



The Village Voice

For Muirfield Village Residents Compliments of Muirfield Village Civic Association



Muirfield Village
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GENERAL INTEREST: IN AND AROUND THE VILLAGE

THE GLAMOROUS ROARING 1920!!!

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 a 1920's inspired 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 on Bridge Street, near the center of historic Dublin, serves over 200 Dublin families each month and over 2,400 people were served last year. To learn more please visit 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 and Tan has raised over \$100,000 for Dublin based charities.

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THE BUNKER: PARTY FOR CHARITY!

Tournament Week in Muirfield is always great fun, and it just gets better every year. Passes are ordered, landscaping is made pristine, out of town friends and relatives arrive, and once tournament play ends each day many of us are looking for places to keep the good times rolling.

Two years ago The Country Club at Muirfield Village introduced The Bunker, designed to be "the biggest and best party of Tournament week." Located in the parking lot adjacent to the Country Club, the event has live bands, food, drinks and the company of your fellow Muirfield neighbors.

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CIVIC ACTION COMMITTEE

Update on Muirfield Tunnels, Bike Paths and More

You've seen the construction underway in and near Muirfield on tunnels and shared-use paths. A stretch of shared use path on Glick was recently completed, and the tunnels will be finished by May 1. Civic Action Committee Chair **Bob Fathman** says, "*the City has made some great progress, but we will be seeing even more construction on the Glick path in 2013*". Additional construction will continue east from the new section of path to the one-block segment from Muirkirk to Dublin Road that already exists. Design work is underway for another section of path, along Concord Road from Glick to the Tartan Fields golf cart bridge. The City will work with the Township and Delaware County to connect to the path leading to Eli Pinney Elementary. No construction schedule has yet been established but look for this in the near future. Eventually the path will connect Avery Road to Dublin Road along the south side of Glick.

Terrific news about the Brand Road path: this year will see its completion, including construction of a roundabout at the intersection of Coffman Rd. This path will then extend from Dublin Road all the way

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Members of Howard Hanna/Real Com Realty in front of their Muirfield Square Office!

RESIDENT PROFILE

GAYLE SCRASE

Muirfield Square, the nine-pod office area in the center of Muirfield at the intersection of Memorial and Muirfield Drives, has held a number of businesses over the years, from a Carfagna's market and the much loved Girardi's Bistro & Pizza, to the infamous, FBI-raided National Century Financial. We have profiled other businesses there in past issues, such as Noah's Ark Veterinary Hospital. This issue looks at a Muirfield resident who now hopes to grow her clientele in the group practice there.

After retiring from a long career in teaching elementary and secondary schools in Michigan, Muirfield resident **Gayle Scrase** moved here and changed to a position in real estate. After 9 years with Coldwell Banker/ King Thompson, she decided to move to Real Com Realty right here in Muirfield. Just this last February, the firm she works with, Real Com Realty, became a "branched" office of Howard Hanna Real Estate, the 4th largest real estate firm in the country. Working out of an office close to her home was a natural fit for Gayle, who is very involved in the Muirfield and Dublin community.

Gardening has always been one of her passions and with her love for her community here, she has been a member of the Muirfield Garden Club for over 10 years. Gayle has held positions from president, ways and means, to publicity. She has also been a member of the Muirfield Village Civic Association and presently serves as the secretary for the Muirfield Association's Grounds and Facilities committee. In her profession, she has held the office of VP and President of the Greater Dublin Realty Association.

Another passion of Gayle's is working out at the Dublin Community Recreation Center, taking advantage of the walking track, numerous weight machines and of course the swimming pool. If you see a female at one of Muirfield pools swimming feet-first at a pretty good speed (yes, you read that right!), it is Gayle doing her "overhead sculling" - a skill she does for exercise from her synchronized swimming past.

With the Howard Hanna office and Gayle's business on a growth track, many Muirfield residents are hopeful that Muirfield Square may attract other businesses, one day again becoming the site of a café or coffee shop, a walk or bike-to social gathering spot for Muirfield residents.

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If you or your company would like to become a sponsor or you have a live auction item for The Black and Tan please contact **Jennifer Elliott** 761-9508 or **Stephanie Iacono** 356-3551.

Mark your calendar and look for invitations in March!!!

The DFP is a pantry of choice, meaning that the recipients shop in a grocery store like area that is stocked with a variety of food and even has non-food items like soap, toothpaste, laundry detergent, toilet paper and diapers.

Funds raised from events like Black and Tan and other donated monies are used to purchase food from the Mid-Ohio Food Bank at a reduced price.

The DFP is a faith-based non-profit organization under the aegis of a Board of Trustees and supported by eleven local churches. Hundreds of volunteers from teenagers to senior citizens are responsible for the operation of the pantry. They transport food, breakdown and prepare foods, stock freezers and shelves, assist recipients as they shop, organize food drives, and promote the pantry in the community.

The Pantry is open to recipients three times a week, one morning, one afternoon and one evening. In addition to the regular weekly food assistance there is a special program each November called the Harvest of Help that provides turkey, all the trimmings, and more for over 300 Dublin families and individuals who, otherwise, would have bleak Thanksgiving.



Event Recaps



SWEETS AND TREATS WITH SANTA

Muirfield children and their families gathered on December 1st to kick off the holiday season. They shared cookies, cocoa and a special visit with Santa. Thank you for all those who attended. A special thanks goes out to Santa as well!

THE MUIRFIELD GARDEN CLUB WRAPS UP 2012

The Garden Club wrapped up another wonderful year this past December. We ended fall with a class on organic lawn care, which did us all a bit of good after the hot, dry summer we had. We also had a challenging hands on decorating class taught by the remarkable, Lynn Fronk of the Creative Arrangers Garden Club. We made our own decorative wreaths that we could use for the Holidays.

The Garden Club continue to help Muirfield, Dublin and the surrounding communities with our support, ongoing projects and contributions to many organizations, including The Welcome Warehouse, the Dublin Library, the Dublin Food Pantry, the Marysville Reformatory and of course our own Muirfield Village. We finished off the year in December with a festive luncheon at Mary Kelley's where we installed our new officers and were entertained by past Muirfield resident pianist **Dave MacDonald**.

The Club has shown an amazing growth in numbers and continues to grow. If interested in joining or learning more about the Muirfield Village Garden Club, please contact **Gina Fathman**, our Membership Chairman at 614 798-0031 or email ginafathman@yahoo.com.



Garden Club members work together to create holiday wreaths during a decorating class last fall



SUSTAINABLE DESIGN IN MUIRFIELD'S OUTDOOR LIGHTING

Nearly every article you read regarding a new school, office, or government building will mention the “Green” or “Sustainable” aspects of the building. The original planners of Muirfield Village were ahead of their time by including many of these basic concepts in the original layouts and in the Design Standards that they established.

Outdoor Lighting is one small section of the Design Standards yet it has a big impact on every one of us. You will notice as you drive into Muirfield Village after dark that the street lighting is unique. It is on lower poles, only placed at intersections or where necessary, and uses shielded fixtures to eliminate glare onto adjacent property. This same concept was also intended to be carried through to the outdoor lighting on your home. The intent of the exterior lights on our homes is to light the areas where we walk and provide safety. Does your home send light out beyond the immediate area of your walk or drive? Does it shine up or out, instead of down, where it would actually do its job? Does it glare in the eyes of you or your neighbor as you drive down the street or sit on your porch?

Your light should not leave your property, or you are contributing to the light pollution problem. Light pollution is an umbrella term representing all forms of misused artificial light, including

light trespass, light glare, sky glow, and light clutter. Light pollution also inhibits night viewing of stars, affects sleep patterns of humans, and can disrupt the migratory patterns of birds. So let's be part of the solution and help keep Muirfield Village “green”.

Small ways to help around the exterior of your home (and save money):

- Remove or loosen all but one of the bulbs in a multi-bulb fixture. You will find that it still provides adequate light, reduces glare, and saves energy.
- Use a 15 or 25 watt bulb. You will be surprised how much light a single small bulb will produce on a dark night outside.
- Aim spot lights down so that you cannot see the bulb from outside your property.
- When looking for new fixtures, shop for cutoff fixtures that direct the light down, not out.

All of these will make your home more attractive, as you will now be able to actually see your home rather than seeing the light!

Muirfields Listings



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With common interests and similar long-term goals in mind, it made sense that Muirfield resident's, **Kent & Julie Mercker, Mike & Nicole Durant**, and Tartan residents **Brad & Stephanie Infante** decided to partner together to open the doors of Peak Performance earlier this year. Peak Performance, located at 8628 Industrial Parkway, just 5 minutes from Muirfield, is a 3,200 square foot, fully equipped, boutique-style fitness facility aimed to help people of all ages, skill level and abilities achieve their personal fitness goals.

Both Kent Mercker and Mike Durant, who are long time friends, neighbors and retired major league baseball players, originally saw a need for a safe training facility to support young kids in their personal development. They saw so many kids who wanted to excel in their sport fail or become injured because of the lack of sound and safe personal development and training. With the opening of Peak Performance, Mike, who has trained and worked with high school teams and students through out Dublin, now has a home base to have his kids continue their training in their off season and continue working towards their goals while under his watchful eye.

However, "*Peak Performance has become more than a training facility for just kids*" says Mercker, "*we now have clients of all ages & abilities and backgrounds*". With the influence of his wife and business partner Julie, they now have an expanded offering to include fitness classes such as boot camp, body pump, zumba and yoga. Our clients can work out by themselves, choose between personal and group training, or attend a group fitness class. Julie say's "*no matter which option you choose, their goal to is to ensure PEAK continues to be a fun, safe place to work out with high quality instructors and trainers*".

The partnership between the three families works because they were friends first with so many common goals and interests. Both the Durants and the Mercker families are firmly rooted in Muirfield with kids who attend Dublin City schools and participate in many of the local sports teams. They love the amenities Muirfield offers and says the boutique qualities of their fitness facility mirror those same qualities Muirfield Village offers it's residents. There is no better place to live and raise a family and do something you really love to do!

For more information on Peak Performance, please visit <http://peakofdublin.com>!



Mike Durant & Stacey Gotti, the personal trainers of Peak Performance



Mike trains a client at Peak Performance!

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to Jerome High School where a roundabout is to be installed at Brand and Hyland-Croy. More good news; the water tower serving Muirfield residents is rising next to the Bogey Inn and will be completed in 2014.

At press time there is no concrete information on what will become of the development proposals for the 12 acre Buck-

ner Farm in the center of Muirfield, nor the 167 acre Riviera Country Club. Proposals have been discussed, but no review is currently scheduled at Planning and Zoning. MVCA members will get news updates on these two proposals via e-mailed messages as more information develops.

MVCA Membership Registration

Thank you for your support.

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The MVCA is not affiliated with or financially supported by the Homeowners Association. Your voluntary contribution of \$30 helps support the many social and civic activates of the association. For additional membership information contact Sharon Custer 761-0704 or e-mail scuster08@gmail.com.

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Welcome New Members

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

Geoff and Ash Babbitt

Rick Evans and Cari Barnett

Donald and Holly Eckert

Bill and Danielle D'Onofrio

Andrew and Heriona Graham

Tai Yi

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 Sharon Custer 761-0704 or scuster08@gmail.com, and your record will be updated.)

President's Corner

Happy New Year!! Wow, when "they" say times flies, "they" aren't kidding! I feel like I just wrote this article a short time ago. And, now I'm doing it all over again.

So that means, the MVCA is ready to have an annual meeting. Our meeting is scheduled for Sunday, January 27th. Since time got away from us, the board has decided to combine our progressive dinner, which is normally held in the fall with our annual meeting. If you are interested, meet us at the Morgan House for drinks, appetizers, brief business and social time. This portion of the dinner is open to everyone. Then, if you have sent an RSVP and payment, continue on to the dinner and desserts at various other locations. Watch your emails for more details on both portions of the event.

I also thought I would let you know some details regarding our board. The MVCA Board of Trustees consists of nine members serving three-year terms. Each year, three members' terms end. This year, Mike Custer, Ray DiRossi and Michelle Fedurek have been voted back in for an additional three years. At our first board meeting of the year, officers are voted in amongst the nine board members. Just thought you might like to know how the President, VP, Secretary and Treasurer are determined.

For now – Cheers!

Chris Saneholtz

MVCA President

"The Bunker" CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

This year The Bunker is partnering with Ronald McDonald House Charities of Central Ohio. This partnership will lead to an expanded Bunker, making it a five-day place to party. Proceeds from the weeklong event will help fund the charity's 40-room expansion at the Columbus Ronald McDonald House, making it the largest House in the world for families of hospitalized children.

The jointly sponsored event is in the planning stage and seeking a "Presenting Sponsor" as well as other levels of sponsorships. Sponsorship packages include passes to the Bunker, Tournament tickets, parking and golf at the Country Club at Muirfield Village. There will also be a need for volunteers. Consider helping the Ronald McDonald House by becoming a Bunker Party sponsor, volunteering or at least by planning to attend this fun and charitable event in the heart of Muirfield. Be thinking about this, talk to friends and family, and look for more details as we approach the date.

One sneak prevue—the hugely popular local band, The Menus, will be back!

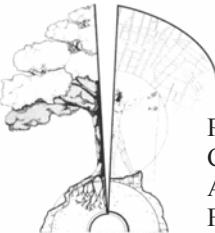


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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Save The Date

EMPTY NESTERS

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.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 24, 6:30 P.M. DINNER AT BABUSHKA'S KITCHEN, POLISH HERITAGE RESTAURANT

Enjoy dinner just like grandma made 5173 Sinclair Road. RSVP to Rita Johansen at kjohanse@columbus.rr.com by Jan. 18th.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 9 A.M. – NOON. CPR TRAINING BY WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT, FOLLOWED BY LUNCH AT FIRST WATCH

Learn first aid, adult and pediatric CPR and recognizing the signs of a heart attack. \$10/person for training RSVP to Sharon Custer at scuster08@gmail.com by Feb 1st.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 8 P.M. VALENTINE'S DAY WINE, CHEESE AND DESSERT EVENING

Take your Valentine out to dinner and then come to the Custer's for wine, cheese and dessert. Hosted by Mike and Sharon Custer RSVP to Sharon Custer at scuster08@gmail.com by February 8th.

SATURDAY, MARCH 16, ST. PATRICK'S DAY CELEBRATION

7 p.m. if you are wearing green. 11 p.m. if you're not! Hosted by Bob and Gina Fathman. Details to follow

THURSDAY, APRIL 11, 3:30 P.M.

Tour the Ronald McDonald House, followed by dinner at nearby restaurant. Details to follow

TUESDAY, APRIL 30 DINNER AT HISTORIC RED BRICK TAVERN WITH DIXIELAND BAND ENTERTAINMENT

Details to follow

COMING IN MAY

Visit the Columbus Decorators' Show House

COUPLES EUCHRE GROUP meets the second Friday of the month. If interested, contact Jackie Miller at 717-3790 or jacqmill@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 vernpace@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 gcuster08@gmail.com.

We're always planning new fun events. If you have any suggestions send them to Mike and Sharon Custer, scuster08@gmail.com.

FAMILY ACTIVITIES:

MVCA VALENTINES DANCE

Saturday February 9th at 6pm
Location: The Country Club at Muirfield Village. Please bring your family for a night of dinner, dancing and having fun with your neighbors. MVCA Members: \$25 adult, \$15 children. Non-Members: \$30 adult, \$20 children. Please contact Anne Spillman at aespillman@yahoo.com or (614) 302-2631 for more information or if you would like to volunteer at this event.

MVCA EASTER EGG HUNT

Saturday March 23rd at 2pm
Location: Muirfield Holbrook Complex, Muirfield Drive
Please contact Anne Spillman at aespillman@yahoo.com or (614) 302-2631 for more information or if you would like to volunteer at this event.

SAVE THE DATE:

MVCA Annual Meeting
and Progressive Dinner
Sunday January 27, 2013
Details to come

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Muirfield Family Activities Committee is looking for volunteers. We are in need of help planning the Valentines Dance to be held on February 9th. We are also in need of a chairman for the Easter Egg Hunt to be held on March 23rd and a chairman for the Movies under the Stars that will be held in July. If you are looking for a way to get more involved in our great neighborhood please contact Anne Spillman at aespillman@yahoo.com.



NEIGHBORLY REMINDERS:

POOP & SCOOP

Friendly reminder to dog owners: It is illegal in Dublin and a violation of Muirfield rules to fail to pick up after your dog. Please remember to take a few plastic bags on your walks and be a conscientious good citizen. Oh, and remember, take the filled bag home to pitch, don't litter our paths.

Nester Nuggets

WELCOME ABOARD

On September 7th over 30 Empty Nesters were “welcomed aboard” the S.S. Muirfield at the home of **Frank and Carol Pottmeyer** for an elegant evening of cocktails and dinner. The Captain’s Dinner event was co-hosted by **Cheryl and Dave Taylor**. The Empty Nesters, all decked out in evening attire and tuxes, enjoyed great wine and a fabulous catered dinner. A very special thanks to Frank, Carol, Cheryl and Dave for this wonderful evening!



Hosts and Hostesses Frank and Carol Pottmeyer and Dave and Cheryl Taylor



Mike Custer provides liquid refreshments

COUNTRY BOIL

For those of you who have never experienced this tasty concoction, a country boil is an all-in-one-pot supper of shrimp, lobster chunks, sausage, potatoes and corn.

Yum! **Barb and Kevin Hilyard** hosted the Empty Nester’s second country boil, and it was definitely a hit again. Kevin and Barb set country-themed tables for 43 hungry ‘Nesters’. Empty Nester pastry chef Sharon Custer provided Texas sheet cakes for dessert in keeping with the country theme. Following dinner **Sylvia Miller** led a sing-a-long of old favorites. Thanks Barb and Kevin for another great evening!



Country Boil cooking by Ken Johansen, Ron Bureau and Kevin Hilyard

CRAZY CARDS

On November 16th the Empty Nesters gathered at Riviera Country Club for a great Italian feast followed by games of Crazy Cards. Congratulations to the night’s card sharks - Mike Custer and Frank Pottmeyer. A big thank-you to Debbie Kelly and Peggy Pace for making arrangements for this fun event. And a special thank-you to Ed Kelly for trying to keep us organized!

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

The Empty Nesters always look forward to gathering together for Christmas. Tom and Gwen Weihe hosted the annual Empty Nester Christmas celebration on December 16th. The Weihe’s lovely Muirfield home provided two levels of good cheer, good food, drinks and lively conversation. Thanks Tom and Gwen for a wonderful holiday event!



Sylvia Miller leads the sing-a-long”



Empty Nesters sit down to a country feast



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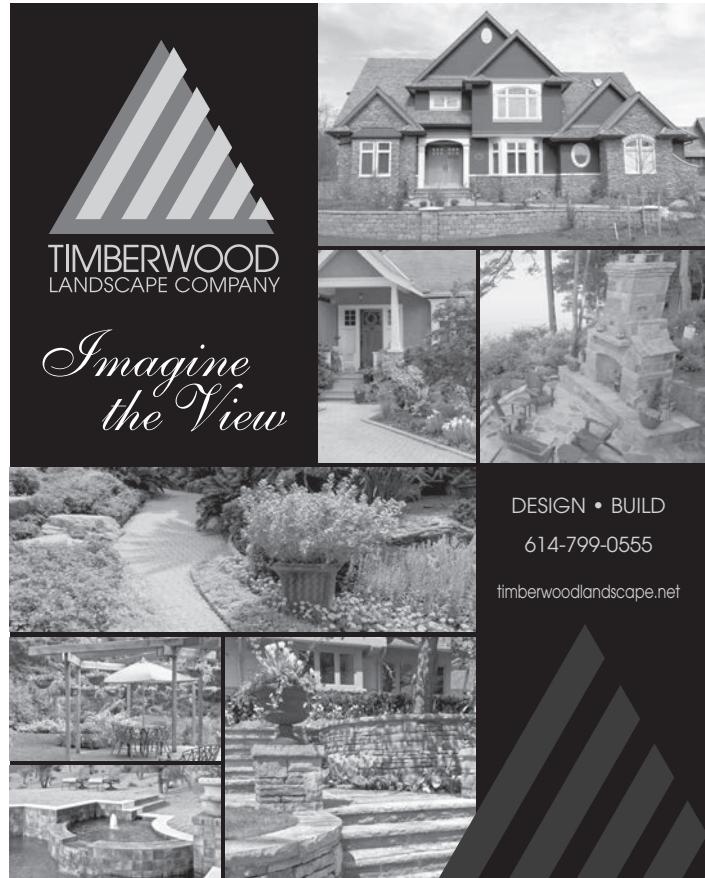
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Muirfield Shining Star!

Is there a great person 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 person who is involved a wonderful initiative, new or interesting business venture, someone who may have 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;
- Opened a New Business
- Volunteers/Works for a special organization and 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 at lesleyneave@mac.com.



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