

The Village Voice



For Muirfield Village Residents Compliments of Muirfield Village Civic Association

GENERAL INTEREST: IN AND AROUND THE VILLAGE

Muirfield Village Garden Club Goes to Prison

In August, the Muirfield Village Garden Club went to prison. Long time member **Peggy Pace** established the club's relationship with Marysville Reformatory for Women and its horticultural education program over five years ago. During the 18-month program inmates study in a classroom setting, germinate seeds in a large greenhouse, and create fabulous gardens throughout the prison grounds, literally bringing joy and color to an otherwise bleak environment.



The Garden Club began with small donations of pots, plant trays and seeds. Now we have expanded to include monetary donations to purchase flowers, plants and equipment. Additionally, club members annually teach a class of flower arranging to the inmates. In our conversations with the students they say that the classes and the hands on gardening work is therapeutic for them and our involvement is certainly rewarding for us! We have even had a graduate of the program, who is now gainfully employed with a commercial grower speak about perennials at one of our meetings.

Current club President **Kathi Siegel** wants prospective members to know that a green thumb is not a requisite for club membership. Our group enjoys great field trips and also informative in-home meetings on subjects ranging from "renovating a tired landscape" with **John Reiner** from Oakland Nursery, to "what's new in annuals" from Larry Birchfield of Cedarbrook Nursery.

For more information about the Muirfield Village Garden club, e-mail Membership Chairman **Gina Fathman** at GFathman@columbus.rr.com.

— GAYLE SCRASE

Muirfield's Shining Star

Muirfield residents, **Madison, Brianna, Camryn & Adrian Redd** have always volunteered for lots of activities and organizations, but they say being a "buddy for the Miracle League is the best".

"I love doing Miracle League because I love playing catch with the kids and seeing them play even though they have disabilities," says Madison Redd, the third oldest in the Redd family.

"Miracle League is fun when you see the kids smile," says Brianna. She and her brother, Adrian, were the first members of the Redd family to do Miracle League.

The Miracle League was formed in 1997 to provide kids with disabilities the opportunity to play baseball regardless of their physical and mental abilities. The volunteers are called "buddies" and they help baseball players hit and run the bases. When they aren't batting, they will go out in the field and play catch. Anyone in the sixth grade can start being a buddy and can be a buddy for life.

"If it wasn't for my sister and brother showing what Miracle League was, I don't know how I would have found it," says Camryn.

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CIVIC ACTION COMMITTEE

The November election:

The Civic Action Committee (CAC) compares council candidates on issues of interest to Muirfield homeowners

The 2011 General Election Day is on November 8, with many citizens voting by mail much earlier. Three persons from the field of four candidates will be elected to Dublin City Council. The CAC identified three issues reported to be of significant interest to Muirfield residents and surveyed the four candidates for Dublin City Council on these issues: (1) the Brand Road multi-use path; (2) the potential use of the Buckner Farm; and (3) bike lanes along Muirfield Drive between Brand Road and Glick Road. The CAC collected the following responses.

ISSUE 1: The Brand Road multi-use path between Muirfield Drive and Dublin Road.

RESPONSES: The path was approved 4-2 in early August. Those candidates that favored or voted FOR the path were: Council Members Marilee Chinnici-Zuercher and Richard Gerber, plus Candidate Kevin Walter. Voting AGAINST the path: Councilman Michael Keenan.

ISSUE 2: The 12-acre Buckner Farm, in the heart of Muirfield, was listed for sale in August 2011. Ignoring the listed price of \$850,000, we asked, "Do you support the purchase of

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Congratulations to the Muirfield Muirfins, for another successful season!

The 2011 Muirfin swim season finished strong and wet! With a rained out championship league meet (with many events completed), we placed 2nd in the league! Congratulations Muirfins! It was a fun filled and exciting season, with the emphasis on fun! From July 4th Dublin parade, fun Fridays, pep-rallies, and pool side fun, our Muirfins had a blast while working hard, improving their strokes, and even breaking a few records!

Once again, almost 100 Muirfield families participated, and the success of a season could not have happened without the support of our board members, parents, volunteers, coaches, and of course- all of our swimmers!

The coaches have their hands full with about 150 dedicated swimmers. Attending practices Monday thru Friday mornings, they work hard, sweat, and make their community proud! Congratulations to our senior swimmers who finished their final year swimming with the Muirfins. Good luck on all future endeavors, and wishing you all many successes!

Special congratulations to **M. Minns, A. Hunt, E. Anders, and M. Quesnel** for setting new team records!! Way to go!!

Curious? Come be a part of the Muirfins in 2012! Watch for registration info in the spring. Questions? Email president@muirfin.com.



Muirfield Marlins win Irish Relays

Congratulations on The Muirfield Marlins win at the 2011 Dublin Irish Relays. This year the relays were held at the Country Club of Muirfield with a large number of Muirfield kids competing in it. This community event brings together 6 Dublin swim teams for a fun night of competition that promotes swimming around our city. The meet was well represented from the six area teams and three different swim leagues. The teams include Dublin Atlantic, Dublin Arctic, Dublin Pacific, Muirfield Marlins, The Muirfins, and Tartan Fields Aqua Scots.



- ALI RANDALL

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NESTER NUGGETS

Caddy Shack Party

The tradition of an annual Empty Nester Caddy Shack Party to celebrate the Memorial Tournament continued on Saturday, June 4th at the home of **Pam and Bob Birkenholz**. There was a continuous flow of happy golf fans (too many to count) throughout the evening. With lots of good food, beverages and great conversation it's not surprising that this is one of the most popular Empty Nester events of the year. Thanks to Pam and Bob for their gracious hospitality!

Ole Blue Eyes Entertains

It wasn't the real Frank Sinatra, but Michael Sutherland did a marvelous job of entertaining with Sinatra selections at the La Scala Restaurant on July 7th. Twenty-two Empty Nesters enjoyed great Italian food and great music. Thanks to **Debbie Kelly** and **Peggy Pace** for taking reservations for the event.



O-H-I-O

On July 27th **Bob Fathman** led 30 Empty Nester OSU fans on a behind-the-scenes tour of OSU's Schottenstein Center and Football Stadium, followed by a great dinner at the Buckeye Hall of Fame Grill. The behind the scenes tour took them to lounges where the concert stars hang out, into media and corporate skyboxes, rooms where recruits are entertained and past the media room where all the football scoreboard graphics are controlled. The group had a bonus at the Schott, where they were able to watch a photo shoot of basketball star Jared Sullinger, and then watch the women's basketball team in their training area. Thanks, Bob, for a very special day for the OSU fans.



"Take Me Out to The Ballgame"

On Friday, August 5th, sixteen Empty Nesters watched the Columbus Clippers beat the Syracuse Chiefs 7 - 5. Everyone enjoyed chatting, watching for foul balls and munching on ball park food, especially hot dogs! **Peggy Pace** provided the giant cowbell, a Columbus Clippers tradition. Thanks to **Barb Hilyard** for coordinating this fund event.

Invasion by the British

The last concert of the year at Scioto Park was rocking with sounds of The British Invasion. The Empty Nesters were there rocking to the tunes of the '70's.

Marysville Hot Air Balloon Rally

Fair food, music and hot air balloon launchings were enjoyed by the Empty Nesters at the Marysville Balloon Rally held August 20th at the Union County Airport. The Empty Nesters joined several thousand spectators that shared the festival atmosphere and entertainment at the annual event. One highlight was the Para gliders "dropping in" with their huge American Flag. Special thanks go to **Mary Ann Smith** for coordinating the event.



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FALL 11

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

By now I'm hoping that all of you are back to a regular fall routine. I know I am and so is the Muirfield Village Civic Association (MVCA).

I also know that all of us pay our annual homeowners assessment to the Muirfield Association. But did you know that for only \$25 to the MVCA you get into some of the best parties and activities that Muirfield has to offer?

The MVCA is not affiliated with and does not receive any funding from the Muirfield Association, which manages our annual assessments. The MVCA relies entirely on your voluntary financial support.

Currently, 400 households are supporting members of the MVCA. These members help the MVCA promote the following activities & committees throughout the year:

Social and Family Activities: Sweets with Santa, the Easter Egg Hunt, Empty Nesters activities, TGIF parties, Movies Under the Stars, New Resident Welcome Kits, the Last Fling of Summer, and the annual Progressive Dinner.

Civic Action Committee (CAC): The CAC represents our collective interests by maintaining a respectful and engaged dialogue with City of Dublin and other entities. The CAC has had many important accomplishments and remains a vital advocate of your interests as a Muirfield resident. The CAC's programs alone provide a payback for your \$25 annual support.

Community Outreach: Muirfield residents have attended Habitat for Humanity workdays, donated books for needy children and supported local food pantries. And most importantly, hosts The Black and Tan annual fundraiser for local charities.

For \$25, your membership helps the MVCA promote Muirfield Village as an active, inviting and engaged community. If you are interested in being part of this, please complete the form included in this newsletter. Thank you to all who support the MVCA!

Looking forward to seeing you at the party!

Cheers,
Chris Saneholtz, President, MVCA

MVCA Website

Our new and improved MVCA website is now up and running. For all the latest MVCA events & activities, check it out at:
<http://muirfieldvillage.org/>.



Welcome New Members

Welcome to the new members who have joined the MVCA in recent months. Thank you for your participation and support!

DJ & Kelly Brennan
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Thanks to all residents who have renewed your support for another year. The MVCA has nearly 400 Muirfield households as supporting members. If you are not a Civic Association member, please consider supporting the MVCA by filling out and returning the registration form printed in this newsletter. (If we've misspelled your name or omitted your spouse, our apologies. Please contact Doug Johnson at dougj@indaplex.com, and we will update our records.)



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Empty Nesters Activities

Detailed information will be emailed before each event. All in-home events follow the same format: BYOB with an appetizer or dessert unless otherwise specified.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, DINNER AT DOC HENDERSON'S
RSVP to Sharon Custer at scuster@columbus.rr.com

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, GOLF OUTING AT DARBY CREEK

Nine-Hole Shotgun Start & Dinner.

RSVP to Mike Custer at guster@columbus.rr.com

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22 (NO OSU FOOTBALL GAME) CAJUN COUNTRY BOIL

RSVP to Barb Hilyard at blhilyrd@aol.com or 614-389-3266

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12, TEXAS HOLD 'EM

RSVP to Ed & Debbie Kelly at edak1@aol.com

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11, CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE

Details to follow

COUPLES EUCHRE GROUP meets the second Friday of the month. If interested, contact Judy Hays at 766-7047 or jhdiva@aol.com.

LADIES EVENING MAH JONGG GROUP meets the second Thursday of the month. Ladies Daytime Mah Jongg Group meets the third Thursday afternoon of the month. If interested in being a sub, contact Peggy Pace at 791-0340 or peggy43017@aol.com.

MEN'S LUNCH BUNCH meets the first Friday of every month. If interested, contact Vern Pace at 791-0340 or vernpa@columbus.rr.com.

LADIES LUNCH BUNCH meets the fourth Tuesday of every month. If interested, contact Mary Ann Smith at muirfieldoh@aol.com or 798-0450.

IMPULSE DINNER GROUP: Informal, last minute get-togethers for dining out. All participants will be on an e-mail list and can contact the list to arrange an impromptu get together. If interested in being part of the group, contact Mike Custer at scuster@columbus.rr.com.

WOMEN'S 9-HOLE GOLF GROUP plays on Saturday mornings at various public courses throughout Central Ohio. Golfers at all skill levels are welcome. Contact Marcia Bennett at 766-1985 or msbennett54@columbus.rr.com.

Family Activities

SWEETS WITH SANTA

Please mark your calendar for our annual "Sweets with Santa" on December 3rd from 10am -12pm at The Country Club at Muirfield Village. Please contact Anne Spillman at (614) 302-2631 if you are interested in volunteering.

VOLUNTEER NEEDED:

Welcome Committee Chair Needed

The MVCA is looking for a volunteer that would like to take over the Welcome Committee Chair position. It is the perfect position for someone who would like to become more involved without a huge time commitment. The responsibilities include the following: collect new resident information from the Muirfield Association office, put together welcome kits, deliver kits to volunteers for distribution, and be a contact person for new families moving into Muirfield. The position does not require more than 10 hours twice a year and is a great way to be involved in the community.

Please contact **Kristine Westerheide** at kristine@kwesterheide.com or (614) 336-0273 if you are interested or have questions regarding this position.

OTHER NOTEWORTHY ITEMS:

CSOL

"CAFÉ VIENNA" will be the theme of the Columbus Symphony Orchestra League's fall event to be held on Sunday evening, November 6th. Muirfield residents, **Tom and Gwen Weihe** will host CSOL members and guests at their beautiful home in the Estates of Muirfield Village. Serving on the planning committee are residents, **Martin Inglis**, President of the CSO Executive Board, his wife **Sue**, **Carol** and **Pat Huber**, **Connie** and **Denny Cahill** and the Weihe's. The evening will feature wonderful Viennese appetizers, desserts and wine from the region and feature music provided by a small ensemble of CSO musicians. For more information please contact Connie Cahill at [ccaill@columbus.rr.com](mailto:ccahill@columbus.rr.com).

A UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY FOR KIDS:

Enrichment Center Opens Close to Home

Parents of gifted and high achieving children, grades 4 through 8, have a unique opportunity to enroll your child in after school enrichment classes to be held at the new Oxford Enrichment Center, 6065 Glick Rd. These classes are designed to increase your child's thinking ability and develop his/her full potential. Kids will love the program offered through the Center. The classes will be taught by Dr. Carol Strip Whitney, a Muirfield Resident, who started the first gifted programs in Dublin and Olentangy School District. Carol has her Doctorate in curriculum for gifted learners and is coming out with the revision of her new book *Helping Gifted Children Soar* this Fall. If you have additional question please e-mail **Carol Strip Whitney** at DocCarolOH@aol.com. For registration, call Tara Mullins at (614) 761-6400 or (614) 562-6140.

SINGLES SOCIAL CLUB

The MVCA Single's Social Club got together for a baseball game at Huntington Park in July. Everyone had a great time and enjoyed meeting new friends!

As we "go to press" we are preparing for a fun evening at the Columbus Brewing Company. We will be planning some fun activities for the fall! If you would like more information about the Single's Social Club please e-mail **Ann Taylor** at ataylor18992@yahoo.com or **Gerry Craig** at gac104@yahoo.com.



EVENT RECAPS

Last Fling of Summer & Movies under the Stars

Summer 2011 was a great summer for Muirfield families. Once again we hosted two Movie Under the Star events at the Glick Road pool. The first movie was "RIO" and it was a fabulous movie on a perfect, moonlight night. The second movie was "The Chronicles on Narnia: The Voyage of the Dawn Treader". Kids of all ages enjoyed floating, snacking and splashing with their friends and family.

We wrapped up the summer with the "Last Fling of Summer" family picnic. Families enjoyed swimming, music, face painting, a balloon artist and Rita's Ice at the Holbrook Recreation Complex. Congratulations go to the **Linton Family**, the proud winners of this year's cookie bake-off.

Now that summer is winding down, we are already thinking about our next fun family activities. Please mark your calendar for our annual "Treats and Sweets with Santa" on December 3rd from 10am -12pm at The Country Club at Muirfield Village.

The family activity committee is looking for fresh ideas and volunteers. Please contact **Anne Spillman** at (614) 302-2631 or aespillman@yahoo.com if you are interested in volunteering.



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Is there a great kid in your life who needs to be recognized? The Village Voice wants you to nominate our next Shining Star! If he or she is chosen, they will be profiled in the next edition of the Village Voice. This may be any child age 0-21 who has been recognized for an exceptional achievement including, but not limited to:

- Being awarded for a sporting/non-sporting activity
- Won a scholarship/leadership award;
- Championed and/or lead a group for a specific cause;
- Someone who is making a difference in our community;

These are just a few examples and we want to hear about them all. Please forward nominations to Lesley Neave @ lesleyneave@mac.com.

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Have an interesting story to tell concerning Muirfield or the Residents within Muirfield or would you like to place an ad in The Village Voice? Please contact us:

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this land by the City to preserve it as a public park, if it can be acquired for an acceptable price?" (The CAC did not ask for specific park plans, but suggested passive parkland with minimal development.)

RESPONSES: IN FAVOR of the concept: Councilman Richard Gerber; AGAINST purchase of the property for parkland: Candidate Kevin Walter; STATING IT WAS INAPPROPRIATE TO COMMENT AT THIS TIME: Council Members Marilee Chinnici-Zuercher and Michael Keenan.

ISSUE 3: *The City has commissioned a \$50,000 engineering study of bike lanes along Muirfield Drive between Brand Road and Glick Road. The Muirfield HOA unanimously endorsed the alternative that would construct these on the outside of the current lanes and not encroach on the median strip. The CAC asked, "Will you support the construction of these lanes with planning and implementation to begin without delay?" Council voted 6 to 1 in late August to adopt this plan, but with no date of implementation.*

RESPONSES: YES: Candidate Kevin Walter, and voting in favor Council Members Richard Gerber, Michael Keenan; Marilee Chinnici-Zuercher. [The lone NO vote was from Mayor Tim Lecklider, who is not up for election this year.] At press time, we are asking them to commit to implementation in 2012.

Check the website, www.muirfieldvillage.org, for updates and more complete responses. The CAC reminds citizens to participate in this "off-year election" when resident voters will elect three Dublin City Council members.

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The Redd's have volunteered with Miracle League for the past three years. Both Adrian and Brianna started Miracle League three years ago and Madison and Camryn started two years ago. When asked if they would do it again, "I will do it again next year," said Brianna.

This fall, Adrian will be attending the University of Kentucky and will be studying special education. Volunteering for Miracle League prepped him for his studies at UK.

In the past, the MVCA has partnered with the Miracle League raising over \$37,000 through their annual Black and Tan event.

Thanks to kids like the Redd's volunteering for a good cause, they are brightening lives of young children. For information on becoming a buddy, the Miracle League website is <http://www.ohiomiracleleague.org/>

– NICHOLAS ARNOLD