

The Village Voice



For Muirfield Village Residents Compliments of Muirfield Village Civic Association

RACE DAY IN MUIRFIELD!!!

The weather was perfect Saturday May 9 to hold the MVCA's inaugural Mother's Day Run. There were 242 people registered to run or walk the streets of Muirfield and the results were outstanding!!

The race started and ended at The Country Club at Muirfield. Our Master of Ceremony and race starter was Dr. Carol Clinton, a Dublin resident, business owner, and ovarian cancer survivor. The first runner to cross the finish line was Zachary Pick, with an impressive time of 19:39 and a pace of 6:21/mile. The top female winner was Floor Backes of Columbus with a time of 24:04 and 7:48/mile pace. Awards were given to the top male and female winners for each age group!!

The MVCA Mother's Day race was truly a race for all ages! Our oldest participant was 68 years old and our youngest was 1 year old! After the race, runners and walkers enjoyed refreshments donated by local merchants – bananas from Trader's Joes, bagels by Panera Bread, and water by Giant Eagle.

Thanks to everyone who volunteered, sponsored, participated and donated to The Foundation for Women's Cancer. Excellent work by all for a worthy cause. The MVCA was able to raise over \$6,000 for The Foundation for Women's Cancer!!



CIVIC ACTION COMMITTEE

— Update —

Our road modernization projects are now at peak impact, and we have sent e-blasts, and will continue to do so, to keep you informed of lane and road closures.

The orange fences at the two new bike/pedestrian bridges on Muirfield Drive north of Brand [woo-hoo, we don't have to walk or bike in traffic lanes now!] will be replaced by early July with black metal railings. The manufacturer is behind on orders.

All last summer we suffered through dead flowers in the Brand/Muirfield Roundabout. Although the CAC notified the City horticulturalist in early May, well before the Tournament, because the plantings are contracted out and other bureaucratic steps necessary, replacement didn't occur until I think late August, and those roses all died of thirst. New plantings went in in mid-May, but unfortunately the weigela seemed to already be dead, though a call to the City assured they will be replaced well before you read this.

Riviera Golf Club: probably City Council will have approved housing here by the time this makes print, down from 284 planned originally to now 183 or fewer, with higher quality design standards than originally planned, greater

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NEW RECREATION OPPORTUNITIES CLOSE TO MUIRFIELD

MVCA Civic Action Committee Chair Bob Fathman tells us that Dublin has opened the second phase of Amberleigh Community Park at the east end of Memorial Drive. Included are a kayak or canoe launch site at the edge of the Scioto River and a long walking trail heading up-river through thick woods.

Beyond the children's play area and the beautiful, rentable shelter house, is a parking lot with 73 steps leading down to the river. As you can see in the photo, there is a steel rail alongside, allowing you to easily slide your craft down (or lug it back up!). The dam-controlled water level is fairly stable except after storms. Big turtles and impressive Blue Herons abound. You can avoid all the steps and just go for a pleasant, shaded walk in the woods on a new trail that is wide and thickly covered with wood chips. It starts either at the top of the stairs near the kayak point or up near the shelter house. Both starting points head you north and converge quickly. It is most beautiful when leaves are sparse, allowing you to see well into the woods.



For \$44 the Dublin Arts Council has arranged for you to rent a kayak and explore the Arts Council's riverbox project, through September. Learn more and book a trip at: <http://www.olentangypaddle.com/special-tour-events.php>

The newly completed bike and pedestrian bridges over the North Branch of Indian Run Creek, on either side of Muirfield Drive at Brand Rd., now allow residents to exit Muirfield at this point without being forced into busy traffic lanes. We can then connect to the year-old path along Brand Rd. and go east toward the Glacier Ridge Metro Park with its 9 miles of paved trails, west to Dublin Rd. and then south into Historic Dublin for the library or restaurants, or just south along Muirfield to take the kids on a ride to the UDF for an ice cream treat. Did you know that Dublin has more miles of bike path per thousand residents than any other Ohio city? Over 100 miles, plus Muirfield's 29 miles of private paths. Very special!

NEW EMPTY NESTERS LEADER

Sharon and Mike Custer have co-chaired the MVCA Empty Nesters group for the past 3½ years. We owe them a round of applause and our deep gratitude for their time and excellent efforts!! Sharon and Mike won't be going anywhere -- just passing the baton so to speak. Going forward, Diane van Deusen will serve as the Chair of the Empty Nesters. In this capacity, Diane will take on the role of coordinator for planning and helping to execute upcoming events. Diane and her husband Dave have lived on Tarton Circle for 10 years.

Feel free to reach out to Diane with any questions or ideas you have for the group: 9999graycie@gmail.com, 614-204-3517, 5912 Tarton Circle South.

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MUIRFIELD BIKE CLUB IS UP AND RIDING!

The newly-formed club for bicycle riding Muirfielders has gotten going, with rides every Thursday evening leaving at 6 pm from Glacier Ridge Metro Park. Riders meet at the flagpole at the north entrance to the park, and take off from there. Occasional weekend rides on the Kokosing Gap Rails to Trails path in Gambier, a family ride with kids and grandkids to see the bison and Nature Center in Battelle Darby Creek Metro Park, and other rails to trails rides have already occurred.

The longer rides usually include a stop at a café for a little socializing, and the rides often divide in two for more advanced, faster riders, and shorter, slower rides for the leisure rider. The group already has about 20 riders signed up, though the average ride might have 5 or 6.

You can get on the e-list to be invited to join the rides by e-mailing Bridget Lorentz at bridget@bridgetlorentz.com



Left to right, Bike Club founders Bridget Lorentz, and Richard Shirer, together with Bob Fathman and John League, on a ride at Glacier Ridge Metro Park

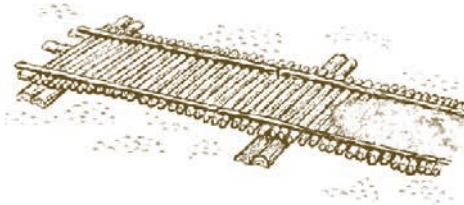
OLD POTTERY AND CORDUROY ROAD IN MUIRFIELD

CAC Chair and unofficial resident historian Bob Fathman continues the tale of Muirfield in the early 1800's. Around the time Dublin was platted as a village, Muirfield was basically forested, with areas increasingly being cleared for farming. Small settlements of Wyandot and Mingo Native Americans were in the area and wildlife included “panthers” (bobcats?), buffalos, timber wolves, plus wild turkeys so plentiful that settlers could shoot them out the windows of their log cabins. An occasional bear also stumbled through. Maple sap was harvested, and maple sugar and syrup were made at a “sugar camp” on Ashbaugh Rd. (parts of which today are Kinross and Drake Rds.)

Bob tells us that among the settlers were Adam and Nancy Price who came from Wales in 1828, bringing with them his broom-making business. Approximately where Memorial Drive is today, “Price Lane” led from Avery Rd. to the Prices’ log home, and then extended to Ashbaugh Rd. (Kinross) where the old church and current cemetery are located. The Prices had cleared trees to grow “broom corn”.

Just south of Price Lane/Memorial Drive, perhaps at the south edge of Muirfield Square or where Tarton Circle homes are now, was a large clay pit where in 1813 settler John Ashbaugh had formed a pottery works. He mostly made clay “porringers,” a low dish or bowl from which soup could be taken. Settlers could not bring many goods with them – it took 95 days to get here from Connecticut by wagon – so there was a need for basic tableware.

Selling brooms and porringers from a muddy road could be difficult, so the road quickly was turned into a “corduroy” road thanks to a plentiful supply of trees. A straight tree was felled, split in two lengthwise to make for a flat surface, and maybe covered with sand. These planks were laid transversely, allowing horses and buggies to get to these early Muirfield merchants and to the Mt. Zion Church and cemetery written about in the last issue of the Village Voice.



GOLF GROUP

The MUGS – Muirfield’s Unofficial Golfing Society (other names are also used) has resumed play for another season. The group is looking for new members and Muirfield residency is not required. All skill levels are welcome. The group plays at a variety of local courses every Monday morning during the local golf season. As a general rule the group plays courses within 30 miles and for under \$30 (18 holes with riding carts). Contact Ken Johansen, johakw@gmail.com if you are interested in joining the group.

Welcome New Members

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

Chris & Sarah Armstrong
Steve & Liz Buila
Bryan & Amanda Fry
Carmin Gade
Aaron & Julia Gates

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 membership@muirfieldvillage.org and your record will be updated.)

MVCA Membership Registration

Thank you for your support.

Please return to: Muirfield Village Civic Association
P.O. Box 381, Dublin, OH 43017

To save paper and postage, you are welcome to complete and submit the electronic form found on the MVCA website - www.muirfieldvillage.org, go to the membership page.

DATE:

FIRST NAMES:

LAST NAME:

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NEW MEMBER RENEWAL MEMBERSHIP

DATE OF MUIRFIELD RESIDENCY:

I have an interest in participating in or being kept aware of
(Please mark activity/activities):

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The MVCA is not affiliated with or financially supported by the Homeowners Association. All Muirfield residents are encouraged to voluntarily join the MVCA to receive email notifications about events and activities in Muirfield.

President's Corner

Hello fellow Muirfield Village residents!

I hope this newsletter finds you enjoying the dog days of summer and recovering from another amazing Memorial Tournament week.

This season is a great time to use our beautiful pools, tennis facilities, walking trails, and bike paths. Now is the time to utilize the best of what our unique neighborhood has to offer.

Are you doing your part to be a good neighbor by keeping grass cut, your dog leashed and outside noise to a minimum after dark? Part of what makes our neighborhood so wonderful is the pride we take in our community.

Speaking of community, you probably know by now that much of Dublin and parts of Muirfield Village continue to be under construction. I would like to take a moment and thank our Civic Action Committee chairman, Bob Fathman, for keeping all MVCA members in the loop about the most current construction happenings. If you are not a MVCA member and would like to receive this news blast, please consider joining our organization. Information about joining can be found on our website at muirfieldvillage.org.

Another big thank you goes out to everyone who participated in the MVCA's 1st annual Mother's Day 5k run/walk, which supports the Foundation for Women's Cancer program. The weather was beautiful, the turnout was excellent, and we raised thousands of dollars to support gynecologic cancer programs. Kudos to Jennifer Elliott for her insightful planning of what I hope will be an annual tradition.

I wish you all a safe, relaxing summer. Please be on the lookout for information on our adult progressive dinner in late August. And don't forget the sunscreen!!

Warmest Regards,

Mindy Miller
MVCA President

number of trees protected, and more than 50% of the developed area set aside for parkland. The new park there will be larger than Goodale Park in Columbus' Short North. We would have preferred the City turn it down, reject the additional rooftops, but it doesn't look likely at this writing.

Elections: the three at-large Council positions are up for re-election this year and the CAC will be developing some key issue questions to ask the candidates. We will bring you their responses, probably in an e-blast. All three incumbents, Rick Gerber, Mike Keenan and [Muirfield resident] Marilee Chinnici-Zuercher are expected to re-run, though only Gerber has announced that intent as of press time. They will be challenged by Kevin Walter and [Muirfield resident] Chris Groomes, with more challengers possible by the filing deadline in August. Stay tuned, and be sure you are registered along with any child turning 18 by the November election day.

We contacted Delaware County officials to finally take down months-out-of-date detour signs on Glick Rd.

An update to the popular "Muirfield List" of tradespeople has now been distributed to members.

COMMEMORATIVE DONATIONS

The program of donating benches and swings to Muirfield is a wonderful way to honor and remember loved ones. A recent installation occurred the last week of April 2015. The "model" is Laddie" and the bench was donated by BethAnn and Jeff Hullinger to honor Beth's mother. The bench is in a very popular spot, alongside the basketball court at the Holbrook recreation complex, near the Association office.



DEDICATION PROGRAM

Muirfield has experienced a rapid decline in Ash trees due to infestation of the Emerald Ash Borer. Last year, we had to remove over 250 ash trees and expect to remove that many more by year end to prevent them from becoming a safety hazard to our residents. While the directors are studying the feasibility of a long-term solution to this problem, we are pleased to announce a new program that will enhance the common grounds of Muirfield Village and provide all homeowners an opportunity to share in beautifying our community.

Everyone will agree that our community of young families, retirees and singles seem to share the same values when it comes to honoring loved ones or notable family members. We are proud to offer the following:



For a donation of \$300, we will plant a tree (Oak, Maple or Locust) and erect a plaque, identifying your family member or loved one. The tree could be planted in a selected area near the Holbrook Recreation Complex or on a cul-de-sac island.

The plaque will be engraved with the donating family's name or the name of the person being honored.

For a donation of \$ 1,400, we will install a garden swing and erect a plaque. (pavers not included.) The swing could be placed along a pathway or around one of our lakes. The plaque will be engraved with the donating family's name or the name of the person being honored.



For a donation of \$850, we will install a garden bench and erect a plaque. The bench could be placed along a pathway or around one of our lakes. The plaque will be engraved with the donating family's name or the name of the person being honored.



Sample of plaque that will be anchored in ground near the memorial.

If you are interested in participating in this program, contact Sandy at the Association office, 889-0922, for details and ordering information.

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 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. 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.

MEN'S LUNCHEON GROUP INVITES YOU TO LUNCH WITH THEM!

On the first Friday of each month the problems facing our Muirfield community, the Dublin area and the world at large are discussed and misinformation shared at length by a "scholarly" and experienced group of residents. The Muirfield Men's Luncheon group meets at a different location each month, not because they are not invited back, but to experience new locations and a variety of fare from fine to casual.

Although no issues have been resolved, and there is no indication that any issue will be resolved in the future, the group continues to meet and is welcoming additional male participants to the discussions and friendship. Sometimes there is a speaker and the lunch usually begins promptly sometime around 11:45 and lasts until the checks come and the waitress collects the money. To be placed on the email announcement list you should be a member in good standing of the MVCA, and be either a good speaker or listener (those that are both tend to talk to themselves). Email your interest to **Don Miller** at mlunch@muirfieldvillage.org

Nominate Our Next

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 villagevoice@muirfieldassociation.org.

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Interested in volunteering for the Muirfield Village Civic Association, contact president@muirfieldvillage.org.



Thinking of selling?

The **busiest** months for Muirfield home sales are almost here!

	1st Quarter	2nd Quarter	3rd Quarter	4th Quarter	Total
# of Homes Sold in 2014	15	34	30	22	101

	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.
# of Homes Sold May-Oct.	12	16	16	6	8	11



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