging.org or call the office to sign up for a mailed copy (cost is \$12).

Finally, as we enter this holiday season, research (and common sense) suggests that one aspect can actually lift the spirits, and it's built right in— expressing gratitude. Gratitude helps people feel more positive emotions, improve their health, deal with adversity, and build strong relationships. So as we roll into the winter holidays, make sure you take some time to take care of yourself, reflect on what's positive, and try something new with CPA!



Santa Floats through Mayfield Village Sat., Dec. 6, 11 am - 4 pm

- 11:00 Joyce, Robin, Hemingway, Worton Park, N. & S. Woodlane, Norman area
- 12:00 Aintree Park, Derby, Hunt, Beechers Brook, Chase, Northboro, Foxboro, Raleigh area
- 1:00 Bonnieview, Glenview, Seneca area
- 1:45 Village Trail, Hanover, Hardwood, Echo area
- 2:15 SOM Ct., Thornapple, Meadowood, Eastgate, Oakwood, Walnut, Sandalwood, Butternut, Kenwood, Ravine, Robley area
- 3:15 Wildwood, Bramblewood, Timberline, Creekwood, Deepwood, Zorn, Metropark, Hickory Hill, Woodbine, Oakton area
- 4:00 Montebello area

For children and grandchildren of Mayfield Village Residents. Register your house/number of kids by Dec. 1. and each child will receive a small gift. The float does not stop along SOM Ctr., Highland, Ridgebury or Wilson Mills. Note: Santa does not step off the float at every house. All times are approximate!



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Clean Eatz

Congratulations to Mayfield Village Assistant Recreation Director Danielle Echt for participating in The 24 in 24 Challenge. Danielle has participated in this event for four years, running 24 miles, 1 mile every hour, for 24 consecutive hours.

All Proceeds benefit **A Special Wish Northeast Ohio Foundation.** Since it's inception, Special Wish has proudly granted 200+ wishes for children between birth and up to 20 years of age who have been diagnosed with a life-threatening illness in Northeast Ohio.

Every year, 10 children are highlighted and each mile is dedicated to one of the wish kids or one of the children who passed away the previous year. To donate, participate or learn more, visit the24in24.org.

Thank you Danielle for all you do and for bringing attention to this worthwhile organization.



COMPOSTING UPDATE!

In the summer issue of the *Voice of the Village*, we asked residents if they would participate if the Village made composting available to them, at no cost, through a drop-off location in the Civic Center parking lot. Rust Belt Riders is offering a new Municipal Composting Program that allows the Village to pay a weekly fee, giving all residents access to the drop-off. The Village was considering a 6-month pilot program.

Unfortunately, only 18 residents responded and indicated an interest in participating. Due to the cost of the Municipal Program, the Village will not move forward with the pilot program at this time. Residents are still able to individually pay \$12.00 per month to participate and the drop-off location will remain in the Civic Center parking lot. Visit <u>rustbeltriders.com</u> or call 216-800-4651 for more information.

Economic Development News

John Marquart, Economic Development Manager

RUST BELT? MORE LIKE ECONOMIC POWERHOUSE!



Following up on CNBC's *Best States for Business* rankings, highlighted in the last *Voice of the Village*, a recent analysis of the United States' gross domestic product (GDP) reveals that just seven states generate almost half of the country's economic output, with the Buckeye state among them. If Ohio was a separate country, it would enjoy the 34th largest economy in the world!

Digging deeper, data from Team NEO, northeast Ohio's regional economic development partner, reveals that northeast Ohio is responsible for nearly 40% of the state's economic output. Best-kept secret, or file under *Reports of Our Demise Are Greatly Exaggerated*? Either way, we'll take it! Thanks to all of our Mayfield businesses doing their part to carry the freight!

VALUES IN ACTION RECEIVES STATE FUNDING

In 2020, the Mayfield Village-based Values-In-Action Foundation created the Kindland initiative, with the goal of transforming Cleveland into Kindland and documenting one million acts of kindness by the end of 2021.



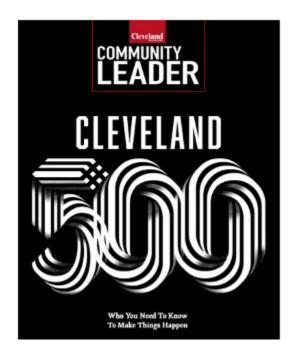
John Marquart Economic Development Manager

Five years later, Kindland has spread to 700 Ohio schools, with varying levels of involvement that range from holding kindness rallies and assemblies to embedding kindness messaging and programming into the school's curriculum. Now, the Kindland initiative is receiving \$4 million in the state of Ohio's most recent budget to help it expand beyond northeast Ohio into another 700 schools around the state over the next two years.

"We're very grateful that the legislature, as well as the Governor and other individuals in the administration, feel strongly that kindness is a core value that ought to be taught in schools and embedded in our communities," Values In Action President and CEO, Stuart Muszynski said.

Congratulations and keep up the great work! For more information, call 440-463-6205 or visit https://www.viafdn.org/kindland





CLEVELAND MAGAZINE'S *CLEVELAND 500* PACKED WITH MAYFIELD VILLAGE LEADERS

This year's *Cleveland 500*, an annual ranking of the most influential business and civic leaders shaping northeast Ohio, reads like a real who's-who of Mayfield Village. This year's issue features many of our corporate neighbors:

- Michael Doris, President, Mars Electric
- Dr. Hiroyuki Fujita, CEO, Quality Electrodynamics
- Tricia Griffith, President & CEO, Progressive
- Tony Panzica, CEO, Panzica Construction
- Greg Skoda, former Partner, Marcum (Skoda Minotti)
- Gabriel Torok, CEO, PreEmptive Solutions

Not bad for just 4 square miles and a population of about 3,400! Congratulations to all this year's honorees – as Cleveland Magazine says, these are indeed the folks "you need to know to make things happen."

WELCOME TO MAYFIELD VILLAGE!!

Welcome to the newest businesses calling Mayfield Village home:

- Fit Liv, LLC at 6449 Wilson Mills Rd. #104
 - Process Technology at 6680 Beta Dr.
- A Clear Mind Therapy at 6559 Wilson Mills Rd. #108

Welcome to the Village! We're glad you chose Mayfield!



Since 2012, the Heritage Home ProgramSM, in partnership with Cuyahoga County, has offered a 2% interest rate to borrowers in Mayfield Village for home improvement loans. This low rate, combined with project assistance from the Cleveland Restoration Society, has provided owners of older homes (50+ years old) with the tools necessary to maintain and improve their homes. We regret to inform you that this particular loan product and its very low interest rate will end on December 31, 2025, but please know we expect a new low-interest loan product to be available in early 2026.

KeyBank has been a partner in the Heritage Home ProgramSM for 32 years. We are grateful for their engagement over these many years. KeyBank will honor the low 2% fixed rate for borrowers in your community if an application is made by the end of this calendar year. The low rate will apply to loans approved and funded in 2026 with the proviso that an application is made at the bank before December 31, 2025.

Of course, the Heritage Home Program technical assistance remains unchanged and available to homeowners. If you have any questions, please contact Tom Jorgensen at 216-262-2207.



Mayfield Village Community Room 6621 Wilson Mills Road, Mayfield, Ohio 44143

Make and Take Gingerbread Houses and Kits

Florals and Wreaths Raffle Baskets Select Vendors

Grandma's Closed Holiday Décor Bake Sale

Admission \$2.00 for adults at the door to support scholarships.



The Garden Club is pleased to host its annual:

HOLIDAY MARKET

at the Mayfield Village Community Room 6621 Wilson Mills Road 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

- Make and Take a Gingerbread House or buy a Kit
- FRESH ARRANGEMENTS
- SELECT VENDORS
- RAFFLE BASKETS
- GRANDMOTHER'S CLOSET, HOLIDAY DECOR
- BAKE SALE

Admission \$2.00. Proceeds for Beautification and Scholarship Fund.

First Meeting of 2026:

February 15 at 1 pm at the Civic Center, 6622 Wilson Mills Road. Dr. Bob Marquard will share information about hypertufa planters.

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. 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.

November 17

BINGO Mayfield Public Library in Mayfield Village, 2:00 pm

Join us for an afternoon of **BINGO**. Cost is \$5, prizes for the winners and proceeds benefit MWC local charities. Contact Barbara for reservation 440-461-6817.

No meeting in December

January 19

Avoid Fraud and Identify Spam, 2:00 pm at Mayfield Library

Moderator, Richelle (Shelly) Deacon, will moderate a candid discussion with the attendees. She is an advocate for seniors to have the support to deal with this ever-present epidemic. "How to avoid the pitfalls of fraud." Handouts included.

The Mayfield Township Historical Society

Join us at any of our free meetings at the Mayfield Community Room at 7 pm. You don't need to be a member. Bring a friend. Support us by your membership or purchase a brick in our walkway for \$45.

We have received a \$5,000 matching donation to start our 3-phase Historic House renovations. For every dollar you donate, it will be matched up to \$5,000 with the potential for a maximum of \$10,000. We hope to end this campaign by April 1, 2026. Our phase one includes updating the electrical system and air conditioning. We are a 501c3 non-profit organization.



The Bennett-Van Curen Historical House

There are many ways to contribute. Please call us at 440-461-0055.

We are selling our gift card raffle tickets to 16 local restaurants, 6 for \$5, \$1 each. The drawing will be held at our November 12 meeting.

Following is the upcoming schedule of monthly meetings at the Mayfield Village Community Room @ 7 pm:

- November 12—The History of Woodland Cemetery 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 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 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.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS / NOV 2025-JAN 2026 NOVEMBER Election Day 6:30am-All Wards vote at the Civic Center 7:30pm 3 **Council Caucus** Civic Center 7pm 6 Red Cross Blood Drive 12-6pm Civic Center Salute to Veterans 11 Community Room 10am-17 Council Regular Meeting Civic Center 7pm 20 Red Cross Blood Drive Civic Center 7pm 22 Garden Club Holiday Mart Community Room 10am-4pm 27-28 Thanksqiving Holiday Offices Closed **DECEMBER** Council Caucus 1 Civic Center 7pm 4 Red Cross Blood Drive Civic Center 12-6pm 5 Tree Lighting Ceremony Gazebo 6-7pm 6 Santa Float through the Village See Page 20 for route 11am-4pm 9 Breakfast with Chardon Polka Band 9am-12noon Civic Center 11 Holiday Concert w/University Reserve Hall 7:30pm Heights Symphonic Band 14 Menorah Lighting Community Room / Gazebo 6-7pm 15 Council Regular Meeting Civic Center 7pm 24-25 **Christmas Holiday** Offices Closed **JANUARY** 1 New Year's Day Offices Closed **TBD Council Caucus** Civic Center 7pm 21 Red Cross Blood Drive Civic Center 12-6pm

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Civic Center

7 pm

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Council Regular Meeting



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

Upcoming dates include:

November 6 & 20 from 12-6 p December 4 from 12-6 pm January 21 from 12-6 pm

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



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



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



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



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 for more information.



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