

## DUBLIN POLICE OFFER TIPS FOR SAFETY

As part of their "community policing" philosophy, Dublin Police want to partner with the community to address quality of life concerns and problems in the neighborhoods. Their goal for 2010 is to reduce thefts in the city, maintain a low level of burglary/breaking and entry throughout the city, reduce traffic crashes and enhance their readiness and ability to successfully resolve critical incidents, crimes and significant community concerns.

Lt. John DeJarnette, Operations Bureau Commander of the Dublin Police Division, encourages residents to help them help you by following a few simple things in your neighborhood:

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- Close garage doors in the evening and overnight
  - Do not leave valuables in your vehicles
  - Call the police immediately when you witness a crime or something suspicious
  - Watch your speed when traveling in neighborhoods and other roadways
  - Do not follow another vehicle too closely; and give yourself time to react when driving.

The Dublin Division of Police offers to meet with groups of neighbors to discuss any issues of interest. You can schedule an officer to attend your meeting by calling Sgt. Rod Barnes at 614-410-4800. By working together, Dublin will continue to be a safe place to live, work, and visit!



## PRESIDENTS CUP GOLF TOURNEY COMING TO MUIRFIELD IN 2013

The Presidents Cup, a match-play competition that pits a 12-member US team against 12 top golfers from around the world, excluding Europe, is set to play Muirfield Village Golf Club in 2013.

The October 3<sup>rd</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> event will be another feather in the golf club's cap. In addition to the famous Memorial Tournament held annually, the club has previously played host to the Ryder Cup in 1987 and the Solheim Cup in 1998. The US Amateur event was held here in 1992 and the US Junior Amateur in 1986. These events drew fans from across the nation and the Presidents Cup is expected to draw from around the world.

The Presidents Cup, held every two years, is a unique golf event because there is no purse or prize money; players are not personally paid for their participation. The golfers compete in the Presidents Cup not only for the pride of their country and teammates, but also for the honor of selecting charitable causes to benefit from the net revenues. Each competitor allocates an equal portion of the funds generated to charities of his choice.

We look forward to the visitors and festivities associated with this outstanding golf event.

We extend our appreciation to Jack Nicklaus and the Muirfield Village Golf Club for their efforts in bringing this outstanding venue to our community.

## TENNIS

Muirfield Tennis Pro, Rebecca Hancart, reports the 2010 tennis program had a great year! The youngsters' team won 2<sup>nd</sup> place in their section and Junior Camp was a huge success.

The Ladies 3.5 competitive team won their section and won 3<sup>rd</sup> place out of 25 teams overall!

Rebecca thanks everyone for their interest and looks forward to an even busier season next year!



3.5 team members: Denise Etchison, Liz Soppe, Amy Daniels, Tricia Hohl, Ruth Toth, Lisa McMullen, Heather Kiggans, Ryan Kurty, Angie Resor, Rosemary Caldwell and Sherry Allison.

## EMAIL ADDRESS NEEDED

The Association office is collecting email addresses of our residents. Whenever you submit a request or send a communication to the office, please include your email address. At this time, we have the capability of storing one email address per property, but will be adding a second line with the next Access update. You can use the association's website to get your email address to us. Just go to our website : [www.muirfieldassociation.com](http://www.muirfieldassociation.com), use the 'Contact Us' drop-down box and insert your email information.



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# Newsletter

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## INTRODUCING NEW ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES FOR RESIDENTS

We are happy to introduce Mr. Rich Taylor as the Association's architect and Mr. John Reiner as landscape architect. Last November, the Board of Trustees approved funds to hire an architect and a landscape professional to assist residents with their property enhancement plans. In March of this year, Mr. Taylor and Mr. Reiner began meeting with residents on-site to review property upgrades and landscape ideas.



Rich Taylor, Architect

Mr. Taylor has met with nearly 30 residents offering his expertise in all aspects of residential architecture including garage additions, room additions, kitchen, bath & bedroom remodeling, deck installation, window changes, and paint selections. Mr. Reiner has made on-site visits to over 40 Muirfield folks offering suggestions for screening, tree planting and replacement, fresh landscape ideas, patio & deck installation, and

overall presentation of the property on the street.

Mr. Taylor and Mr. Reiner are part of the Association's Design Control Committee and as part of their free service they will spend up to one hour, on-site, guiding you in selecting the appropriate look, materials, styles, finishes, colors and location so you can get your ideas into a plan that meets Muirfield's design standards. The trustees hope this service will encourage interest and pride in our community and its design standards.

The men will not prepare drawings nor do paperwork toward getting your plans submitted for Design Control Committee review, rather they will assist you in forming a design concept, appropriate materials and finishes to form a plan that complements the property.

If you are interested in an individualized, professional consultation by Mr. Taylor or Mr. Reiner regarding your home improvement or landscaping needs, it's as easy as contacting the Association office. Staff will collect basic information on

your area of interest and arrange for a free, one-time, on-site visit.

Contact Sandy at the Association office at 614.889.0922, if you have questions about the new service or want to schedule a visit.



John Reiner, Landscape Architect

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### President's Corner...

I want to take this opportunity to introduce myself and discuss a few focus areas for the next year. I was recently elected President of the Association for 2010 and Mike Grodhaus is the new Vice President. Throughout the year, we want to utilize our newsletter to briefly discuss the key initiatives and increase communication to all of you.

I want to first recognize and thank our Past President, Steve Miller, for his leadership and commitment to Muirfield Village. Steve spent the last 3 years as a Trustee and over the last year provided leadership on many important initiatives. In addition, I would like thank Diana Evans who served as Vice President. Diana remains a Trustee this year. Thanks Steve and Diana! Your contribution is greatly appreciated.

My family and I moved to Muirfield Village approximately 9 years ago and have enjoyed all the amenities it offers as well as the friendship of residents who live here. I have been on the Board for two years, and am very honored to have the opportunity to build upon the foundation our Trustees and Association staff have built. I am passionate about keeping Muirfield Village a great place to live and enjoyable for everyone.

There are a number of projects in process or being planned at the moment. The Association staff has been working diligently to enhance the entrances and common grounds as we enter the warmer months. Did you know they spread 1,200 cubic yards of mulch and planted over 30,000 flowers this year! We have a maintenance staff of approximately 20 working to keep our paths, common areas and pools up to date and clean for you. As the City of Dublin slogan goes, "It's Greener in Dublin," we are trying to become more "green" environmentally. We are continuing our recycling program at the pools again this year. It is our goal to be a progressive and modern community by developing environmentally responsible programs and ask you to participate in them. In the spirit of modernization, our Website Development Committee is helping us to use more cost-effective communications vehicles. Chris Curry is leading the subcommittee and trying to find better uses of technology for our communication and service to you. As a starting point, we are simply asking for everyone's email address so we can alert you of notifications (between newsletters) such as notice of pool closures or accidents or construction zones within the community. Thanks to Chris and his team!

It is a difficult balance enforcing the original guidelines without being viewed as the "neighborhood police." It is our goal to take a consultative approach with the residents while respecting the deed that we are directed to enforce. Through the Long-Range Planning Committee, Scott Streater and his team have focused on updating our standards. One result, recently incorporated, is free consultative sessions for architectural and landscape design. We are obligated to address concerns expressed about properties not being maintained, but now have an approach of problem identification by partnering with the resident on problem solving. We have found more win-win situations through our consultative approach so far. Thanks to Scott and his team!

In closure, we are looking forward to continuing the improvements and initiatives in process and making Muirfield an even better place to live. We are always open to your suggestions, so please consider passing them along. Enjoy these last days of summer! *Jeff*

### LEAF PICKUP

Piling leaves and grass clippings in the wooded common areas is prohibited. It encourages mold and fungus detrimental to the health of the trees and provides a vermin habitat. Who wants to encourage rodents to take up nesting near

their homes? What an unnecessary practice since the city picks up leaves, branches and other yard waste for free! It's hard to believe that some residents actually rake leaves from alongside the street into the woods (the next pouf of wind blows them back to the yard) when they could have piled

them for pickup and gotten rid of them correctly and permanently! With fall approaching, please follow Dublin's procedures for collecting and disposing of fall leaves properly. Questions regarding leaf pickup can be answered by calling Dublin Street and Utilities, 410-4750, or the chipper/leaf hotline, 410-4780.

### "Update your Muirfield Home" Seminars a Big Hit

Over 80 residents attended each of two free seminars at The Country Club of Muirfield Village co-sponsored by both the Muirfield Association and the Muirfield Village Civic Association, amazing the organizers. Certified Landscape Architect John Reiner, a Muirfield resident and Homeowners Association Trustee, brought his landscape design staff from Oakland Nursery and presented ideas on how to upgrade overgrown landscaping, update to new, more attractive design ideas, as well as adding creative "hardscaping" (pavers, seat walls, fountains, outdoor kitchens, etc.) to enhance outside appearance and livability. His power point show and talk have inspired 41 residents so far to request the free one-hour consultation from John sponsored by the Association to encourage residents to brainstorm ideas for landscape changes with a professional in the field.

The same enthusiastic reception greeted Dublin Architect Richard Taylor who brought his staff to offer ideas and answer questions about kitchen and bath updates. Rich serves on the Design Control Committee of the Association, and has been contracted by the Board to give residents a free one-hour consultation on architectural changes including room addi-

tions, structural changes and interior updating of kitchens, bathrooms, or any part of the home. About 30 residents have already availed themselves of his services, and the Association office is seeing a marked increase in requests for plan approvals of home improvements and landscaping.

**"This is an amazing service, not offered by any other Homeowners Association anywhere in the country that we know of" said Bob Fathman, Homeowner's Association Trustee**

Both Reiner and Taylor's consultations are done in-home, up to one hour in length free, and are arranged by calling the Association office, 889-0922. "This is an amazing service, not offered by any other Homeowner's Association anywhere in the country that we know of," said Bob Fathman, Homeowner's Association Trustee, who also chairs the Civic Action Committee of the Muirfield Village Civic Association. "Muirfield is now over 30 years old, and the Board is doing this to keep the homes fresh and up to date, just as the Board has been doing with Muirfield's amenities like the

pools, putting green, hot tubs and more."

Muirfield Association General Manager Walter Zeier was at both of the seminars to encourage homeowners to upgrade, explaining the ease of getting plans approved now by the Association's Design Control Committee.

Paula Linehan, the Muirfield resident who serves on the MVCA's Civic Action Committee where the seminar idea originated, organized the events, thanking fellow residents John League and Jackie Miller for their help in putting together the programs. "This is a wonderful community, one of which we are all proud," she said. "Homes are one of our biggest investments in life, and updating them preserves and enhances that investment, and helps the entire Muirfield community." Residents have asked that these kinds of seminars be continued, and both Boards will be exploring this cooperative venture for the future. The Country Club provided the meeting space at no charge, partnering in the project, and the presenters donated their time. "What a great place this is to live, so many people willing to help each other. We can all be so proud to be a part of Muirfield," concluded Jeff Stucke, president of the Muirfield Association Trustees.

*Article submitted by Bob Fathman, Trustee and Civic Association member.*

## GARDEN CLUB WINS AT STATE CONVENTION

Muirfield Village Garden Club president, Carol Homon and yearbook chairperson, Pam Ellinger represented the club at the Annual Convention of The Garden Club of Ohio. The convention was held in Cincinnati on April 13-14. The club won awards in every category entered! First place was awarded to our yearbook. The yearbook is published annually, and includes a directory of members, a schedule of meetings with topics and other related information. First place was also awarded to our Junior Gardening Program. This was successfully launched last summer, and



was offered again this summer. First place

was awarded to our invitations and third place to our club brochure. Our three first place award winners will move on to the Central Atlantic Regional Convention and possibly the National Convention, for further consideration.

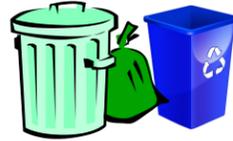
The Muirfield Village Garden Club meets the second Monday of each month, from March thru December. All residents of Muirfield are invited to join the Garden Club. If you are interested in joining the Garden Club, please contact Karen Swecker at 760-5485.

Seventeen boys and girls attended the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Junior Gardeners Program Monday, June 28<sup>th</sup> at



the Holbrook Recreation complex gazebo.

The program provided students with hands-on experience with seeds and plants and then they enjoyed tasty "dirt pudding". Each student took home a self-potted marigold plant, song book, a tree seedling, and a book entitled From Seed to Plant.



We've been asked by numerous residents to remind everyone of refuse storage and collection requirements and tree trimming removal:

Refuse and recycling is collected on Wednesdays in Muirfield Village.

All refuse containers and recycling materials must be kept inside a covered building except on collection day.

Refuse and recycling containers shall be placed at the curb (not in the street) by 7 am on collection day and removed from the curb within 24 hours.

Refuse and recyclables should be kept in covered containers; if not fitted with a secure lid, refuse should be secured inside tightly-tied plastic bags.

Containers shall not exceed a 33-gallon capacity or weigh more than 50 lbs.

Bulk materials such as boards, fencing, paneling or carpeting should be cut into four-foot lengths and tied in 18-inch bundles weighing no more than 50 lbs.

Loose materials such as rocks, sod, bricks, blocks, dirt, sand and cement must be bagged, boxed or placed in trashcans and weigh no more than 50 lbs.

Cardboard boxes used as receptacles will not be picked up if they have become wet.

Retrieve all trash and papers that escapes from your refuse containers. Your neighbors appreciate your consideration.

Tree trimmings, grass clippings and yard waste shall be contained in composting bags and placed at the curb (not in the street) by 7 am on Mondays.

Tree trimmings shall be less than 4' in length and contained in composting bags or bundled with string and stacked with cut end toward the street.

Dublin's chipper service will dispose of bigger tree and shrub trimmings. The chipper can accept limbs less than 8" diameter and longer than 4' length. Call Dublin's Streets and Utilities Chipper Hotline at 410-4780 to arrange for collection.

Tree and shrub clippings only. Clippings which include vines will not be picked up.

Roots cannot go through the chipper. Roots must be cut up and put in composting bags for Monday pickup.

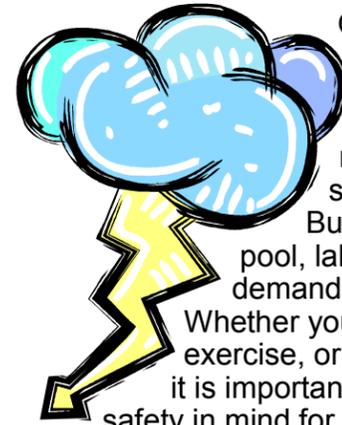
Trimmings must be piled within 6' of the curb or at the end of the drive, piled neatly with cut end toward the street. Do not pile near mailbox, fire hydrants or parked cars.

Tree trimmings piled along the side or rear of the property or along the boulevards will not automatically be picked up without contacting Streets & Utilities.

**This has become a real problem in some neighborhoods and is totally unnecessary.**

Please call Dublin's Streets & Utilities Chipper Hotline, 410-4780, to arrange for this free pickup service.

## Safe Swimming Policies Thunder or Lightning



One of the superb joys of a hot summer day is swimming.

But water, in a pool, lake or ocean, demands respect.

Whether you swim for exercise, or just for fun, it is important to keep safety in mind for a pleasant, stress-free day in the water.

"If you can see it, flee it; if you can hear it, clear it," is a water-safety slogan from the National Lightning Safety Institute.

Whether you're in an indoor or outdoor pool, if you can see lightning or hear thunder, it is time to get out. Lightning can not only strike the pool, it can travel along electrical lines, pipes and other conduits, connected to the pool structure, even shocking swimmers indoors.

Muirfield Association's position is that the pool and deck area are evacuated and residents are asked to leave the facility.

Those riding bicycles or walking are encouraged to have a back-up plan in place with their family to pick them up in the event of a storm. If a resident has no safe option for getting home, they will be asked to wait in a sheltered area near the restrooms until someone can come pick them up. The pool facility will remain closed for at least 30 minutes after the last thunder is heard or lightning sighted.

### Safe Swim Diapers

Proper swim diapers are required for entry to any of the Muirfield pools, including the baby wading pools. Swim diapers serve the purpose of protecting both the bathing suit and the

pool water from the child's excrement. It is obvious to detect regular diapers as the polymers and cotton absorb water causing the diaper to swell. Swim diapers are not as absorbent. They are designed mainly for easy clean-up after a swim. Strong elastic around the leg holes and waistband contain fecal matter, along with any virus or bacteria that may accompany it. For safety issues, Muirfield Association pools require the use of swim diapers. Children using swim diapers should be changed regularly and taken to the bathroom at least once every 30 to 60 minutes to prevent leakage of fecal matter. Parents of ill children or those with diarrhea are asked to keep their children home. Families will be asked to leave the pool facility if appropriate swim diapers are not used.

The safety of our residents far outweighs the inconvenience of closing the pools for either of these issues. We appreciate your cooperation and encourage parents to have a plan in place for getting children safely home in the event of inclement weather and come prepared with proper swim diapers for youngsters.

## PATH REPAVING

Maintenance crew will be traveling paths in the next few weeks looking for areas most in need of repaving or resealing. This annual inspection assures the overall quality of our private pathways. Paths affected will be temporarily blocked with caution tape and signs posted. Please give repairmen space to work and the paving materials time to cure before traveling along that stretch of pathway.

## GONE FISHIN'

Did you know you could spend a leisurely afternoon fishing and re-connecting with nature without leaving your community? Muirfield Village residents are welcome to enjoy fishing at any of the association's twelve ponds that are stocked with catfish, crappie, bass, and blue gill. The ponds are also stocked with the sterile triploid white amur carp that controls aquatic weed growth. There is a perfect spot nearby where you can explore the joys of fishing just for fun!

There are access easements around most of the association-owned ponds although there are a few properties where lot lines extend beyond the bank and into the water. Avoid loitering near homes that are in close proximity to the waters' edge; there are many open areas to enjoy the experience! If you are unsure whether there is an easement across a 'suspect' area, avoid it and fish in another spot, or stop by the Association office for clarification. Taking home fishing and food supplies brought along for the adventure will ensure the safety of the waterfowl and keep the waters' edge clean and inviting for all.

The association-owned ponds are indicated in dark blue on the Muirfield Village map. Take note that both golf clubs have ponds within their golf courses that are private property and non-members are asked not to trespass.

Snap a picture and let us know if you catch a 'big one'!

