



VOICE OF THE VILLAGE

SUMMER 2026



This summer, communities across the country have been celebrating America's 250th Birthday. Mayfield Village is no exception and residents have been enjoying all our annual summer events—Cruise Night, concerts at The Grove, and July 4th Fireworks. We have also had some special events. Pictured here is the Mayfield Village Garden Club along with representatives of the Ohio Garden Club, following the dedication of a Gold Star Memorial By-Way Marker at the Civic Center. Gold Star Memorial Markers honor the families of service members who gave their lives in defense of the United States.

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The High Cost of Freedom

A Memorial Day Tribute / Mayor Brenda T. Bodnar

The Village's annual Memorial Day Celebration was held on May 24th at Whitehaven Memorial Park. Mayor Bodnar was among the speakers that day and her speech is printed here in its entirety.

Thank you all for coming out today to our Memorial Day services. We do our best to put together services that are meaningful and respectful, but look around you. You are, very literally, the core, the heart of our services.

Yet there is someone missing from our services this year—someone very dear to us. For more years than I can remember, our devoted volunteer, citizen and friend, Mary Singer, planned and orchestrated our Memorial Day services. Over the past few years, Mary turned over some of those



Mary Singer
1930–2026

responsibilities to our Recreation Dept, but she never really let go. She continued to work behind the scenes, and she was here every year to assure that everything and everyone was coordinated, and that our services gave due respect to those who gave their lives for our country.

Mary passed away a few weeks ago at age 95, and we feel her loss deeply. But we also feel Mary's presence. Her legacy of devoted patriotism and volunteerism has paved the path and provided the light for our own patriotic journey, particularly for our Memorial Day services. Mary, we miss you, and we promise to make you proud.

Today, we gather to honor those whose last mile on this earth was defined by patriotism, courage and sacrifice. Because of their sacrifice, we enjoy life in a democracy. The Bill of Rights outlines many of our freedoms, not the least of which are the freedom of religion, speech, the press, and

assembly; the right against unreasonable searches and seizures; the right to due process of law; the right to a fair and speedy trial by an impartial jury; and the prohibition against cruel and unusual punishment. And I've only scratched the surface.

All of these rights came at a high price. From the moment the United States declared its independence from the British monarchy nearly 250 years ago, American troops have fought for our freedom, and the freedom of others, on our soil and throughout the world. In his poem, "They Were So Young," Garrison Keillor, of the famed Prairie Home Companion, does a pretty good job of recounting some of the many battlefields that claimed the lives of American soldiers and the magnitude of the lives they claimed. He writes:

*Ticonderoga, Hamburger Hill,
Young men marching out to kill.
Manassas, Shiloh, Chancellorsville,
They fell down and they lie there still.
World War I: they picked up their arms
And marched to Ypres and the Battle
of the Marne
Vimy Ridge, Passchendaele, the
Somme,
Midwestern boys far from home.
On ninety acres near Ardennes
Five thousand 162 men
Who left the U.S.A. to strike
Down the wickedness of the Third
Reich.
Eight thousand near Henri-Chapelle,*



Mayor Brenda T. Bodnar

Memorial Day Address, continued.

*Outside London, in northern France,
Lie men who served their country well
And fought to liberate foreign lands.
On land and sea, in the air they fought,
Landed in France, advanced to the Rhine,
Ferocious battles along the line.
In a terrifying moment, died
And now they lie in a narrow lot,
Head to foot and side by side*

*Far from Ohio, New York, P.A.
And now their families are fading away,
And memories fade,
And how many visitors come around
To visit this or that burial ground?
So on one day at the end of May
We pause and think of what we owe
To those who lie here row after row
Who fought for freedom long ago.*

*Iwo Jima and Normandy,
Anzio and the Coral Sea,
The Battle of the Bulge, the Korean War,
Pork Chop Hill, the Chosin Reservoir,
Loc Ninh, Dak To, the siege of Khe Sanh,
The Tet Offensive and the battle of Saigon:
Young men running and young men fall,
Their names are inscribed on a long stone wall.*

*Iraq, Afghanistan, again and again,
The story repeated of elderly men
Wary of appearing weak,
Needing heroic lines to speak,
Sent the soldiers out to die,
Leaving the mothers and sisters to cry.*

The men and women who died for our freedom carried with them the belief in American ideals and the hope for a better future, and they left behind young lives rife with opportunity, and families and friends with holes in their hearts that would never heal.

Keillor employs simple imagery to reveal the magnitude of their sacrifice:

*The boys in the ground—there are so many,
They're eighteen, nineteen, maybe twenty—
They just moved out of a boy's bedroom
And went to war, now they lie in a tomb
Old people come on Memorial Day
And people speak but what's there to say?
The dead would trade it all for the chance
To find a girl and ask her to dance.*

The blood that coursed through the veins of our brave soldiers was alive with the hope of the opportunity to dance, to experience love and joy, laughter and connection with another human being. And when that blood spilled from their bodies, it drained from them all of their hopes and dreams. And when their hearts stopped beating, they relinquished every future sunrise and sunset, and the chance to ever again find a girl and ask her to dance.

There was no glory, no fanfare, in death on the battlefields and in the skies, deserts and beaches and jungles on which our soldiers fought. Their deaths were under the sorest conditions.

In his War Requiem commemorating the loss of lives in WWII, Benjamin Britten describes the irreverent chorus of artillery that serenades death on the battlefield. He writes:

*What passing bells for these who die as cattle?
Only the monstrous anger of the guns.
Only the stuttering rifles' rapid rattle
Can patter out their hasty orisons
No mockeries for them from prayers or bells,
Nor any voice of mourning save the choirs, --
The shrill, demented choirs of wailing shells;
And bugles calling for them from sad shires.
What candles may be held to speed them at all?
Not in the hands of boys, but in their eyes
Shall shine the holy glimmers of good-byes.*

Today, we mourn the death of the selfless men and women whose eyes held the glimmer of goodbye amidst the choir of stuttering rifles and wailing shells.

We recognize that their deaths, under the lowest of circumstances, represent the highest level of sacrifice. And we come together to honor the men and women who died for our freedom with a more fitting recognition – today we honor our fallen with reverent music, harmonious choirs, heartfelt words and a beautiful wreath. And we gather not to mock their sacrifice, but to honor it with dignity.

Many who have written about Memorial Day have had the wisdom to recognize that words are inadequate to describe the magnitude of the sacrifice we honor today, or even to express our indebtedness to those who gave their lives to ensure our freedom. In his fictional novel about WWII Paris, *All The Light We Cannot See*, author Anthony Doerr sums it up pretty well when he says, "It's embarrassingly plain how inadequate language is."

Well, we may not be able to say it perfectly, and we will always struggle to find words to capture the heroism that transcends death, but it is incumbent on us to do our best.

And so we gather today, as a community, as veterans of the United States Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, Coast Guard, Space Force and Reserves who have served our country here and abroad, as those who have lost soldiers and friends who fought next to them in battle, as those who have lost loved ones, sons, daughters, mothers, fathers, sisters and brothers through the horrors of war, whether they were killed in combat or later, by scars that would not heal, as members of our First Responder teams, committed to keeping peace and saving our lives every day, sometimes under perilous circumstances.

Fundamentally, we come together as friends, neighbors and citizens, united and humbled in our recognition that our peace came at a great cost.

We come to show our respect and gratitude for the brave men and women who paid that price, and to honor their sacrifice by rededicating our lives to the ideals of our democracy, so that our children and generations to come may, like us, enjoy life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

So I'd like to leave you, then, with some final words from Garrison Keillor, who encourages us to honor our fallen soldiers by enjoying the gifts that they gave us, and by doing what they can no longer do:

*So after you decorate the grave,
After the speeches and the tears,
Enjoy this land they died to save.
Enjoy your life, see your friends,
Put the hamburgers on the grill,
Toss a salad, eat your fill,
Let the festivity commence,
Take a walk, go for a run,
Let jokes be told and songs be sung,
Do the things they would've done,
Those who died too young.*

Ladies and gentlemen, in gathering today, you honor the sacrifices of the thousands of men and women who have died for our freedom. You are the heart of this service, and the life blood of our communities. I hope that, in honor of our fallen soldiers, you are able to enjoy this land that they died to save. I wish you a safe and happy Memorial Day weekend.

Brenda T. Bodnar



On June 11th at The Grove, I had the pleasure of meeting Richie Santa as he performed "A Tribute to the King" to an enthusiastic audience. Thanks to Parks & Rec Director Shane McAviney, his staff and all Village Departments for another successful summer season.

Establishing a Hometown Heroes Banner Program in Mayfield Village

Mark Arndt / Ward 2 Council Member



As a member of Mayfield Village Council, I believe we have an opportunity to create a **Hometown Heroes Program** that recognizes the military service of our residents and their family members who have served our nation.

The program would feature personalized banners displayed on utility poles throughout Mayfield Village, similar to those in neighboring communities such as Highland Heights and Mayfield Heights. Each banner could include a service member's photo, name, rank, branch of service, and years of service, providing a visible tribute to their dedication and sacrifice.

Residents would have the opportunity to honor veterans and active duty military personnel, in-

cluding parents, grandparents, spouses, children, and other family members with ties to our community. These banners would help preserve their stories while recognizing their contributions to our country.

In addition to honoring those who served, the program would enhance community pride, promote patriotism, and serve as a reminder of the sacrifices made to protect our freedoms.

A Hometown Heroes Program would be a meaningful way for Mayfield Village to celebrate and remember those who have answered the call to serve. I look forward to discussing this idea with residents, veterans, community organizations, and fellow council members as we explore bringing this tribute to our Village.

Details, including cost and pole locations, have not yet been finalized as we explore how many Village residents would be interested in participating in the program. If you would be interested in purchasing a banner for display in 2027 (cost is likely to be +/- \$200 for 2 years), please send an email to contactus@mayfieldvillage.com."



Mark Arndt
Ward 2 Council Member

Important Summer Reminders

Peter Gall, Ward 4 Council Member

Summer is here! As I write this, the temperature is pushing 90 degrees, and we are certainly feeling the heat. Recently, the message on the Village LED sign at the Gazebo reminded everyone to stay safe and be courteous to your neighbors. I'd like to expand on those important reminders.

First, I'm pleased to report that the **"No Left Turn"** digital sign at Worton Park Drive is back in operation after a multi-month delay while repair parts were obtained. For everyone's safety, please obey the sign so traffic does not back up into the Alpha Drive intersection.

Another topic residents have raised is the increasing use of e-bikes. As more riders use our streets and sidewalks, it's important for all of us to remain aware of our surroundings. Please drive the posted speed limit and watch carefully for children and e-bike riders. If your children ride e-bikes, please take time to review the rules of the road and your expectations for safe riding.

Lt. Manypenny wrote an excellent article in the Fall 2025 issue of *Voice of the Village* explaining e-bike safety and Village regulations. If you would like a copy, you can contact me or download it from the Village website. A few key reminders include:

- When riding an e-bike on the street, all traffic laws must be followed.
- When riding on the sidewalk, **the motor cannot be engaged**.
- Riders must be at least 16 years old to operate a Class 3 e-bike.
- Wearing a helmet reduces the risk of head injury by approximately 50%.

I have also asked our Police Department to help educate our high school students about e-bike safety and responsible riding.

Summer also means more outdoor cooking and backyard fires. Please make sure your barbecue grill is positioned a safe distance from your home, as the heat from a grill can damage or even melt vinyl siding. If you use charcoal, allow briquettes and ashes to cool completely before disposal. It is recommended that all ashes be placed in a metal container for several days before being thrown away.

This is also a good time to take a fresh look at your property from the perspective of a visitor or a potential homebuyer. Several residents have expressed concerns about issues such as overgrown lawns, commercial vehicles parked overnight in driveways, excessive pet barking, pets left outside unsupervised, and homes in need of maintenance. Taking pride in our properties helps preserve the appearance and value of our entire community.

Finally, during these hot summer days, please remember to stay hydrated and check in on older family members, friends, and neighbors to make sure they are doing well.

I hope to see many of you at the Wednesday concerts at the Gazebo and the Friday concerts at the Grove. Please feel free to stop by, introduce yourself, and share any questions or concerns you may have. I always appreciate the opportunity to hear from residents.



Peter Gall
Ward 4 Council Member

Who Let the Dogs Out?! No One Should.

Michael E. Cicero, Village Prosecutor

In my 29 years prosecuting for the Village, I often have been asked about “vicious”, “nuisance” or “dangerous” dogs, and why certain breeds seem to be outcast. While the Ohio Supreme Court has consistently ruled that “breed specific” dog ordinances are unconstitutional, communities across Ohio have enacted numerous laws that attempt to regulate dogs. Beginning around 2010, the Ohio Legislature followed suit, and this article is my attempt to help you understand Ohio’s most recent amendments to the “nuisance, dangerous, and vicious dogs” statutes, which became law on March 20, 2026.

The amendments, collectively known as “Avery’s Law”, provide for new requirements, criminal violations, and penalties for dog owners (of any breed!). Most significantly, the former “first bite is free” rule has been eliminated, and now a dog owner may be civilly liable for any injuries the dog causes. Moreover, a dog may be determined to be a “nuisance”, “dangerous” or “vicious” dog based on the first occurrence. An owner can appeal the classification to the local municipal court within 10 days, and the Court must hold a hearing with 10 days of the filing of the appeal.

An owner of a “vicious” or “dangerous” dog (as designated by a local court) must: (1) register the dog with the County Auditor annually and update such registration upon any change of residency; (2) present valid registration of such dog upon request of *any* law enforcement officer (including dog warden or public health official); (3) when on the owner’s property outside, keep the dog inside fences of suitable height or in a locked pen with a top; (4) when off property, muzzle the dog

and keep it on a tether or leash no longer than 6 feet; and (5) obtain at least \$100,000 in liability insurance. Failure to do any of the above subjects the owner to criminal penalty.

ALL dog owners, regardless of a designation as “dangerous” or “vicious”, must keep the dog physically confined, restrained, or under the reasonable control of a person of suitable age. This means no more “walking my well-trained, adult dog without a leash”, or letting a 7-year-old walk a large dog without an adult being present. Violations carry an escalating fine for each occurrence and the potential for jail time (fines are higher for “dangerous”, “vicious” or “nuisance” dogs and carry with them a misdemeanor charge ranging from a misdemeanor of the 4th degree to a misdemeanor of the 2nd degree).

Avery’s Law includes a lot more detail than appropriate for this article, but I wanted residents to understand that the law has changed. If you are an owner of a dog, regardless of its breed or size, it is important to be aware of your requirements as owner. Additional information is available by searching “Avery’s Law” or “House Bill 247” or by inquiring with the Village’s Animal Warden.



Michael E. Cicero
Village Prosecutor

Village Passes Moratorium on Data Centers

Diane A. Calta / Law Director

On June 22, 2026, Village Council passed a one-year moratorium, Ordinance No. 2026-12, on allowing data centers in the Village. The ordinance was introduced by Mayor Bodnar and follows the passage of similar ordinances in other towns throughout Northeast Ohio. This article will give an overview of what data centers are and what this moratorium means for the Village.

Generally, data centers are buildings that house IT infrastructure that is then used to store and process data needed for the operation of applications and computer services. These centers can be as small as a vending machine or take up thousands of acres and often cost billions of dollars to create. Ohio is home to over 200 data centers making it the fifth largest data center state in the U.S. As data centers have become more prevalent across the state of Ohio, their impacts including economic and environmental are being debated.

Companies have stated that they will invest up to \$40 billion dollars into Ohio as they continue to build more data centers. To date, data centers have created \$5.21 billion in tax revenue. However, Ohio has a very generous tax break for these centers, a 100% tax break on construction materials and equipment needed once the centers are up and running to be exact. This has led to \$1.6 billion in lost tax revenue. (This tax break has been momentarily put on hold by Gov. DeWine as of May 27, 2026.)

Depending on the type and size of data center some can use an extreme amount of energy and water. Additionally, the amount of energy used is so great that it has caused electricity bills for Ohioans to jump anywhere from 10% to 35%. Some argue that data centers have already caused harm to Lake Erie

and farmlands due to the heat of runoff water and hazardous waste containing PFAS. These effects are likely to continue until data centers start to increase the amount of renewable energy sources they use which right now contribute only 3.6% of their energy sources.

Mayfield Village recognizes that despite these effects, data centers are a necessary new frontier that allows for the growth of AI and for the U.S. to stay ahead of other countries in technology advancements. This is why the one-year moratorium was passed, to review the pros and cons of data centers and determine the best path forward. The Village wants to be part of the future and believes that this one-year moratorium is the best way to do so while taking into consideration the impacts that new centers will have on its citizens.

Click on this link to read the ordinance.
https://mayfieldvillage.com/wp-content/uploads/2026/01/Ord2026-12_final.pdf



Diane A. Calta
Law Director

A Legacy that Grows: Celebrating Scholarship Recipients in Honor of Debbie Hudacko

Shane McAvinew, Director of Parks and Recreation

One of the greatest strengths of a community is its willingness to invest in its young people. Every year, here in Mayfield Village, we get to witness exactly that. The scholarships we are celebrating today were made possible entirely through donations generated by The Grove Entertainment Series, the warm evenings, the music drifting across the lawn, and the neighbors gathering shoulder to shoulder.

What began as an opportunity to bring neighbors together for great music has grown into something even more meaningful. Using the Grove as our funding mechanism, we have now given out more than \$50,000 in scholarships to Mayfield Village students. Every dollar came from the generosity of families and friends who filled the lawn, enjoyed an evening of music, and generously gave when the hat was passed. Those simple acts of kindness have been transformed into opportunities for Mayfield Village students.

To everyone who has supported this effort: thank you. Thank you for your generosity in supporting the Mayfield Memorial Scholarship Fund in Honor of Debbie Hudacko. You have turned summer nights into college tuition, and music into opportunity. That is no small thing.

College matters, not just because of the degree you'll earn, but because of the experiences you will have, the people you will meet, and the person you will become. These next few years will ask our recipients to stretch, to stumble, to try things they have never tried, and to discover the person they are growing into. College is one of the few times in life when you have the opportunity to discover

who you are and how you want to make a difference. It is a gift to be able to ask it freely. Thanks to this community, these students can.

Who Was Debbie Hudacko?

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

Debbie Hudacko was a remarkable young girl remembered for her determination, her athletic talent, and her caring nature. An honor student at St. Francis of Assisi, Debbie excelled in sports, notably baseball and soccer, and even played goalie on an all-boys traveling soccer team.

Debbie's battle with a brain stem tumor began in December 1988, but she remained mentally strong, continuing her schoolwork and staying involved in the activities she loved. Her legacy lives on through the scholarships awarded each year in her memory to Mayfield High School and St. Francis of Assisi students — a celebration of her courage, her perseverance, and her caring spirit.

Meet the 2026 Recipients

It is my honor to introduce the recipients of the 2026 Memorial Scholarship in Honor of Debbie Hudacko. Each of them, in their own way, reflects the courage, kindness, and determination that defined Debbie and each is just beginning to discover who they are meant to become.

Nicole Gambino

"Commitment to challenges, service, and achievements are what has shaped me into a hardworking and giving person."

Nicole's accomplishments extend well beyond the classroom. Headed to college with a 4.13 GPA and an Honors Diploma, Nicole is preparing to study business, choosing between The Ohio State University's Fisher School of Business and Miami University's Farmer School of Business. A four-year JV/Varsity volleyball player and club athlete, she earned All-Conference Honorable Mention and a Coaches Award for



Shane McAvinew
Director of Parks & Recreation

leadership and character. Beyond the court, she has given her time through Interact Club, the Service-Learning Club, and as a camp counselor, while working three jobs and pushing through a serious knee injury and surgery. Her drive to be both hardworking and giving shines through everything she does.

RJ Prosen

"My goal is to be respected by everyone not because of my skills but because of who I am as a person."

Service has always been at the heart of RJ's high school experience. A National Honor Society member and team captain in cross country, RJ plans to pursue a degree in accounting or finance. Much of his heart, though, is found in service: through his school's Interact Club, where he served two years as president, he helped expand the Pay It Forward Room which is a space where families in need could find food, clothing, and hygiene products. He hopes to walk into his future workplace with integrity, a smile, and a genuine drive to lift others up.

Ellie George

"In my future, I see myself helping others."

Ellie has always known she wanted to help others. She has committed to The Ohio State University as a biology major on the physician assistant track in women's health, Ellie has balanced AP and college-level coursework with leadership in Smile Club, National Honor Society, and Wildcat Focus. She helped transform her school's Pay-It-Forward room from a small closet into a full store-style space for families in need, and spent a technology-free service immersion week working with Meals on Wheels and serving meals to people experiencing homelessness. Those experiences taught her dignity, empathy, and compassion. These are the values she intends to carry into a career centered on caring for others.

Elizabeth Hawkins

"True leadership, I have learned, is not just about standing in the spotlight but about the experiences of helping others and giving them opportunities to shine."

Bound for Kent State University with her sights set on neuroscience, Elizabeth is a member of the Tri-M Music Honors Society and a leader across Cats Cabinet, Smile Club, and the Creative Writers Society. She works as a lifeguard and teaches swim lessons to younger children, where she has learned that leadership is less about the spotlight and more about giving others the chance to shine. As a young woman entering a field where women are underrepresented, she is determined to help pave the way by striving not only to succeed herself, but to open doors for those who follow.

Lucia Parrotta

"Being a strong woman means defining success on my own terms rather than shrinking to meet others' expectations."

A four-year Mayfield volleyball athlete and eight-year club player, Lucia has maintained an A average in Advanced Digital Media and Production while balancing varsity athletics with a full academic load. She gives back through youth group, food drives, and volunteering to feed those in need. Lucia writes candidly about learning to embrace her own confidence as a young woman, refusing to shrink herself to meet others' expectations, and discovering that strength and compassion can live side by side. Drawn toward a future in the medical field, she is committed to defining success on her own terms.

Vincent Vigliotti

"By continuing my education, I hope to transform complex problems into manageable solutions, both in and out of the classroom."

Mayfield's Valedictorian, a National Merit Finalist, and an AP Scholar with Distinction, Vincent is headed toward a degree in engineering. He describes math as a universal language, one he reads fluently, and engineering as the real-world application of that fluency. But what moves him most is sharing it. Raised by teacher parents, Vincent has tutored students younger, older, and his own age for class exams, AP tests, and the SAT, and served as a teaching assistant in an elementary classroom. He finds his greatest pride in watching a struggling student finally solve a problem on their own.

Hudacko Scholarships, continued.

J.D. Sega

"I learned that leadership is not about titles, but about consistency, accountability, and uplifting others when circumstances are difficult."

A three-sport varsity athlete in baseball, football, and hockey, J.D. has served as team captain and sat on the Superintendent's Advisory Committee since sixth grade. He helped develop a student-led mentorship program to welcome new students at Mayfield High School, a project rooted in the belief that leadership matters most when it is in service of others. Football taught him to lead through adversity, turning a losing start into a playoff run by uplifting his teammates. Through every season and every setback, J.D. has learned that real leadership is built on consistency, accountability, and showing up for the people around you.

Skyler Keptner

"It has always been my dream to study environmental science in an effort to address the growing environmental challenges facing our planet."

A lifelong Mayfield resident, Skyler is headed to The Ohio State University to study Environmental Science through the competitive EEDS program. A four-year volleyball player and two-year varsity athlete, she has balanced six AP classes with leadership as Italian Club president and service through Interact Club. This past summer she spent two weeks as a volunteer camp counselor at a Catholic Charities sleepaway camp, building leadership and teamwork while making a difference in the lives of the youth in her care. Her dream of studying environmental science is rooted in a desire to understand the natural world and help protect it.

Jacob Hughes

"I also love the aspect of learning from mistakes and working on how to get better every single day at practice no matter what."

Jacob plans to study civil engineering, drawn to the field by a genuine love of math that he says never quite switches off, even lying in bed, his mind is running calculations. Physics quickly became his favorite class, offering him a first real glimpse of what engineering could look like. A shot-put athlete on the track and field team, he finds the discipline soothing and the daily pursuit of improvement deeply rewarding. Through his church youth group and his commitment to growing a little stronger each day, Jacob has found community, faith, and a steadier sense of himself.

To our 2026 recipients: congratulations! You have already shown the courage, compassion, and determination that Debbie Hudacko embodied, and you carry her legacy forward beautifully. As you begin this next chapter, remember that your Mayfield Village community is behind you every step of the way. We're proud of you, we believe in you, and we can't wait to see what you'll accomplish.



Mayfield Village

END OF SUMMER CELEBRATION

Parkview Pool

SUNDAY, AUGUST 8
11:30 A–5:00 P

Wrap up summer with this annual resident-exclusive event at Parkview Pool. Enjoy games, activities, food, and live music throughout the day.

MAYFIELD VILLAGE RESIDENTS/THEIR GUESTS AND PASSHOLDERS ONLY.

FREE SWIM ALL DAY for Mayfield Village residents and their guests, plus cookout. Food provided is not unlimited; please pack additional snacks/drinks.

	Face Painting	12:00–4:00 P
	Caricature Artist	12:00–4:00 P
	Balloon Artist	12:00–4:00 P
	Tada The Magician	12:30–3:30 P
	Jungle Bob	12:30–3:30 P

*Event times and activities subject to change.

How to Handle Summertime Solicitors

Paul Matias / Chief of Police

Summertime in Mayfield Village always brings two things: beautiful weather and door-to-door solicitors. As we have discussed in previous editions of the *Voice of the Village*, solicitors are required to have permits and must respect any home with "No Solicitors" posted.

Here are a few things to be aware of:

- Mayfield Village receives an average of one request for a permit each year. If someone is out soliciting, it is very likely they do not have a permit.
- Solicitors who have permits must display a neon-green identification card issued by the Police Department. No green means no permit!
- Many companies, particularly pest control companies, hire college-age people for door-to-door sales and drop them off in our community without obtaining permits.
- If a solicitor comes to your home, call the Police Department on our non-emergency

line, and we will respond to investigate. If they are rude or attempt to enter your home, call 911.

- Political canvassers, religious groups, and non-profit organizations are not required to have a permit.

This summer, I also want to remind everyone about scams. It seems the most common scam in the area is the jury duty/arrest warrant scams. These scams are effective because they are very believable and create a very fearful environment for the person receiving the call. The scammer often requests the person "stay on the line" and take immediate action to avoid arrest.

Please remember, there is nothing so important that you can't just pause and verify the information. Hang up, give yourself time to think, and talk to someone before you act. When in doubt, call the police!



Paul Matias
Chief of Police



Patrol Officer Clayton Risch was sworn in by Mayor Bodar at the May 18, 2026 Council Meeting. He was joined during the ceremony by many family members and his fiancé, Caitlin, who pinned on him his Mayfield Village badge.

New Patrol Officer Sworn-In

At the May 18, 2026, Council Meeting, Mayor Brenda Bodnar administered the oath of office to Patrol Officer Clayton Risch.

Chief Matias introduced Officer Risch as hailing from Logan, Ohio. After high school, Clayton joined the U.S. Marines where he served four years. After being honorably discharged, he obtained his EMT certificate, and worked private security. He then attended the Police Academy at Hocking College.

Chief Matias concluded by saying, "Clayton's interview was fantastic. We immediately could tell by his personality, his work ethic, and just the experience he's had, that he would fit in at Mayfield Village. We're glad to have him, and I look forward to him having a great career here."

Safety Tips When Cooler Temps Arrive

Eugene Carcioppolo / Fire Chief

With summer being hot and most of us enjoying time outside, the upcoming months will be leading us into cooler times. I wanted to provide the following safety reminders for you to prepare for the cooler temperatures and spending more time indoors.

1. Heating and Fireplace Safety

- **Service Your Heating Systems:** Have furnaces and fireplaces inspected and cleaned by a professional annually to prevent creosote buildup or internal malfunctions.

- **Space Heater Space:** Keep space heaters at least three feet away from anything that can burn, such as blankets, furniture, and curtains. Never leave them on while sleeping or unattended.

2. Cooking Vigilance

- **Stay by Your Pan:** Unattended cooking is the leading cause of home fires. Never leave the stove top unattended, and always stay in the home while the oven is on.

- **Keep the Stove Clear:** Ensure oven mitts, wooden utensils, and food packaging are moved far away from burners.

- **Pan orientation:** Utilizing rear burners to cook puts distance between you and the hot contents of the pan or pot. Ensure that the handles are not sticking out in front of the stove top or oven so that they can't be accidentally contacted or grabbed by a child, spilling the hot contents on the stove top or the person. Also ensure that the handles are not inadvertently over a hot burner.

3. Smart Yard Maintenance

- **Clear Debris:** Keep dry leaves, brush, and pine needles cleared at least 3 to 5 feet away from your home's foundation.

- **Safe Fire Pits:** Recreational fire pits must be less than 3 feet in diameter and less than 2 feet high. Position fire pits at least 25 feet away from your house, overhanging branches, and any flammable structures. Only seasoned firewood may be burned in a recreational fire pit. Any complaint of burning will be investigated and may be required to be extinguished. Always fully extinguish flames before walking away. Keep an extinguisher or charged hose close and accessible.

4. Smoke and Carbon Monoxide (CO) Alarms

- **Test Regularly:** Test smoke alarms and CO detectors once a month using the test button.

- **Replace Batteries:** Replace batteries at least once a year, or immediately if the alarm chirps. Smoke Alarms over 10 years old should be replaced completely, Carbon Monoxide Alarms over 7 years old should be replaced completely, or sooner if the end-of-life notification begins.

5. Fall and Trip Prevention

- **Clear Walkways:** Rake leaves from walkways and driveways to prevent slipping and tripping hazards.

- **Light Up the Dark:** Place motion-sensor lights near entryways, and ensure all stairs and hallways are well-lit before traversing.

- **Secure Rugs:** Tape down or remove loose throw rugs in highly trafficked areas or consider adding non-slip backing to rugs in bedrooms and kitchens. Completely removing rugs is also the best preventative option to prevent trip hazards.

If you have any fire safety questions, please call the Fire Department to assist. We can be reached at 440-461-1208.



Eugene Carcioppolo
Fire Chief

Local Author Monica Comas Debuts First Novel



Law Director Diane Calta, local author Monica Comas, Mayfield Library Manager Julie Liedtke, and Mayor Brenda Bodnar gathered at the Mayfield Branch Library on July 20th to enjoy a book discussion with Monica Comas, a Mayfield High School graduate. Turns out Diane Calta and Monica Comas were high school friends and Comas grew up in Mayfield Village on the street behind Mayor Bodnar.

Check out "Recipe for Joy," Comas first novel, a story of two sisters rebuilding their relationship after the passing of their beloved grandmother. It is a "journey of hope, reconciliation, surprising discoveries, and the nourishing power of family, forgiveness and tradition." Congratulations to Monica on her first novel!

MAYFIELD VILLAGE

First Responders

MEMORIAL EVENT

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SEPTEMBER 11
10:30 A-12:00 P

Honor the courage, sacrifice and unwavering dedication of our first responders, with special remembrance of those who answered the call on 9/11/01. After a brief ceremony, a tour of the Fire Department will be available. Hot dogs, chips, dessert and beverage available (while supplies last). Free and open to all! The event will be held rain or shine.

First Responders Memorial/Fire Dept.
(770 SOM Ctr. Rd.)

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Register online: mayfieldvillage.activityreg.com
440.461.5163

Pizzazz Celebrates 50th Anniversary



State Representative Dan Troy attended the May 18, 2026 Council Meeting to present Mark and Val Gaspar with a Proclamation to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of Pizzazz Pizza.

Mark and Val have owned Pizzazz since 2008 after acquiring it from the Spiccia family who opened the original shop in 1975. The Gaspars have continued the tradition of the Spiccia family, serving excellent pizza and calzones and growing the Pizzazz legacy in 2019 by introducing Pizzazz Food Trucks.

Congratulations to Pizzazz Pizza for 50 years in business, right here in Mayfield Village!

Senior News / Samantha Clark-Cartwright

Program & Facilities Manager / Senior Program Coordinator

I am happy to share that I have returned from maternity leave and am excited to be back in the office. On January 27th, we welcomed little Eloise Amelia Cartwright into the world, and my husband and I are absolutely over the moon! She is now five months old, full of personality, starting



Samantha, with daughter Eloise.

to enjoy solid foods, and rolling around everywhere. While I cherished my time at home with Eloise, I truly missed being in the office and seeing everyone's smiling faces. It feels wonderful to be back, and our team is already hard at work expanding our programming to ensure there is something for every interest, ability, and lifestyle in our community.

This fall, we are looking forward to offering several new classes, including Beginner Mah Jongg Lessons, Introduction to Canasta, Color & Unwind, Crafty Corner, and more. Be sure to look out for the upcoming Senior Newsletter as well as the Mayfield Village Parks and Recreation Fall/Winter Brochure for a full lineup of both new and returning favorites.

One program I am especially excited about is our new **iPhone Informational Series**. Through our ongoing Thursday Tech Help sessions (call 440.919.2332 to schedule an appointment), I've noticed many common questions—such as how to use Siri, send texts with photos or GIFs, or adjust text size for easier viewing. This new series will take a more in-depth and structured approach, helping you feel confident and comfortable

using your iPhone more efficiently in your everyday life.

We also have a meaningful special event coming up—our **Salute to Veterans, taking place on November 11 in the Community Room**. We invite all veterans and a guest to join us in honoring and celebrating those who have served our nation. The ceremony will begin at 10:00 AM, followed by a light lunch. Registration is required by November 8, so please call Senior Services at 440.919.2332 to reserve your spot.

In addition, we have launched a Cell Phone Photography Club that meets every Wednesday from 3:00–4:00 PM in the Community Room. This group is a great opportunity to learn how to edit photos, create albums, and even explore AI tools to enhance your pictures. It's also a fun and welcoming space to share and showcase your favorite photos with others.

Whether you are trying something new or returning to a favorite activity, we are here to support you every step of the way. We are also here as a resource for Senior Service needs. Please do not hesitate to call with any questions or to request contacts for help with transportation, companion care, and more.

The term "it takes a Village" is one we take to heart here and are always ready to be a helping hand or help find the information you are looking for. We look forward to seeing you at our programs and events soon.



Samantha Clark-Cartwright
Program & Facilities Manager
Senior Program Coordinator

Every Drop Counts This Summer

Lisa Lesner, Service Department Executive Assistant

If it feels like the heat just won't let up, you're not imagining it. After weeks of temperatures in the 90s, many of us are watering lawns, tending gardens, filling pools, and spending more time outdoors. As temperatures rise, so does water usage.

Summer is a great time to remember that a few simple habits can make a big difference. Water your lawn early in the morning or later in the evening to reduce evaporation, and check your sprinklers to make sure they're watering your lawn—not the driveway or sidewalk. It's also a good idea to inspect outdoor faucets and hoses for leaks, since even a slow drip can waste a surprising amount of water over time.

Every gallon saved helps protect our community's water supply and can even lower your monthly water bill. Thank you for doing your part to conserve water during these

hot summer months. Together, we can make every drop count.

Quick Water-Saving Tips

- Water lawns and gardens early in the morning or in the evening.
- Check sprinklers for leaks or misdirected spray.
- Sweep driveways and sidewalks instead of hosing them off.
- Use a shut-off nozzle when washing your vehicle.
- Fix dripping faucets and running toilets promptly.
- Run full loads in the dishwasher and washing machine.
- Turn off the faucet while brushing your teeth.

Keep an eye on your water bill—it can be an early sign of a hidden leak.



Lisa Lesner
Service Dept.
Executive Assistant



Emergency Preparedness Tips

Our local CERT has developed 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.

do 1 thing: Work, School & Community

Ensure your workplace or school has emergency procedures in place:

Ways to be safe at work and at school:

- *Ensure evacuation routes and tornado shelter locations are conspicuously marked on maps and posted in the building.*
- *Hold emergency training and drills. (Do these things at home, too!)*
- *Help create an emergency kit for your workplace or school.*
- *Know the location of fire extinguishers and Automatic External Defibrillators (AEDs).*
- *Include your pets and their food and supplies in your discussions.*

Provided by
www.TriCommunityCERT.com

Pizza Roma Retains Title for “Best Overall”

Caitlin Kelly / Recreation Program Manager

Summer is officially here, and we brought back one of our favorite community events — Pizza Wars! Now in its second year, Pizza Wars took place on Wednesday, July 1 at the Gazebo, alongside our Lunchtime Concert Series featuring The Zoomies.

This year's event brought together six local restaurants—Piccolo's, Georgio's, Geraci's, Pizza Roma, Alfredo's at the Inn, and Cuoco Bello—for a blind taste test where residents sampled pepperoni and specialty pizzas and voted for their favorites. With temperatures climbing into the 90s, we made the decision to move the event indoors to the Community Room. It ended up working out great! Residents still got to enjoy the concert and sample pizza, just in a cooler, more comfortable space, and it's given us a solid plan to fall back on for hot summer days going forward.

Turnout was great, and the Community Room was full for most of the event. Residents came out to listen to The Zoomies, grab a slice from each restaurant, and cast their vote before the concert wrapped up. At the end of the concert, we announced the winners:

- **Best Pepperoni:** Piccolo's
- **Best Specialty:** Geraci's (Honey Pie Pizza)
- **Best Overall:** Pizza Roma

Congratulations to our winners, and a big thank-you to all six participating restaurants for taking part again this year. Events like this one only work because local businesses are willing to show up for the community, and we're grateful to all of them.

Thank you to everyone who came out to eat, vote, and enjoy the afternoon with us. Two years in, Pizza Wars has quickly become a popular summer event, and with an indoor backup plan, we're excited to keep building on it. We're looking forward to next year!



Caitlin Kelly
Program Manager



Piccolo's Italian Restaurant got the most votes for best Pepperoni Pizza at this year's Pizza Wars. Pictured here is David G. and Anna accepting the award.



Geraci's took the honor for best Specialty Pizza for their Honey Pie Pizza. Head chef and manager, Marion Smith, accepted the award.



Owner Grace VanNess was proud to accept, once again, the honor for Best Overall Pizza.

Fall Learning Opportunities

Wendy Albin Sattin / Executive Director



Wendy Albin Sattin
CPA Executive Director

I hope you are having a wonderful summer! There's still plenty of time to plan some fun and make the most of the season.

We are already looking ahead to the fall and some special things are planned for you to enjoy. **First, don't miss our annual summer picnic on Thursday, September 3** at the South Euclid Community Center. It starts at noon, the price is \$10 per person, and payment is required in advance. Come for a delicious meal and then enjoy the smooth sounds of Cloud 9. Call 216-650-4029 for more information.

Fall means back to school and several local colleges are offering opportunities for older adults to attend classes in an informal, noncompetitive environment. Tri-C sponsors Encore Programming for students age 55 and older. Registration for the fall semester begins August 12th with classes beginning September 25th. Baldwin Wallace offers the Institute for Learning in Retirement and Case Western Reserve University is the home of Siegal Lifelong Learning. More information regarding costs, classes and locations can be found in each course catalog online at the respective colleges: www.tri-c.edu, www.bw.edu and www.case.edu.



The Mayfield Village Garden Club 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.



New plantings at the First Responders Memorial Trailhead, located next to the Fire Station, in memory of Wanda Hejcl.

At the request of IAFF Local 2619, the Union representing the Mayfield Village Firefighters, the Garden Club recently planted a garden at the First Responders Memorial Trailhead in memory of long-time resident Wanda Hejcl.

Wanda passed away in 2009 and was the wife of former Fire Chief Allen Hejcl, who served as Chief from 1966 to 1987. Wanda operated her florist business, Hi-Bank Florist, in the Village for more than 40 years and was a member of the Mayfield Village Garden Club and Historical Society. We were pleased to install this memorial garden in her memory.

As pictured on the cover of this issue, the Garden Club also dedicated a Gold Star Memorial By-Way Marker at the Civic Center on July 16th as a lasting tribute to our nation's armed forces. We thank all those who attended the ceremony and our speakers, especially Debra Turner, President of the Garden Club of Ohio, Sara Moomaw, Chairman of Blue and Gold Star Honor Parks, Arthur Goldstein who provided the music, and Mayor Brenda Bodnar who served as the Master of Ceremonies.

Economic Development News

John Marquart, Economic Development Manager

H.A.T. Management Joins the Mayfield Village Community

H.A.T. Management is excited to join the Mayfield Village community with the acquisition of the Hilton Garden Inn at 700 Beta Drive in late June. A small, family-owned and operated hospitality company headquartered in Mentor, H.A.T. Management is built on a belief in organic growth and doing things the right way. The Hilton Garden Inn is the company's fourth property and represents a proud next step in their journey.



Newly-renovated reception desk.



Guestroom design.



State-of-the-art Fitness Center, with Yoga Studio.

The team welcomed the hotel's employees on Friday, June 26, with a staff lunch and a personal message from CEO, Sam Shah. Sam shared what H.A.T. stands for: **H**onesty, good **A**ttitude, and **T**rust. Employees introduced themselves, shared lunch together, and left knowing they are valued members of a close-knit family all serving guests in the spirit of H.A.T.

On opening day, Sam shared exciting renovation plans with the team. H.A.T. Management is investing approximately \$4.5 million in a full-scale transformation of the property—every guestroom, corridor, the lobby, bar and restaurant, and meeting space will be upgraded. "From the moment a guest arrives at the hotel, all the way through their stay, we want them to experience the best that Hilton and H.A.T. Management have to offer." Design work is nearly complete, and construction is scheduled to begin in August. The project is expected to wrap up by April, 2027.

H.A.T. Management looks forward to being a good neighbor and community partner in Mayfield Village for years to come. Keep your eyes open for a grand re-opening celebration next Spring. H.A.T. looks forward to officially welcoming the community then.



John Marquart
Economic Development
Manager

EXCELERATION ...Celebrates 40 Years!

While attending a Small Business Administration course on writing a business plan and opening one's own business, Carl Anderson remembers the instructor saying to the entrepreneurs in the room that day, that they would be lucky to make it 5 years. That was 1986, and Exceleration is still going strong, celebrating its 40th year as your trusted home for auto repair – foreign or domestic – in the heart of the Village at 849 SOM Center. Exceleration first began in April, 1986 as a tenant in neighboring Highland Heights. Within a few years, the company had the opportunity purchase its current home, and spent 3 months completely renovating the property inside and out before re-opening in 1991.



One of the first two customers to ever walk through Carl's doors at the old Highland Heights location remains a customer to this day. "I enjoy the relationships most of all, and those relationships are becoming generational." Carl explains that he founded Exceleration on 3 pillars: 1) *Honest* 2) *Personable* 3) *Professional*. "Those qualities can be rare in the auto repair business," says Carl, "But we strive to overcome that every day by remaining trustworthy and fair."



Exceleration is truly a full-service auto repair shop that can take care of any of your car's needs with extraordinary service at competitive rates. Carl began working on cars while still in his teens, and his three employees, whom he considers to be the company's greatest asset, also share decades of experience. In short, they've seen it all. After 40 years, Carl is most proud of the relationships he's developed. "Years ago, we had people telling us print advertising was the way to go, but referrals were more effective. Now people are saying social media is the best way to reach younger customers, but I'd rather reach younger customers by taking care of their parents' car."

Congratulations to Exceleration on 40 great years in business! To experience Exceleration's hallmark honest, personable, and professional service, call 440-461-0444 or click www.excelerationauto.com

Photos courtesy of Exceleration.

Village Employers Land on Forbes List



Forbes, in partnership with market research firm Statista, recently recognized America's best employers, with CBIZ (formerly Skoda-Minotti / Marcum) and Progressive both earning top spots for large employers. Progressive also took the number one spot overall for company culture. We're also proud to note that Mayfield Village's favorite grocery, Heinen's, also earned a top spot among mid-sized employers. The rankings are based on surveys of over

217,000 employees across the U.S., evaluating factors such as salary, work environment, benefits and advancement opportunities. Congratulations to Progressive, CBIZ and Heinen's for their commitment to Mayfield Village, their employees and the regional economy!

Economic Development News, continued.

Smooth Line Aesthetics Joins Mayfield Community

A medical spa offering personalized aesthetic and wellness treatments designed to enhance natural beauty and restore confidence, Smooth Line Aesthetics has landed at 6571 Wilson Mills Rd. Led by a board-certified nurse practitioner, Smooth Line Aesthetics specializes in neurotoxins, skin rejuvenation, IV hydration, and medical weight management—all delivered with precision, safety, and care.

Owner & founder, Bonnie Kitchen, MSN, APRN, CNP, is a board-certified nurse practitioner with over ten years of experience in primary care and three years specializing in medical aesthetics. She is dedicated to delivering patient-centered aesthetic and wellness care with a focus on safety, precision, and natural-looking results.



Bonnie Kitchen

Bonnie earned her Master of Science in Nursing from Ursuline College in nearby Pepper Pike, and has built her career on evidence-based practice, advanced clinical assessment, and a deep understanding of anatomy. Her background in primary care allows her to approach aesthetics holistically, considering overall health, wellness, and long-term outcomes when developing customized treatment plans.

Serving clients throughout communities all over the Cleveland area, Smooth Line Aesthetics is committed to ongoing education of its team and maintaining the highest standards of professionalism. Bonnie's philosophy emphasizes trust, education, and partnership; ensuring every client feels informed, comfortable, and confident throughout their aesthetic journey. Located at 6571 Wilson Mills Rd. For more, call 216-855-9944 or visit www.botoxbybonnie.com

Welcome, Meridian Lakes Acupuncture

With more than 20 years of clinical experience, Megan Scott founded *Meridian Lakes Acupuncture* to provide exceptional acupuncture care that combines the highest standards of professionalism with a deeply personal approach to healing. Throughout her career, Megan has cared for a wide range of patients from Minnesota to Ohio, collaborating alongside physicians, nurses, and other healthcare professionals.

Megan brings a pioneering spirit and true innovation to Meridian Lakes Acupuncture, having created programs where acupuncture had never been considered before, such as open heart surgery patients at Cleveland Clinic to help reduce anxiety, pain and nausea. Megan's credentials are top-notch, with a Master of Oriental Medicine from Northwestern Health Sciences University and a Bachelor of Science in Zoology from the University of Wisconsin. She is licensed to practice acupuncture in Ohio, and is recognized as a Diplomat of Acupuncture and Herbal Medicine through the National Certification Board for Acupuncture and Herbal Medicine (NCBAHM). She is also immediate past Vice President of the Ohio Acupuncture Association.



Megan Scott

At Meridian Lakes Acupuncture, you'll find a place where expert care is delivered at a thoughtful pace in a peaceful environment, with the patient at the center of everything. Notes Megan, "I value clinical excellence and evidence-informed care and will always be on the cutting edge of my medicine while focusing on what matters most – the patient sitting in front of me." Here, every person deserves to be heard, respected, and treated with compassion. For more, visit www.meridianlakesacu.com or call 440-201-4940. Meridian Lakes Acupuncture is located in Jefferson Park, 6551 Wilson Mills Rd. #103.



SEWER ASSESSMENT TO INCREASE IN 2027

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. This work is paid for through a Sewer Maintenance Fund that is funded through property tax assessments. Historically, the rate was \$4.00/ft. of property frontage per year, but was reduced in 2021 to \$2.00/ft. as the Maintenance Fund balance was healthy. Unfortunately, maintenance costs have increased and Council will vote in August to return the assessment to \$4.00/ft. beginning in 2027 for tax year 2026.

HOW TO HANDLE A SEWER BACKUP AT YOUR HOME:

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 after hours or 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.

INVESTMENT IN OUR BETA DRIVE COMMERCIAL DISTRICT

Beta Drive is approaching 55 years old, and has served the Village well for decades, and the roadway, curbs, sidewalks and drive aprons are in need of repair. We believe it is important to everyone that Beta Drive remains a desirable, productive and thriving business district. Therefore, this

year, Mayor Bodnar and Village Council decided to invest in our commercial street.



We know that road work is not anyone's favorite, but together, we will keep Beta an attractive, competitive place to do business. Please remember that one-way traffic will be maintained in the north-bound direction only. We look forward to the successful completion of this important project.

Mayfield Women's Club GFWC/OFWC

The Mayfield Women's Club is a 501(c)(3) local service club whose purpose is to bring together women in an organization to benefit others and themselves by promoting civic, cultural and social welfare. We work to improve our community through charitable giving and volunteer service.

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

Our programs are free and open to the general public.

September 21

Women in History: Maya Angelou

A world-famous literary figure, actress, singer and dancer, who inspired generations of women. Performance will be by an Oberlin based actress.

Presentation will begin promptly at 7:00 pm. Please arrive by 6:30 pm.

October 19

Growing Up in Cleveland Do you remember Captain Penny, Barnaby and Ghoulardi? Come see a presentation by Dennis Sutcliffe, a local historian. **Program begins at 7:00 pm.**

November 16

Progress in the Autism Spectrum: Eric Ahnell, mentored by Pam Friedhauer. Hear from an individual who finds success as an IT specialist, with help from a friend.

Program will be at the Mayfield Library and begin at 2:00 pm.

Mayfield High School Scholarship Recipients:



Makena Bremec, Addison Carroll, Gabriella Castro, Lynn Dulzer, Skyler Keptner, Michael Lanzar, Lucas Lemus, Purva Punyam, Vincent Rayborn, Isabella Tsing

For further information on meetings, programs, social events, and membership:

Email us at: mwcinc.gfwc_ohio@yahoo.com

See us on Facebook at: Mayfield Women's Club, Inc. GFWC/Ohio

The Mayfield Township Historical Society

Happy 50th birthday to the Historical Society, founded in 1976 for the bi-centennial. The volunteers began their work to preserve the photos, stories, and artifacts from Mayfield Village, Gates Mills, Highland Hts, and Mayfield Hts. to tell the history of the original 1819 Mayfield Township.

In 1986 the historic 1847 Bennett house was to be torn down and they took it upon themselves to have it moved to it's present location and the volunteers worked very hard to create a 13 room home depicting times and how we lived from an 1805 log cabin to a 1930's kitchen. Please come for a tour on Mondays from 10-1 or by calling 440-461-0055 for a tour any other time or day.

We can use any of your skills as a volunteer. Call with your information or to become a member. Please join us for our speakers this year, free and open to the public, at the Mayfield Village Community Room, 7 pm. (Our first event is at Wiley Park in August.)

- **August 26 -- Ice Cream Social**
Wednesday, 6:30-8 pm.

Join us at the historic house, 606 SOM Center. Meet to socialize and enjoy the end of summer, a tour of the house and then make your ice cream sundae outside in the Wiley Park Pavilion complete with homemade cookies. \$1 kids, \$3 adults. Bring the whole family.

- **September 9 – Ohio 250**

Dan Rager, who presented to our group on the Interurban, returns to present *Ohio 250 Gateway to Amer-*

ica, Ground Transportation 1776 – 2026. Mr. Rager will reveal to us how Ohio's 5 borders played a pivotal role in the shaping of Ohio's and America's transportation systems. His books will be available for purchase.

- **October 14 – Lost Ghost Stories of Cleveland**

As the early darkness of Fall & Winter begins, join us in welcoming author and investigative historian, William Krejci, who will tell us chilling tales of Cleveland's long lost ghostly past! Books available for purchase.

- **November 11– The Front Row Theater Tales & Memories**

Jeanne Emser Schultz, the former Marketing Director of The Front Row Theater, will take us both backstage and "front row" with intimate stories of the glamorous stars and entertainment they brought to our Hillcrest communities during the 1970s through 1990s.

Ms. Schultz will have copies of her book for sale at our meeting. It will make a great holiday gift! Members are reminded to bring in your money and ticket stubs for our local restaurant Gift Card Raffle to be drawn this evening. You can still purchase tickets tonight at 6 for \$5, \$2 each. We will be taking nominations for officers for the February election.



The Bennett-Van Curen Historical House

CALENDAR OF EVENTS / Aug - Oct 2026

AUGUST

3	Council Caucus	Civic Center	7pm
5	Red Cross Blood Drive	Civic Center	12-6pm
8	End of Summer Celebration	Parkview Pool	11:30am-5pm
17	Council Regular Meeting	Civic Center	7pm
19	Red Cross Blood Drive	Civic Center	12-6pm

SEPTEMBER

3	Red Cross Blood Drive	Civic Center	12-6pm
7	Labor Day	Village Offices Closed	
8	Council Caucus	Civic Center	7pm
11	First Responders Memorial Event	Fire Station	10:30am-12pm
17	Red Cross Blood Drive	Civic Center	12-6pm
21	Council Regular Meeting	Civic Center	7pm

OCTOBER

1	Red Cross Blood Drive	Civic Center	7pm
5	Council Caucus	Civic Center	7pm
15	Red Cross Blood Drive	Civic Center	12-6pm
17	Halloween Trail	The Grove	11am-1pm
19	Council Regular Meeting	Civic Center	7pm



RECYCLING UPDATE

In the Spring issue of the VOV, we reported that Mayfield Village's recycling percentage in 2024 was 60% of total residential waste, but only 6% of that was due to the recycling of materials like metals, glass, plastic, cardboard and paper. 54% of the Village's recycling was compostable yard waste, mostly due to the Service Department's leaf mulch program.

The 2025 Annual Report was just issued by the Cuyahoga County Solid Waste District and the Village's numbers were very much the same—only 6% recycled materials and 55% compostable yard waste.

Please do your part to "Recycle Right." Call the Service Department at 442-5506 or visit [Cuyahoga Recycles.org](https://www.cuyahogarecycles.org) if you have questions or are not sure what is recyclable.

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



**FINAL 2026
ROUNDUP DATES:
October 17–24**

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



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



Recycle old clothing, shoes, pillows, linens, household items and other soft recyclables through Simple Recycling. Bag your items and schedule a FREE pickup at 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 rustbeltriders.com or call 216-800-4651(Ext 2).



**American
Red Cross**

**Blood
Services**

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

Upcoming dates include:

August 5 & 19 from 12-6 pm

Sept 3 & 17 from 12-6 pm

Oct 1 & 15 from 12-6 pm

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

SAVE THE DATE SHRED DAY

SATURDAY, MAY 15, 2027

From 9:00 a.m. to Noon in the Civic Center parking lot, residents may bring up to five storage boxes of documents for shredding—free of charge.



Call 440-461-0862 with any questions.

Documents shred on-site by:

MAYFIELD VILLAGE

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

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END OF SUMMER CELEBRATION

Parkview Pool

 **SUNDAY, AUGUST 8**
11:30 A–5:00 P

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