

**Mayfield Village Citizens Advisory Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
April 27, 2026**

The Citizens Advisory Committee met on Monday, April 27, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. at the Civic Center, 6622 Wilson Mills Road, Mayfield Village, Ohio.

<b><u>Present:</u></b>	Bob Haycox (Chair)	Miki Steigerwald
	Marilyn LaRiche-Goldstein	Patti Ferris
	Robert Gessner	Lorry Nadeau
	Rosemarie Fabrizio	Maureen Washock
	Sandy Batcheller	Joanna McNally
	Althea Conti	Monica Syracuse

<b><u>Absent:</u></b>	Gerald Kasunic	Mark Granakis
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**Also Present:** Jennifer Jurcisek, Council Representative  
Peter Gall, Council Representative  
Steve Schutt, Council President  
Mike Girbino, Council Member  
Marlene Zito, Resident  
Diane Wolgamuth, Director of Administration

**Approval of Meeting Minutes**

Mr. Haycox opened the meeting and asked for a motion to approve the minutes from March 30, 2026. A motion was made and seconded and the minutes were approved as written.

**Introduction of At-Large Council Member Mike Girbino**

Mr. Haycox thanked Council Member Mike Girbino for coming to the meeting. Mr. Girbino introduced himself and advised that he was the newest member of Council. He said that some members might recognize him, as he was on the Fire Department for 33 years—from 1986 to 2019. During those years, he served as the Assistant Chief/Fire Marshal, thanks to Mayor Bodnar who created and appointed him to the position.

Mr. Girbino stated that he moved to the Village in October of 1990 when he bought a ranch on Metropark Drive. Four years later, he moved to Meadowood. He has two adult children—his son David lives in Hawaii, staying there after he went to school there to obtain his Master’s Degree. His daughter

recently moved to the Village and lives on Wildwood Trail. Both his children went to Mayfield High School and Ohio State University. His daughter is an occupational therapist.

Mr. Girbino stated that he grew up in Lyndhurst and Richmond Heights. He was hired by then-Fire Chief Hejcl and fell in love with the community. Mr. Girbino stated that he never regretted moving here and that he and his wife Debbie plan to stay as long as they can.

Mr. Girbino concluded, saying that, following COVID, he was rehired by the Village to work on updating the MIPOD program to assist with vaccinations. He also worked for a short time in Chagrin Falls. Mr. Girbino stated that he still felt the need to do something to be involved and that is why he decided to run for office to be an At-Large Council Member.

Mr. Haycox thanked Mr. Girbino for attending the meeting to tell the Committee about his background.

### **Establishing a Hometown Heroes Banner Program**

Mr. Haycox introduced Ward 2 Councilman Mark Arndt. Mr. Arndt asked if everyone was familiar with the Hometown Heroes program and stated that he believes it is a good way to honor service men and women. He advised that Ms. Wolgamuth had printed some information from other cities that have established programs (copies attached) and he hopes this will be an open forum to hear everyone's ideas. He asked if this was something people would be interested in and suggested that Ms. Wolgamuth could include information in the next *Voice of the Village* to get things started. He stated that he, himself, would be interested in getting a banner to honor his grandfather.

Mrs. LaRiche-Goldstein asked if the banners are only for people who have lived in the Village. Mr. Arndt responded that his grandfather did not live in the Village and he thought it could be open to relatives of Village residents.

Mr. Haycox asked, "Where will the banners be placed?" Mr. Arndt responded, "We still have to figure that out, but I would love to see them placed along SOM Center and Wilson Mills Roads."

Mrs. Nadeau advised that she was involved in starting the Village's memorial bench program, stating, "The plaques are placed on benches for 10 years and then the family chooses whether to pay for another 10 years or take the plaque home." Ms. Wolgamuth advised that the lifespan of the banner appears to be only 2-3 years. Mrs. Jurcisek added that, in Mayfield Heights, they hang the banner for a year and then the banner is provided to the family.

Mr. Arndt stated that we need to look at the number of poles available. Mr. Haycox agreed that the program should be available to residents or relatives of residents. Mr. Schutt suggested rotating the banners out every year or two. Mrs. Fabrizio suggested that the program be for current and deceased veterans who are family members and should include active service members too.

Mrs. Juncisek asked about the cost. Mr. Arndt said, “We don’t know yet. It depends on the size of the banner and the type of hardware needed to hang it.”

Mrs. Batcheller stated that the father of a friend of hers was 90 years old when he passed and Highland Heights would not accept a photo of him that was not in uniform. The Committee discussed the potential to use AI technology to update photos.

Mr. Gessner stated that he remembered the last time this program was discussed, about two years ago, that the Service Department had an issue with it. Ms. Wolgamuth responded that, since that discussion, the Service Department has gotten a lift truck, which was the main hurdle at the time. She added that she spoke with the Service Director, Frank Stupczy, and he said that if the Village decided to proceed with the program, he would try to find a way to make it work.

Mr. Gall commented that the banners could be placed on the sidewalk side of the pole to not interfere with the flower baskets and flags, and not be so high up. He added that there could be some issues with old photos as the banner printer will have some quality requirements.

Mrs. Juncisek suggested putting something in the next VOV with sample requirements to gauge interest. “We could say that cost is yet to be determined and we are looking to start in 2027.”

Mrs. Washock stated that she saw an article about Olmsted Township, where the city partnered with the Cuyahoga County Veterans Services Commission to help pay for the banners. Residents only pay \$50.

Mrs. McNally commented that, looking at the handouts, she likes the description that Willoughby uses for eligibility.

Ms. Wolgamuth mentioned that, from the materials, it seems that many cities hang the banners only from Memorial Day to Labor Day. Mr. Arndt stated that he thought they should be hung all year long. Ms. Wolgamuth commented that it might be more difficult for the Service Department to have to adjust or repair the banners in the winter months.

### **Council Report**

Mrs. Juncisek reported that the big news from Council is that Beta Drive will soon be under construction, stating, “The roadway is being replaced with new concrete and the sidewalks will also be fixed, something that people have been complaining about. The project is expected to take approximately 120 days but the road will remain open to traffic going northbound.”

Mrs. Nadeau asked when the construction would begin. Ms. Wolgamuth responded, “Not until after Cruise Night as Beta Drive is used as a detour during the event’s road closure.”

Mrs. Juncisek concluded her report with comments on the following upcoming events:

- Mother's Day Pancake Breakfast is on May 10– volunteers are still needed.
- Shred Day is May 16 from 9 a.m. to noon in the Civic Center parking lot.
- Volunteers are needed to place flags at the cemeteries for Memorial Day.
- June 13 is another opportunity to volunteer for Cruise Night.
- The Grove festivities kick off on June 11 with a day for residents only.

### **Other Matters**

Mrs. Syracuse asked about the road work being done on White Road. Ms. Wolgamuth advised it is utility work being done by the gas company, Enbridge.

Mrs. McNally commented about the tennis courts being used for pickleball. She asked if the Village had any thoughts to build more courts as they are very popular and busy. Ms. Wolgamuth responded that there have not been any discussions about adding more courts as the tennis courts are a fairly recent addition to the Village's recreation area.

Mrs. LaRiche-Goldstein asked if the courts are first-come, first-served and was advised that they are. Mrs. Washock commented that the courts were probably being used by people from other communities, not residents. Mrs. Juncisek responded that boys' tennis is in season right now and suggested that, since the courts in Highland Heights are their home courts, Highland Heights residents might be coming here to use our courts.

Mrs. McNally stated, "You can't get a tennis court in the summer." She suggested a survey to see if the Village should consider building more courts. *[Post-meeting note: Recreation Director Shane McAviney advises that one of the three courts is no longer being permitted to be used for pickleball and will not be repainted for pickleball in the future to keep it exclusively for tennis. The number of available nets has also been decreased accordingly.]*

Mr. Girbino asked Ms. Wolgamuth, "Were the courts meant for resident-use only?" Ms. Wolgamuth responded, "No, all of the Village's recreation programs and facilities are open to the other communities in the School District."

Mrs. Fabrizio reported that since the last meeting when we discussed economic development, she learned that George Simon purchased Progressive's Campus 1. He is the owner of Mt. Vernon. She stated that she hopes he will find better uses for the Progressive property and added, "As members of CAC, we should pay attention to such things and inform neighbors. If citizens feel strongly about something, we should show up and support the rationale. This is true for amenities that we enjoy. It all plays a part."

Mr. Haycox agreed, stating, "With new development coming in, there will be public meetings. It is important for us to attend."

Mr. Schutt stated that Campus 1 is expected to transfer on May 6. He added that Progressive does not consider the sale to be final until it transfers, so the new ownership has not been made public. Mr. Schutt continued, stating, "The land on SOM is also under contract with a residential builder who does have an out for zoning. It is not expected to transfer until 2027 or 2028." Ms. Wolgamuth reported that she, John Marquart and Mayor Bodnar met with the residential builder and passed along the Committee's comments about the desirability of free-standing ranch-style homes instead of townhomes. The builder said they would take that into consideration as they do their due diligence on the property.

Mrs. Zito asked if Progressive was selling the property at Wilson Mills and Worton Park as she heard a home was going to be built there. Ms. Wolgamuth responded that she had not heard any discussion of new construction on that property. Mr. Gall suggested that the curve of Peter B. Lewis Drive was probably too close to allow construction of a home on that property.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Diane Wolgamuth

Director of Administration



The City of Willowick Banner Program is a tribute to recognize and honor our residents and their immediate family members who are currently serving or who have served our country in the armed forces: *Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, and National Guard.*

Each banner will be individualized for a specific Willowick service person and will include their name, branch of service, photo, and name(s) of sponsor(s). The banner measures 30" x 60" and is double-sided. They will be displayed throughout the city from Memorial Day in May through Veterans Day in November. The banner will be given to the sponsor at the end of the season if they will not be rehung for the following year.

The Banner Program is funded through sponsorship(s), and applications are received on a first-come, first-served basis. To order, please submit the following items by *April 4, 2026*:

- A completed application form.
- A \$130 or \$25 check per new/reused banner made payable to: *The City of Willowick.*
- A photo in high resolution, preferably showing the individual in military uniform. Digital photos should be a *JPEG or PNG file that is at least 600 DPI.* All photos are returned to the sponsor.

All applications can be dropped off between 9AM-3PM Monday through Thursday or  
Mailed to:

Willowick City Hall, *Attn: Molly Henderson, 30435 Lake Shore Blvd., Willowick, OH 44095.*

Please email digital photo submissions to: [mhenderson@cityofwillowick.com](mailto:mhenderson@cityofwillowick.com)

***Please note that the City of Willowick is not responsible for replacing banners that are stolen, damaged or destroyed due to age, vandalism, or any acts of nature, including high winds.***

***Due to the ENORMOUS interest and support, ALL BANNERS are hung in alphabetical order.***

***We have determined that the maximum lifespan of a banner is three years due to exposure to the sun and the elements, once your banner has been displayed for that duration, it must be retired.***

**APPLICATION ON BACK SIDE →**





## City of Willoughby 2026 Banner Program

Registration begins January 12, 2026 – Deadline is April 3, 2026 or until filled – LIMITED SPOTS AVAILABLE

The City of Willoughby Banner Program is a walking tribute created for the community to recognize and honor Willoughby residents and their immediate family members who are serving or veterans who have served our country in the armed forces. The branches of the armed forces include the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, or Coast Guard. The banners are designed to be seen from the sidewalk and not from the street; visibility from the street will be affected by hanging flowers and trees.

Each banner will be in honor of a specific Willoughby service person and will include their name, branch of service, photo, and name(s) of sponsor. Banners will be displayed in downtown Willoughby (Euclid Ave., Erie Street, East/West Spaulding, River Street, Glenn Ave., Second St., Vine St. or Mentor Ave. bridge) or on Lakeshore Blvd. and Lost Nation Rd. from Memorial Day until Veteran’s Day. Banners will be returned to the sponsor once taken down.

The cost of each banner is \$135 (\$75 to reuse your banner). The banners are 24" X 52" and are double sided. A high-resolution photo should be included with the application along payment, checks made payable to the City of Willoughby. All hard-copy photos will be returned. Digital photos in jpeg or png should be emailed to Catherine Carroll at ccarroll@willoughbyohio.com.

The City of Willoughby is not responsible for replacing banners that are stolen, damaged or destroyed due to age, vandalism, or any acts of nature including high winds. **Mail application, payment & photo to:**

**Willoughby Parks & Recreation, Hometown Heroes, One Public Square, Willoughby, OH 44094**

**Questions, call Catherine Carroll at Willoughby Parks & Recreation at 440-953-4200**

----- APPLICATION (please print) -----

Name of Service Person \_\_\_\_\_ Era of Service \_\_\_\_\_

(See below)

Name of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_ Branch of Service \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Address/City/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Sponsor to be printed on the banner \_\_\_\_\_

Please check one:  Thank You (current active military & veterans)  In Memory Of (deceased veterans)

Please check one:  Downtown Willoughby  Lakeshore Blvd.

Please check one:  Re-using banner; please return banner  Create new banner

Eras of Service - Official DOD Dates

1. GWOT – Sept 11, 2001 to present (list this even if veteran hasn’t been to Iraq or Afghanistan)
2. Persian Gulf – August 2, 1990 – August 31, 1991
3. Cold War – September 2, 1945 – 26 December 1991
4. Vietnam Era – Feb 28, 1961 – May 7, 1975
5. Korea Conflict Era – June 27, 1950 – Jan 31, 1955
6. WW II – December 7, 1941 – December 31, 1946
7. WW I – April 6, 1917 – November 11, 1918

**Include a high resolution or digital photo.** I hereby grant the City of Willoughby permission to use the provided photo in the Hometown Heroes Banner Program. I take full responsibility that all information provided is accurate and correct.

Email picture to [ccarroll@willoughbyohio.com](mailto:ccarroll@willoughbyohio.com)

Drop off photo to Parks & Recreation Dept.



## City of Lyndhurst

### Hometown Hero Banner Program Application

We are proud to unveil the Hometown Heroes Banner Program! This program is an opportunity to salute the brave men and women currently serving or who have served our country and pay tribute to our veterans and deceased veterans by proudly displaying their photos in the City of Lyndhurst. Banners featuring our brave service members and veterans will line Mayfield Road. The program includes the following:

- One double sided banner to be displayed on utility poles lining a main roadway in the City of Lyndhurst between Memorial Day with removal at Veterans Day.
- One mounting hardware kit to affix the banner to the pole

### Eligibility Requirements:

- The individual to be honored must currently reside or have resided in the City of Lyndhurst corporation limits or been employed by the City of Lyndhurst.
- The individual must have served or is currently serving in any of the six branches of military service (Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Marines, Navy, or Space Force), including the Reserve and National Guard.

To be honored, the individual must meet one of the following conditions:

- Currently be active duty (Active Duty)
- Be an honorably discharged veteran (Veteran)
- Died in the line of duty (Memorial)



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## HOMETOWN HEROES BANNER PROGRAM



The City of Avon has a program to honor and remember those men and women that have served in the Armed Forces and have ties with the City of Avon. Each banner will be in honor of a specific **deceased** service person and will include their name, branch of service, and photo. Banners will be displayed along Detroit Road, west of Avon High School, from Memorial Day through Veteran's Day. Banners will be displayed for 2 consecutive years, at which point they will be returned to the person that purchased it.

The full-color banners are printed double-sided and measure 30"W x 84"H. The cost per banner is \$200.00.

**\*\* Photos MUST BE of Hero in their military uniform \*\***

### **HOW DO I PURCHASE A BANNER?**

**Step 1-** Complete the attached application and return to Avon City Hall for approval. Be sure to review the application carefully regarding proof of service and payment process. A DD214 indicating an Honorable Discharge is required. A DD214 is the paper that every veteran is given when they separate from the military. Applications can be scanned & emailed to [jlements@cityofavon.com](mailto:jlements@cityofavon.com) or received in person at City Hall.

**Step 2-** Once the application is approved, please contact Jet Signs to make an appointment for the photo to be scanned. Photographs **MUST** be of the Hero in their military uniform. Photographs may be submitted in either a Printed or Digital format. Please note that the photos are the most important part of these banners! **Please submit high quality images ONLY.**

**Jet Signs is located at 1350 Chester Industrial Parkway. Phone number is 440-934-5999.**

**Option A: Printed Photographs:** Photos are preferred to be 8" x 10" and must not be enlarged from a smaller print or photocopied from an original print. The photo must be in color, black & white, or sepia toned (brownish). It does not matter how old the photo is, as long as it is clean and in focus.

**Option B: Digital Photographs:** Images need to be at least 300 dpi high-resolution photos in a JPEG, TIF or PNG file format as (RGB or CMYK) that would print clearly at an 8" x 10" size. Please **DO NOT** enlarge existing images electronically as this degrades the image quality. **Web images or cellphone shots of the original print are not acceptable.** Images saved in any document other than JPEG, TIF or PNG will not be useable!

**Payment:** Payment will be made to Jet Signs at the time you have your photo scanned. Cost is \$200 per banner.

\*Program details subject to change, space is limited, the City of Avon is not responsible for replacing banners that are stolen, damaged, or destroyed due to vandalism, age, or any acts of nature including high winds.\*