

The Village Voice



For Muirfield Village Residents Compliments of Muirfield Village Civic Association

TIME FOR MUIRFINS!

Ready for a fun summer of swimming? Why not join the Muirfins swim team this summer! Muirfins is a summer recreational swim team established in 1980 for Muirfield Village residents ages 5 -18. Swimmers of all levels are welcome with 1 condition: swimmers must be able to swim the length of the pool (25m) without stopping, touching the bottom of the pool or hanging on to a lane line or the side wall.



The Muirfins are part of the N.E.W. League along with teams from the City of Dublin, Marysville and Northland. An organizational meeting was held at Grizzell Middle School on Monday, April 4th from 6-8pm. The practices begin, Tuesday, May 31, and our first meet is at our home pool, the Glick Road pool, on June 8th.

Not only is Muirfins a great way to keep kids active during the summer, it is a wonderful way to meet neighbors and other swim team parents. There are lots of opportunities to volunteer to help out the team and fun social events for the whole family.

You can sign-up at our website (muirfins.swimtopia.com) and get additional information about the team. Or drop by our Facebook page and post questions and we'll be happy to answer them. Sign-ups began on April 1 – we look forward to seeing you at the pool this summer!

CIVIC ACTION COMMITTEE

Update on Road and Path Construction in and near Muirfield

The almost “non” winter allowed construction crews to catch up for time lost last June/July, which was an extremely rainy period. CAC Chair Bob Fathman spoke to Dublin’s Engineering Manager for Traffic, Jeannie Willis and has the latest info:

270/33 on schedule once again. ODOT says all lanes and ramps will be open and running by November. Blacktop plants shut down for the winter, but in Spring 2017 final layers of asphalt will be laid and final striping/landscaping complete. The interchange will be totally functional by the end of November and dressed up pretty by Tournament time 2017.

Roundabout near Bridge Park. Also on schedule to complete by this winter. This includes the moved roadway, Rt. 257. Another exciting development! Remember to keep making efforts to patronize the businesses on both sides of the river.

Pedestrian/bike bridge between Bridge Park and the Library area. This iconic bridge is in final design right now, and its two-year construction will occur in 2017-18. The park on the east end will be partly finished before that, but will complete after bridge construction ends.

John Shields Parkway, Phase 2. This new road will connect Rt. 257 to Village Parkway

MUIRFIELD SUMMER FISHING DERBY – COMING SOON! –

At the turn of the century (well, 2002) Muirfield held a fishing derby. This fun family event will return Sunday August 21 -- SAVE THE DATE!

Details will be distributed to MVCA members via email and posted on the MVCA website (www.muirfieldvillage.org) when the fine points have been established. Parents and Grandparents should start planning now to find a quality source of bait. Kids will likely prefer the plastic worms instead of the “real” worms you may find on your driveway.

Awards will be given by age category. If you are interested in being a catch-and-release fishing judge (heaviest/longest/cutest/wiggliest), please contact MVCA family activities at (fa@muirfieldvillage.org). We are also looking for musical entertainment following the fishing derby. If you have, or know of, a small group that would be interested, let us know (free is always good).

AND – if you know the identity of the girl in the photo, let us know!

One more thing – We are looking for prior editions of The Village Voice. Help us complete our files. If you have copies prior to 2012, let us know and we will scan them and return the originals.





Most of us can't wait to get into the yard, get our hands and knees dirty and prepare our landscaping for another growing season. It's time to clear away leaves and debris that have accumulated, pull those stubborn early weeds, edge beds, and prepare the soil for planting and mulching.

For some of us, it's time to consider an update or possibly a complete overhaul of our yard's landscaping. Our lawns and landscaped areas are one of the most important and noticed characteristics of our properties – one that can significantly attract or detract from the beauty of our homes. Whether you are considering selling your home or just wanting a refreshed look, now is the time to make your plans.

Since we live in an HOA community, we must plan ahead and get our landscape plans approved before starting our outdoor project. The Design Control Committee, located at the association office, will look at the type, size and location of plantings you want to remove, replace or add. Their response time is pretty quick, when your information is complete, and the committee members are happy to assist with possible alternatives or to give some direction for your questions.

The HOA Board of Directors approved funding that provides a visit with a landscape architect at your home, up to one hour, free of charge, to assist with your ideas in refreshing the landscape of your home. If you are interested in this service, call the association office at 614-889-0922 to make arrangements for an architect's visit.

Spring is the opportune time to create an attractive home and inviting neighborhood, one that you can be proud of and that will retain the value of your real estate investment. Let's get outside, roll up our sleeves, dig in, get dirty, and dress up our community!

DUBLIN WOMEN'S PHILANTHROPIC CLUB Snowflake Gala: Keys to Giving

The Dublin Women's Philanthropic Club Snowflake Gala: Keys to Giving was held Feb. 27, 2016 at The Country Club at Muirfield Village in Dublin. The sold-out signature event was attended by 160 guests, which featured dinner, a wine-pull game of chance, silent auction, and entertainment. The gala celebrated honoree Peigi Fisher-Hanson, owner of The Spa at River Ridge in Dublin, and featured WBNS-10TV anchor Jeff Hogan as emcee. Through the gala, more than \$15,000 was raised for adult education grants, scholarships, and support for families and women in times of crisis or need.

The Dublin Women's Philanthropic Club is a nonprofit organization of nearly 100 dedicated women, founded in 1978 in Dublin, Ohio, and devoted to philanthropic educational access and families in need.



Steve Hilbert, Kathleen Hilbert, Ellie Hanson and gala honoree Peigi Fisher-Hanson



WBNS-10TV anchor Jeff Hogan (gala emcee) and Jeane Hogan



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Celebrating great junior golf

THE COUNTRY CLUB AT MUIRFIELD VILLAGE JUNIOR GOLF PROGRAM

Over the past 18 years, TCC's junior golf program has produced:

- 50+ Ohio High School State Championship Qualifiers
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- 4 Mid-Ohio Players of the Year
- 2 Individual runner-up medalists at the State Championship
- 1 Individual State Champion
- 2 players on the PGA Tour: Kyle Reifers and Chris Wilson

The success of The Country Club at Muirfield Village junior golf program can be attributed to many factors. The program was established as a training system for boys and girls who will be our future golfers and club members. Educating juniors about course etiquette and the rules of the game plays a key role. Proper instruction gives them the ability to take their games to another level. But equally important, course access gives them a chance to play. Being on the course not only allows them to develop their skills, but also helps maintain their interest in the game of golf.

At many private golf facilities across the United States, juniors receive limited playing privileges or course access. Too many restrictions limiting course access may result in a real disservice to the juniors, to the game of golf, and to the facility. On the other hand, too few restrictions may result in unhappy adult members who pay a lot of money to belong to and play golf at a private facility.

That's why it is extremely important to maximize junior course access without disrupting the enjoyment of the golf course by adult club members. Without proper levels of course access you may end up with the most educated and best ball-striking range players in the country, but it could be detrimental to the growth and development of a junior golfer. TCC has successfully achieved this balance.

A "hands-on" approach to learning is stressed. The instruction portion of the clinics covers all aspects of the game – putting, chipping, pitching, bunker play, short irons, long irons, and woods. Skill contests are included to demonstrate what has been learned and to give a sense of competition. In the etiquette segment the kids are taken on the course and taught how to properly enter, exit and rake a bunker. They are shown the importance of replacing a divot and the proper procedure, how to fix ball marks on the

green, where to stand when someone in the group is putting. And, of course, proper clubhouse manners are also discussed. In the rules segment the juniors are clearly shown how to proceed in certain situations, such as relief from a water hazard or out-of-bounds procedures.

But most importantly, the kids are taught to Have Fun and Enjoy the Game of Golf!

For more information, contact Josh Manning, PGA Head Golf Professional at The Country Club at Muirfield Village at (614) 764-7705.



WELCOME NEW MVCA MEMBERS!

There has been an explosion of new MVCA members during the first quarter of 2016.

Pamela Baragona
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All Muirfield residents should join the MVCA! It costs nothing!

All Muirfield residents can become more involved and aware of things happening in our great Muirfield Village community by simply enrolling on the MVCA website. Go to www.muirfieldvillage.org, click on Membership and let us know your interests. It's that simple.

Members receive the popular Civic Action Committee "List" of vendors and contractors suggested by fellow residents. If you wish, you will receive email announcements of social and civic activities and timely email updates on area issues from the Civic Action Committee. It costs nothing to join, so sign up today!



SEVENTH ANNUAL RECYCLING DAY IS COMING TO MUIRFIELD VILLAGE

Date: Saturday, April 30, 2016

Time: 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Location: Muirfield Village Country Club Parking Lot
8715 Muirfield Drive, Dublin

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President's Corner

Happy Spring, fellow Muirfield residents!

Are you as excited as I am to be heading toward warmer weather and longer days? A shout-out to Mother Nature for cutting us a much-needed break this year.

Now that Spring is officially here, remember to take advantage of all the wonderful amenities our neighborhood has to offer. The pools will be open Memorial Day weekend. In the meantime, why not make use of the bike paths and walking trails? Get some fresh air and have some fun exercising. If walking your dog, please remember to have it leashed and to properly clean up any pet waste.

Unfortunately, this is also a time when our neighborhood sees a spike in thefts, so please make sure your doors are locked, your garage doors are shut, and your cars don't have valuables in plain sight.

Some exciting things will be happening in Muirfield Village this Spring and Summer. As usual, Muirfield will play host to the annual Memorial Golf Tournament. This year's event will be held May 30th-June 5th. To purchase tickets or to volunteer, please visit <http://www.thememorialtournament.com/>.

I am also pleased to announce a new MVCA family event to be held Sunday, August 21st. Mark your calendars for the First Annual Fishing and Food Truck Festival! A fishing contest for children will kick off the evening, followed by dinner with several local food trucks. Please stay posted for more details as the date approaches.

In closing, please help me welcome our new Board member, Kristina Ledford. Kristina has lived in Muirfield for 2.5 years and is a busy mom to three young children. She has volunteered for MVCA in past events and will make an excellent addition to our organization.

Until next time,

Mindy Miller
MVCA President



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

EMPTY NESTERS:

Want to know more about the upcoming activities? Members receive notice of great activities and events. Join today (online at muirfieldvillage.org) so you don't miss out.

COUPLES EUCHRE GROUP is seeking 2 new regular members! Either a couple or 2 singles beginning in May. We also have openings for substitute players. If interested, contact **Jackie Miller** at 614-226-6130 or jacqmill@aol.com. The group meets the second Friday of the month.

LADIES EVENING MAH JONGG GROUP meets the second Thursday of the month. If interested in being a sub, contact **Rebecca Hutchings** at 614-659-0815 or rhutchings@columbus.rr.com.

MEN'S LUNCH BUNCH meets the first Friday of every month. Contact **Don Miller** at mlunch@muirfieldvillage.org.

LADIES LUNCH BUNCH meets the fourth Tuesday of every month. If interested, contact **Linda Hupp** at lhupp@columbus.rr.com or call 614-570-1669

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 gcuster08@gmail.com.

We're always planning new fun events. If you have any suggestions send them to en@muirfieldvillage.org.

I DON'T WANT TO LEAVE MUIRFIELD VILLAGE!!

Baby Boomer Definition: Those of us born between 1946-1964. There are actually 76.4 million "boomers" in the United States. We are the largest generation in the US today!

Empty Nest Definition: The stage in a family's cycle when the children have grown up and left home to begin their own adult lives...and what a change this is!! There are a "bunch" of us here in Muirfield...AND many of us don't really want to leave our community.

Is it true there isn't any empty nester living in Muirfield Village? Not at all. There are actually about 15 "sub-communities" here that offer 1st floor living, including a first floor master suite. Some have a 2nd floor as well, but this may be necessary space as those adult children and/or grandchildren come to visit.

So where are these housing opportunities? It is important to know the neighborhoods below are not exclusive to "empty nesters" but they do meet the need! There are also other single family homes in Muirfield that have a 1st floor master and would meet the need. Those Muirfield neighborhood opportunities include: Weybridge, The Lea, Craigston Court, Glenbarr, Village at Muirfield, The Mews, Woods at Muirfield, Braeburn, The Fairways, Lochslee, The Moors, Kentigern and Muirfield Green- Nassau Loop.

So don't give up on exploring the opportunity to stay here! See you on the "walking paths"!

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[near the AMC cinemas] and from there on to Sawmill Rd, open by this winter. A new traffic bridge from the Rt. 257 terminus of Shields to Rt. 745 [N. High St.] will likely be added to the 5-year Capital Improvements Plan this summer, to be constructed in about 5 years.

Glick Rd. Path. The section from Davington [near Deer Run School] to Muirfield Drive will hopefully be under construction this summer, once land acquisition completes. It will finish by fall. The phase from Carnoustie to Muirkirk [across from the Glick Rd. Pool and playground] will occur as soon as a court allows eminent domain of one property. Then the path will be continuous between Avery and Dublin Rd.

Roundabout at Avery and Brand Rds. Detailed engineering design is underway this year. That will lead to land acquisition. Construction should begin in 2017 immediately following the Tournament, with completion in early fall.

Double Roundabout at Avery-Muirfield and Perimeter and Perimeter Loop/Hospital. Project has been pushed back to 2020, giving us a break after all the Rt. 33 construction.

Intersection improvement at Muirfield and Memorial. Due to accidents here, this intersection is on the City's radar. Traffic counts will be made during this year's Tournament, to supplement counts of non-Tournament traffic. The City and consultants will then look into options, and community input will be solicited. Stay tuned.

All of these estimates are, of course, weather-dependent.

GARDEN CLUB NEWS

The Garden Club began 2016 with an update of Muirfield happenings from Walter Zeier, General Manager of Muirfield Village. Upcoming meetings include trips to Foertmeyer's Greenhouse to learn about perennial pollinators, Wade and Gatton Hosta Nursery, Chadwick Arboretum, and the Heritage Gardens at the Governors' Mansion. We'll also be learning about herbs and hydroponics this year. Club members will continue maintaining the courtyard garden at Dublin Library and the Blue Star Memorial on Bridge Street.

If you are a resident of Muirfield who is interested in flower gardening, growing your own food, or listening to interesting lectures while enjoying delicious culinary treats, join us! The club meets the second Monday of the month from March through December. For more information, please contact Bonnie Deaner at nitzyl944@gmail.com or Kathy Young at kjyoung1776@gmail.com.



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Now that I have your attention, let's talk about moving this spring.



Curious about how to buy another home while needing to sell your current home? I can help you accomplish your goals without a 'double move'.

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MAKE THE MOST OF A HOT SUMMER HOUSING MARKET!

Sellers, start your engines, and Buyers, fasten your seatbelts. Spring is launching a real estate market that continues to challenge expectations, and promises to do so through the summer. In Muirfield Village the average time a home is on the market is 108 days. The average price per square foot has rocketed to \$148, an all-time high for Muirfield and a 17% increase since the real estate "crash" in 2007. Low inventory continues to drive this unusual market. Additionally, mortgage interest rates remain below 4% allowing Buyers to purchase higher priced homes than will be possible as interest rates begin to rise. This is good news for those Buyers, and great news for those Sellers looking to sell in 2016.

So where does PAULA Group come in? Low inventory and favorable interest rates are driving the market, but houses still need to be priced appropriately and show well to maximize their sales price. If you're thinking of selling contact us for staging advice, one of our specialties, and for our help in getting the highest price possible for the sale of your home. PAULA Group sells **twice as many Muirfield homes** as any other realtor. PAULA knows Muirfield...she lives there too! If you want to maximize your results, this expertise matters.

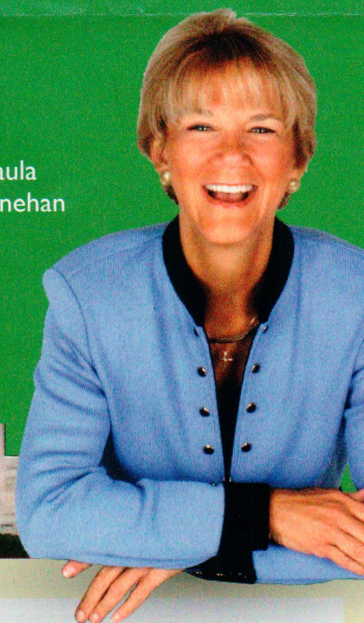
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