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Inc.**

*It's not just a Home...  
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# Newsletter

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## THE COUNTRY CLUB AT MUIRFIELD TO HOST ANNUAL MEETING



Muirfield Association's Annual Meeting is set for Wednesday, April 3, 2013. It will be held at The Country Club at Muirfield, 8715 Muirfield Drive, with a cash bar and appetizers served from 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm. The business meeting will start promptly at 8:00 pm.

We have invited Mr. Dan Sullivan, Executive Director of The Memorial Tournament, to speak to us from 7:15 - 8:00 pm about the new and exciting changes being made to the tournament grounds and the activities planned for Memorial Tournament week. Dan will also spend some time informing us of the historic events scheduled for the PGA's Presidents Cup golf event, which will be held here at Muirfield from October 1<sup>st</sup> to the 6<sup>th</sup>. The prestigious Presidents Cup trophy will be on display during our annual meeting. Make plans to come early, hear Mr. Sullivan's report, and take advantage of the opportunity to have your picture taken with the trophy! Bragging rights for sure!

The business meeting will include election of members to the Board of Directors, the Grounds & Facilities Committee, a report from our president, Jeff Stucke, a report covering community events by Bob Fathman, and new this year, a legal report from our attorney, Jeff Kaman, Kaman & Cusimano, LLP.

Members will also vote on an amendment to change the Articles of Incorporation that will allow us modern means of communicating electronically with our owners and residents.

***Save the date and plan to come early! Listen to our featured speaker! Enjoy tasty appetizers!***

***Have a cold beverage and learn what's going on in our community!***

## MUIRFINS SWIM TEAM NEWS

The Muirfins Swim Team is preparing for another successful season. The competitive team, members of the Suburban Swim Club League, is open to Muirfield Village residents ages 5-18. If you like to swim, consider jumping in and joining the Muirfins '**Mean Green Kickin' Machines!**'



Registration night is Wednesday, April 17<sup>th</sup> from 6 - 8 pm in the Commons area at Grizzell Middle School, 8705 Avery Road, Dublin, Ohio. Parents must accompany children. This is the perfect time to purchase team swimsuits and sign up for fun volunteer spots! For more information, check out the Muirfin's web site at: <http://www.eteamz.com/>

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## *President's Corner...*

Would you like your picture with The President's Cup trophy? Well, please join us for our Annual Meeting set for Wednesday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Country Club at Muirfield Village. The trophy will be on display for everyone in attendance. To make the meetings more social, we offer complimentary appetizers and a cash bar. The topics at our annual meetings range from landscape and home improvement tips to a financials overview and capital improvement plans for the coming year. It is our goal to cover the topics that are important to you as well as answer questions and listen to suggestions.

As you probably have recognized, there are many improvements going on throughout our community. For example, the City of Dublin is replacing and repairing some of the heaviest-traveled and most public tunnels. Additionally, the City partnered with the Association and created a new path along Glick Road that will be extended over the next year. The new paths will provide easier access and safer pedestrian traffic to/from the Glick Road pool and better access to some of the attractions nearby attractions such as the Columbus Zoo and Zoombezi Bay.

You will hear about some improvements at the pools with increased shade areas and lighting. Next year's pool hours have been adjusted trying to meet everyone's personal needs and being fiscally responsible at the same time. Finally, the concessions will be brought back in-house, and we hope that move results in a better experience for you.

On the topic of shade, many ash and aging pine trees have been removed over the last few months. We are trying to keep the maturity that makes Muirfield unique but bring a new, healthy crop of trees in to improve the look and feel of our neighborhoods. The Association staff will be reevaluating the entrances that have become overgrown and looking for ways to make the most of flowers and other plants.

Columbus, Dublin and Muirfield are very fortunate to have one of the best golf events in the world, The President's Cup, coming to the Muirfield Village Golf Club October 1- 6. We have an opportunity to showcase our neighborhood and City through this event. The Board and Association staff is brainstorming the best ways to make Muirfield feel special and do our part as the host. Some ideas include putting up the holiday lights that are seen during December and January. Let us know your ideas. Some of our common areas will be front and center for the events beyond the golf. Dan Sullivan and his Tournament staff will be in attendance at our Annual Meeting communicating some of the changes that we are all accustomed to, and telling us of changes for this year, during the Memorial Tournament. The Association will be sending those communications through our email distribution.

In closing, we've seen the Association's complimentary architect and landscape consulting services continue to grow. Remember, you can have free in-home consultation from these professionals simply by calling the Association office. The Board approved several free home improvement seminars this year as well. We hope you take advantage of these services as you think about making upgrades to your home/property and helping make this the best place to live. Again, we welcome your attendance at our Annual Meeting. *Jeff*

## SPRING IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER!

With warmer weather approaching, spring flowers popping through the ground, and two exciting golfing events coming up, now is the time to get started planning your outside home and property improvements. The Association continues to offer free one-hour, on-site visits with Richard Taylor, our architect, and John Reiner, our landscape architect, to assist you in turning your ideas into reality. Give Sandy at the Association office a phone call at 889-0922; she will make arrangements for your individual consultation with either of the professionals. Their availability will become more limited as spring draws nearer, so plan ahead and get on their list!



Please remember that, as Muirfield Village residents, you are members of Muirfield Association and are required to have all your plans for exterior changes or additions to the property approved before any construction begins. Since Rich and John are both members of the Muirfield Design Control Committee (DCC), they are the perfect reference to guide you toward getting approval of your plans.

To make the planning and approval process as uncomplicated and complete as possible, we've added most of the guidelines and applications to our website; ready for you to download and print. The various guidelines provide the list of items needed to submit your plan for review. Check it out and if you have questions, contact one of the staff members at the office. They will be happy to help you.

Residents often call the office with questions about the types of exterior changes and additions that require approval from the DCC. The answer is: *Almost everything!* And, it must be approved before you start the project! One change that does not require approval is the planting of annual flowers, however, adding new landscape areas and materials does require approval. All types of projects need to be reviewed from removing trees larger than 6" caliper, tree stumps and replacing trees to installing basketball equipment, playsets or trampolines and everything in-between. Changes such as roofing, siding, windows (whether you're replacing one or all the windows) and door replacement require review and approval. Even installing radon units and satellite dishes must be approved, so before you consider starting a project that affects the outside of the house, please submit an application and drawings for approval. The office staff can help you if you have questions.

No matter how insignificant or unimportant it seems, each project is an integral part of keeping our properties upgraded in the spirit of Muirfield's original concept that has served us so well through the years. After over thirty years as a community, these requirements have assured us a place among the premier living communities in central Ohio. Without the restrictions and review process, it's unlikely we could have retained that status. The review process provides you and your neighbors with the assurance that Muirfield Village is an exclusive, competitive housing and golf community with attractive property standards and a real concern for property aesthetics that draws families to set roots here.

While it is still chilly outside, take some time to consider how you can enhance your property and home for the best return on your investment, and at the same time, help your neighborhood put their best face forward! [www.muirfieldassociation.com](http://www.muirfieldassociation.com)

## WHAT'S GOING ON WITH MUIRFIELD REAL ESTATE?

We are entering *THE GOLDEN AGE IN REAL ESTATE!* According to the Columbus Board of REALTORS®, the number of homes sold this year in central Ohio hit its highest point since 2007.

Let's be more specific! How's Dublin doing? Compared with 2011, 36% more Dublin homes have sold this year. In addition, there is currently less inventory available than last year at this time. The average sales price in 2012 was \$302,606.

AND NOW - *What about Muirfield?* In 2011, there were 87 homes sold in Muirfield, while in 2012 there were 111 sales - a whopping 27% increase! The average sales price of these properties was \$398,920. Even better news for Muirfield Sellers is that Muirfield inventory is much lower. Only 25 properties are currently on the market - 17 single family homes and 8 attached homes/condominiums.



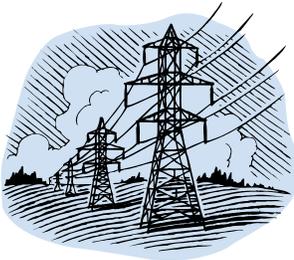
With this combination of more homes being sold and inventory being low, the law of "supply and demand" in Muirfield and Dublin is sure to "kick in" and be reflected in higher sales prices. *GOOD NEWS!*

The best way to insure that our Muirfield home values continue to increase is for each of us to make the needed updates and improvements to our homes. Don't wait until you are ready to sell to make these changes; make your updates now and enjoy them for a time!

Another piece of good news is that the Muirfield Homeowners Association is again sponsoring the Annual Home Improvement Seminars. More information will be coming soon! If you have ideas you would like to have covered in these seminars, please let us know so we can add them to the topics covered at the seminars. Watch for our email blasts announcing the date/location for the seminars.

## AEP NEWS AND DUBLIN OPENINGS

Bob Fathman, a member of our Board of Directors and Chair of the Muirfield Village Civic Action Committee, reports that AEP is beginning a major tree removal and trimming project in Dublin. This helps prevent power failures caused by ice and wind causing limbs to break wires. If you see a blue dot on a tree near AEP lines, the tree is to be trimmed. A red dot means it is a doomed and will be removed. Federal law allows them to have free reign of this, and our past attempts to urge moderation, *i.e.* cutting a large "hole" through branches for line clearance, have failed. The most immediate impact on Muirfield residents involves the trees on Ashbaugh Rd., behind some of the homes in Muirfield Greene. You can see a map and find more here: <http://dublinohiousa.gov/home-page/aep-tree-trimming/>. The project is already underway in the south end of Dublin.



Bob also reports that now is the time to get involved with keeping Dublin great, and helping elevate us to the next level. Dublin is accepting applicants for appointment to the Board of Zoning Appeals, the Board of the Dublin Convention and Visitors Bureau, and for two seats on the Architectural Review Board. Details and a link to apply online can be found here: <http://dublinohiousa.gov/boards-commissions/city-council-seeks-candidates-for-appointment-to-boards-commissions/>. Apps must be completed by Feb. 22nd, and you must be available the evening of March 6<sup>th</sup>. Please consider getting involved. If you apply for any of these positions, let Bob know. [rfathman@columbus.rr.com](mailto:rfathman@columbus.rr.com)



## WE'RE THINKING ABOUT POOL FUN!

The Glick Road pool and the Holbrook Recreation Complex (HRC) pool are set to open the 2013 summer season on Saturday, May 25<sup>th</sup>. Pool Manager, Chris Carter, will be back to offer residents a fun and safe experience. For our residents' convenience, the pool hours have been adjusted from last year. **Please note:**

**The Glick Pool** will be open from 1 pm till 9 pm every day from Memorial weekend until Tuesday, August 20<sup>th</sup>. Once school starts on August 21<sup>st</sup>, the Glick Road pool will close for the season.

**The HRC Pool** on Muirfield Drive will change hours through the summer as events occur. HRC will be open 10 am till 8 pm on weekends and holidays, May 25<sup>th</sup> through August 20<sup>th</sup>. After the Memorial holiday, HRC Pool will be open weekdays 12 noon until 8 pm until Tuesday, August 20<sup>th</sup>. Once school starts on August 21<sup>st</sup>, HRC pool will be open on weekdays 5 pm until 9 pm and from 10 am until 9 pm on the two weekends between school starting and Labor Day. HRC closes for the season at 9 pm Labor Day evening.



An easy-to-read table listing dates and pool hours will be in the **2013 Pool Activities Sheet**. The pool activity sheet is included in the Annual Meeting packet that will be mailed to all residents by the end of March. The activities sheet will soon be ready for viewing online at our website.

Three sessions of the **Learn-To-Swim Program** will be offered this year. Each lesson is 45 minutes long, 5 days a week, for two weeks.

Review the lesson schedule in the **2013 Pool Activities Sheet** for detailed information.

### When attending the pools, please remember:

**Storms** sometimes come up quickly and pool staff must react for the safety of all. The pool manager will close the pool and clear the pool decks for at least ½ hour following the last clap of thunder and/or the last sighting of lightning. The pools will only re-open at the pool manager's direction.

**Coolers and bags** will be checked upon entry for items not permitted at the pool facility, such as glass containers and alcohol. Please be patient with staff during this process; it is for your family's safety and a healthy environment.

**Swim Diapers** are required. If a child has an 'accident' in the pool, it results in a pool closing for treating and sanitizing. There will be a \$100 reimbursement due from the responsible party to cover the Association's cost. Please check diapers often!

**Water Wings**, foam noodles and US Coast Guard-approved life vests will be permitted with the approval of the pool manager, however, if problems arise from abuse of the privilege, these items can be banned from use. Please be respectful of other pool users. Air mattresses, inner tubes and other inflatables are prohibited.

**The Muirfin Swim Team** will be using the Glick pool periodically for home swim meets. Check the Glick Road kiosk for dates/times. You are welcome to visit the Holbrook pool on those dates.



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**Muirfield Pool Concessions** will be managed in-house this year. Front Desk employees will rotate to the Concession Stand as part of their duties, Lifeguards will not be part of this rotation. Food items, pricing and hours are being chosen now and we hope to offer a good selection of light snacks and beverages for residents' convenience.

**Group Parties.** This year, the pool concessions will offer special food pricing for group birthday parties, celebrations, or family reunions at the pools. Entry fees will be the same - either a Muirfield ID card or \$2 per guest (over 2 years old) accompanying a Muirfield resident.



On the day of the event, the Muirfield-resident organizer of the gathering can purchase coupons at the pool front desk for each member of their group, giving a special price on a hot dog combo (hot dog, chips, and medium drink). (We haven't finalized pricing yet!) We don't want to make it too complicated, so we will limit the food item selection and payment will be required when the group enters the facility. Once we see how this works, the food items may be expanded. By arranging ahead of time, a special area will be reserved for the group. For more information, contact Mr. Carter at the pool or call the association office. **Have fun!**

## TENNIS SIGN-UPS SET FOR MAY 5TH



Whether you are a beginner or experienced player, Muirfield's tennis program has something to offer! A very busy 2013 season has been planned for all ages and abilities. Sign-up day is Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup>, from 12 noon to 2 pm at the Glick Road tennis pavilion. Come and meet this year's staff, check out the sessions, clinics, team play and cardio class. Besides the women's and men's tennis programs, Tennis Pro, Keith Haigh, and his staff will be offering a full tennis program for juniors 4 years old through high-school.

Complete tennis program information will be mailed to you in the 2013 Annual Meeting packet scheduled for delivery by the end of March. The sheet will also be available online at our website shortly. If you have individual questions about the tennis program and need Keith's help, contact him at: [MuirfieldTennisPro@yahoo.com](mailto:MuirfieldTennisPro@yahoo.com). See you on the courts!

## PROPERTY HANDBOOK COMING SOON!

Over the past year, staff has been compiling and updating the governing documents of the Association to better inform and explain the bylaws and policies in effect for members of the homeowner's association. Included in the handbook you will find a list of the most common changes to a property that requires a review by the Design Control Committee. In addition to the items required for review, there is a section of policies developed over the years that have been approved by the Board of Directors and a section dedicated to the background and history of the original Muirfield Village development. This **Property Handbook** will soon be ready for publication and distribution to all property owners.

Much time and research has gone into compiling this booklet; it's the first time information about the community and the restrictions have been gathered into one volume. This is a document all property owners will want to have on hand. The booklet will be valuable in understanding the original designers' vision and direction for assurance of standards in our planned unit development.

Upon completion, the booklet will be made available to all property owners. Watch for the announcement and provisions for getting your copy of the **Muirfield Association Property Handbook!** Coming Soon!

## TEE IT UP FOR THE BUNKER PARTY!

The Bunker Party at The Country Club at Muirfield is the best party in town during Memorial Tournament week and this party is open to the public!

Located across from Tee # 16 at The Country Club at Muirfield, the Bunker Party will have a Game Zone and live music that starts at the conclusion of tournament play each evening, Wednesday through Saturday. *The Navigators* will entertain on Wednesday, May 29<sup>th</sup>, *Bent to the Left* on Thursday, May 30<sup>th</sup>, *The Reaganomics* will sit in on Friday, May 31<sup>st</sup>, and *The Menus* round out the fun on Saturday, June 1<sup>st</sup>.



Roll into the Bunker and help a great charity! Proceeds from this year's event will benefit the Columbus Ronald McDonald House, a home-away from-home for families of seriously ill children, located across from Nationwide Children's Hospital. When you attend the Bunker Party, you'll help even more families be just steps away from their hospitalized children.



This event is for those 21 and over. There is a \$10 cover charge with food and drinks sold separately. For more information or to get advance tickets, visit [www.tccm.com](http://www.tccm.com) or call 614.764.1714.

## MUIRFIELD VILLAGE CIVIC ASSOCIATION SPONSORS

### 6<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL BLACK & TAN!

#### *The Glamorous ROARING 20's!*



The Muirfield Village Civic Association (MVCA) is hosting its sixth annual **BLACK & TAN FUNDRAISER** to be held at The Country Club at Muirfield Village on Saturday, April 13, 2013. This event will bring our community together for an evening of casino games, food and entertainment to benefit The Dublin Food Pantry.

The Dublin Food Pantry is a non-profit organization that provides goods and services to those of us in Dublin who are in need. The emergency food pantry, located in the Dublin Community Church in historic Dublin, serves over 200 Dublin families each month. Over 2,400 people were served last year. To learn more about this worthy organization, please visit [www.dublinfoodpantry.org](http://www.dublinfoodpantry.org).

The MVCA volunteer initiative was created six years ago so that it could bring Muirfield residents together to assist Dublin with a community effort. Through the generosity of local businesses and members of the community, The Black & Tan has raised over \$100,000 for Dublin-based charities.

If you or your company would like to become a sponsor, or if you have a live auction item for The Black & Tan, please contact Jennifer Elliott, 761-9508, or Stephanie Iacono, 356-3551. Mark your calendar and watch for the invitation in March!