THE PINK SHEET

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER FOR THE VILLAGE OF GATES MILLS FOR 75+ YEARS!

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If you are pleased with a painter, plumber or drapery maker, ask them to advertise in *The Pink Sheet*!

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Wednesday, May 1	9:30 a.m.	May Day Baskets, The Barn Garden Club—All welcome	
	7:00 p.m.	Community Club Book Group, Community House	
Thursday, May 2	5:00 p.m.	Architectural Board Meeting, Council Chambers, Town Hall	
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Saturday, May 4	9 a.m. to noon	Electronic Recycling, Service Department garages	
	12 -5:30 p.m.	Mayfield Fine Arts Showcase, Mayfield High School (free)	
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Monday, May 6	_		
Tuesday, May 7	4:00 p.m.	Board Meeting, Garden Club, The Barn	
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Thursday, May 9	6:30-8 p.m.	Gail McClelland's Artist Reception at the	
Friday, May 10	8 a.m 6 p.m.	Environmental Ed Center Open House & Plant Sale: 440-995-7550	
Saturday, May 11	10:00 a.m.	Puppucino Café at Addie's Cup Coffee Shop patio	
Sunday, May 12	7:30 a.m.	MOTHER'S DAY & BIRD WALK	
Monday, May 13			
Tuesday, May 14	7:30 a.m2 p.m.	Hazardous Waste Drop Off, Service Garages	
	10:30 a.m.	Luncheon & Program, Garden Club, The Barn	
Wednesday, May 15	5:00 p.m.	Historical District Subcommittee Meeting of the Architectural Review	
		Board, Council Chambers, Town Hall	
	5:30 p.m.	Spring Concert, Gates Mills Elementary School Gym	
Thursday, May 16	7:00 p.m.	Community Club Board Meeting, Community House	
Friday, May 17	10:00 a.m.	Summer Bridge Box Planting, Garden Club.	
Saturday, May 18	8-10 a.m.	Dinking for Doughnuts, Pickleball Courts	
Sunday, May 19	7:30 a.m.	BIRD WALK	
Monday, May 20			
Tuesday, May 21	5:30 p.m.	Council Meeting, Community House & online	
Wednesday, May 22	7-8 p.m.	How to Play: Beginner Pickleball, Pickleball Courts	
Thursday, May 23	11:30 a.m.	Community Club Luncheon & Program, Community House	
Friday, May 24			
Saturday, May 25	8:00 a.m noon	Plant Sale & Vintage Boutique, Esquire's Cottage (no dogs please)	
Sunday, May 26			
Monday, May 27		MEMORIAL DAY	
Tuesday, May 28			
Wednesday, May 29			
Thursday, May 30			
Friday, May 31	10 - 11 a.m.	Coffee With Safety Forces, Addie's Cup Patio	

Help Me Help You! Sal Prolizo: Call or text 440-465-0192

Want to get rid of those old cardboard boxes or piles of magazines? I can help!

I would like to offer my services to our community by picking up all of your paper recyclables and bringing them to Gates Mills Recycling bins. Please include only paper, newspaper, magazines, flattened cardboard, etc.

I can help flatten the boxes if needed. This FREE program is available to all residents.

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Facebook Laura Cotton Dear Villagers,

"The month of May is the gateway to summer", Jean Hersey, garden writer

Isn't that the rosiest quote for the merry month of May? Jean Hersey authored many books on gardening so her opinion matters. May is when trees and shrubs are budding and perennial plants start sprouting and spilling out into the garden. Recall the garden adage: the first year perennials sleep, in the second year they creep, and in the third year they leap! Yikes! It's time to divide those leaping perennials and share the wealth. Afterall, it's a Leap Year!

Villagers looking for just the perfect plant to fill an empty space in the landscape are in luck with two May events. On Friday, **May 10**th, **The Environmental Education Center** is having its Spring Sale & Open House from 8 AM to 6 PM. Because of its altitude, the facility had been the site of the old Coast Guard Station for the Great Lakes, and the ramshackle structure was rebuilt in recent years. These days it is part of the Mayfield City School District. If you have not gone to the sales, try to make it there this spring. The students are very helpful carrying flats and pots to your cars. The center is located at 390 County Line Road, which is the northern end of the road.

The Gates Mills Garden Club has been digging, dividing and repotting perennials since last fall all in preparation for the **Plant Sale and Vintage Boutique** at Esquire's Cottage, 1280 River Road, on Memorial Day weekend's Saturday, **May 25th** from 8AM to noon. Garden Club members will be on hand to advise on plant selection: sunny or shady, tall or short, linear of bunching, and then there is color to consider along with wet or dry locations. Some plants like their heads in the sun and feet in the cool shade. How to know? Write down your questions to ask club members, and be sure to look for vintage treasures in the barn and on the lawn. Members have been donating garden themed items since last year along with some "curiosities" for this fund raiser. Happy hunting! Cash, check, & Square.

Mark your calendars for **Puppucino** on May 11th from 9-11 AM at **Addie's Cup Coffee Shop**. Bring your leashed pooch into the Village proper for some treats and shopping. Donations to benefit the Chagrin Valley Beagles are on the docket. The Chagrin Valley Beagles was founded in 2015 to raise awareness to the sport of Beagling. The club keeps male and female 12" beagles that set off over hill and dale in hunts after the happy rabbit whiff. Human companions on foot accompany the beagles in this family friendly sport. What could be more fun than watching a crowd of mercurial, scent happy beagles running around chasing the ever elusive quarry. All you beagle owners know what I'm talking about. It's truly the thrill of the chase. Howling good fun! No rabbits allowed.



To learn more, visit: Chagrinvalleybeagles.com

May 2024 Gail Palmer





THE PINK SHEET

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As of the pre-printing date of the March issue, our website has had 167,158 visitors!
Hard copies are available by subscription to out of town readers. Details on the back cover.



The ENCORE - Gates Mills Music & Ideas Festival presented by ENCORE Chamber Music Institute is a wonderful way to engage with world class musicians and your Gates Mills community this June.

The ENCORE Chamber Music Institute was founded in 2015 by Cleveland-grown, globe-trotting violin soloist Jinjoo Cho who regularly performs in the world's most distinguished concert halls and festivals such as Carnegie Hall, Teatro Colon of Buenos Aires, and Herkulessaal of Munich. Bringing some of the biggest artists of the world back home with her, the ENCORE - Gates Mills Music & Ideas Festival is a gathering place for Northeast Ohioans to participate in diverse cultural conversations through the lens of music.

The festival coincides with ENCORE's Summer Academy Program which brings the most promising future leaders in the classical music field to Cleveland. From June 2 - 24, ENCORE's renowned artist-teachers and students from around the world will perform for audiences around Northeast Ohio and attend holistic masterclasses held at Gilmour Academy.

This year the festival theme is "Planet Earth." Artists will perform works inspired by the intimate relationship between creative individuals and the nature that surrounds them.

All are invited to 7 ticketed festival performances at noted venues like the Chagrin Valley National Park, Cleveland Museum of Natural History and Harkness Chapel. All are free for students, and two are free for all including the season finale performance on the Gates Mills Village Green. There are also over 40 classes open to the public.

The ENCORE - Gates Mills Music & Ideas Festival is a cultural and educational partnership between The Encore Chamber Music Institute and the Village of Gates Mills. Village organizations, including The Gates Mills Improvement Society, are festival sponsors helping to provide fun and educational musical experiences both for the Village and residents of Northeast Ohio. ENCORE is excited to be partnering with the Village and invite all residents to get involved by lending support, attending performances or classes or by hosting one of our exceptional visiting artist-teachers.

Visit ENCORECHAMBERMUSIC.org to sign up for our newsletter, donate or to reserve your tickets.

Email <u>operations@encorechambermusic.org</u> with questions or to inquire about home hosting a visiting faculty member.

Follow us on Facebook @encorechambermusic or Instagram @encore_institute.

Season Finale on the Gates Mills Village Green
June 23rd 3 pm - 5 pm

Tickets for the finale are free; RSVP is required: encorechambermusic.org

To purchase tickets to additional performances: encorechambermusic.org

Village of Gates Mills



May 2024

Hello Villagers,

The month of May brings many options to engage in our community. So, flip your planner pages to May and June and start penciling in your choices.

The Gates Mills Art Show runs through May 5th at the Community House. Admission is free. 117 pieces of art were selected for the show and competition from over 370 wonderful submissions. This exhibit is one of Northeast Ohio's most popular and beautiful shows.

On May 10th, the students at the Mayfield School District Environmental Education Center on County Line Road are holding their Spring Plant Sale. They have propagated and grown annuals, perennials, hanging baskets and more, all waiting to find their summer home in your yard.

On May 25th, The Gates Mills Garden Club will hold their annual plant sale and vintage boutique. "Doors open" at eight, but the line starts much earlier. Unique in its approach, all plants are from homes, yards and estates of GMGC members and gardeners. No longer a best kept secret, this is one of the best plant sales in the area because of the provenance of the perennials, shrubs and house plants.

On June 23, the Village Green will become the home of Camerata, a presentation of phenomenal chamber music as the culmination of the three-week Encore - Gates Mills Music and Ideas Festival. Admission is free. Some of the country's most accomplished musicians, mentors and prodigies will combine as the closing ensemble of the festival. We hope to create a powerful connection between the audience, the artists, and the music.

On June 21 and 22, The Gates Mills Garden Club is sponsoring its biennial Garden Tour featuring six private homes and the GMGC property on Chagrin River Road which features beautiful gardens and a variety of vendors selling specialty garden related items. We are fortunate that these homeowners have opened their yards for us to share the beauty they have created.

There are many ways to enjoy our Village, meet neighbors and create friendships. Try a picnic lunch, a cup of coffee or a play group at Marston Park. Hope to see you there.

Finally, the first of several council workshops on matters of strategic importance will be held on May 13 at the Community Center from 5-7 p.m. It will be live-streamed. Residents are welcome to participate. The topic will be how to protect, preserve and enhance the natural and scenic environment that affects the land, waterways, and wildlife of our Chagrin River valley. Come join us in a discussion of this important priority.

Working together in collaboration, we are moving the village forward.

Very truly yours,

Steven L. Siemborski Mayor, Village of Gates Mills (440) 423-4405 Ext. 122 Mayor@gatesmillsvillage.com

GATES MILLS BIRD WALKS 2024

We will be out rain or shine Sundays, 7:30 a.m. Children with adults are welcome.



John and Carol Lillich & Buster Banish

Questions: Buster Banish:
216.316.1621

May 5
Squire Valleevue Farm, CWRU
37125 Fairmount Blvd.
Hunting Valley
Use entrance on Fairmount Rd.

May 12
White North Property
3160 Chagrin River Road
(Corner of River Road and
Shaker Blvd.)
Park next to garages on right
side of property.

May 19
Squire Valleevue Farm, CWRU
37125 Fairmount Blvd.
Hunting Valley, OH 44022
Use entrance on Fairmount Rd.

Two Events for Gates Mills Residents Only

Electronic Equipment Recycling: NO TVs! Saturday, May 4th 9 AM - Noon

Bring your retired electronic equipment to the Gates Mills Service Department Drive to be recycled. (Across from tennis courts, 1470 Chagrin River Road)

Acceptable Materials

Computers/ laptops
Tablets/e-readers
Monitors (CRTS*, LCD, LED Flatscreens)
Keyboards, mice, cords, and other peripherals
Printers

Cell phones
Telecom equipment
Networking equipment
Servers
Video games

Stereo equipment

Electronic equipment batteries All accessories and cables

Ink and toner cartridges

DVD CD Players Cable boxes Media players

Non-acceptable Materials

Televisions – older tube model, projection, consoles
Household appliances
Paint or oil
Medical electronics
Mercury containing items – thermostats, etc.

Ballasts Light bulbs Smoke detectors Freon containing appliances

*Note: CRT monitor drop off will incur a recycling fee.

RESIDENTIAL HAZARDOUS WASTE MATERIAL DROP OFF AT THE SERVICE GARAGE TUESDAY, MAY 14TH FROM 7:30 AM TO 2:00 PM EARLY DROP OFFS NOT ACCEPTED.

Oil or solvent-based paint, sealers, primers, or coatings (aerosols or liquids)
Varnishes, polyurethanes, shellacs
Paint thinner, mineral spirits, turpentine
Pesticides, herbicides, fungicides
Caustic household cleaners
Pool chemicals
Automotive fluids, motor oil, car batteries
Adhesives, roof tar, driveway sealer
Kerosene, gasoline, lighter fluid

MATERIALS NOT ACCEPTED

Latex paint
Business waste
Explosives, gun powder, ammunition, flares
Medical waste, pharmaceuticals, medicine, or sharps
Batteries, Tires, Florescent Bulbs, Asbestos
Electronics
Appliances

Questions about drop off: call Town Hall: 440-423-4405

Community Club

Lissa Marie House of Designs

Prepare to be wowed by Lissa Marie's stunning custom designed formalwear and bridal gowns at our May luncheon.

Lissa Marie is an accomplished, recognized seamstress. She is a custom designer of formalwear and bridal dresses ranging from vintage to contemporary designs. She is known for reimagining an old existing dress into something current and fashionable. Her designs include prom gowns, pageant dresses, one of a kind performance costumes, bridesmaids dresses, mother-of-the bride gowns, and more. She has created designs for several television personalities. She has been recognized by both *Haute Ohio Magazines* and *Northeast Ohio Weddings*, and has appeared on local television station bridal segments.

Don't miss this opportunity to see unique historical clothing, a photo display of fashions from several eras in history, and

stunning formal/bridal gowns custom designed by Lissa Marie.



Thursday, May 23 11:30 a.m. - Community House

Please RSVP by noon on May 17 gmcclunch@gmail.com 440/423-1245 \$10 Guest Fee





Upcoming Events

May 1 at 7:00 p.m. - Book Club at the Community House: "Finding My Way," by Robin Schepper.

May 12 - Happy Mother's Day!

May 16 at 7:00 p.m. - Board Meeting

June 5 at 7:00 p.m. - "Killers of the Flower Moon," by David Grann.



Follow us on Facebook

Log into Facebook and enter @gatesmillscommunityclub into the search box.

Click on the "follow" button to see dates and new posts. Then hit the "like" button to help others find us.

Please send club photos and information to Laura Cotton for our Facebook Page:

gatesmillsccfb@gmail.com



Dinner on the Patio Sara's Place Wednesday, June 19

Details in the June Pink Sheet



*Free pup cups and treats for your pooch *Free donut per person while supplies last

*What the Raw Doggie vendor

*Water stations

*Rain or Shine

*All dogs must be leashed

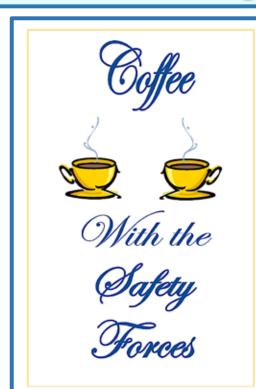
*Donations accepted to benefit Chagrin Valley Hunt Beagles



Addie's Cup
has TWO special
events in the
Village this
month!

Mark your calendars!

Bring a friend— 2 or 4 legged!







Friday, May 31 **10 am to 11 am**

Join members of the Gates Mills
Police and Fire Departments at
Addie's Cup for an informal event for
our residents to get to know each
other and their First Responders.
We would like to thank Laura Berge
for hosting the event and we look
forward to seeing you there!

Gates Mills Police Department

Proud to Serve...Sworn to Protect

From Your Police Department:

Please mark your calendars for Friday, May 31 from 10:00 a.m., to 11:00 a.m. In partnership with Addie's Cup, we will be holding "Coffee with the Safety Forces" with members of the police and fire departments. This event will take place outside Addie's Cup under the canopy to accommodate guests. This will be an informal get together to speak to residents about the safety forces. A big THANK YOU to Laura Berge for hosting this event for us.

Last month, I mentioned we would be highlighting the remainder of our full-time police officers and their extra duty assignments. Much of what they do is above and beyond just responding to calls for service and basic patrol.

Ptl/SRO Arch Kimbrew: Arch is a 25-year member of the department. Arch is completing his sixth year as our School Resource Officer (SRO). In addition, he provides extra patrol support when school is not in session and is certified in assisting with evidence collection.

Ptl. Charlene Strasshofer: Char is the longest serving member of the department serving for 37 years. Her duties include general patrol, maintaining current residents' contact information, key file management, safety town instructor, etc.

Ptl. Jessica Newsome: Jessica is a five-year member of the department. Her duties include general patrol, certified crime prevention specialist, evidence collection, and a member of the regional Drone team, (UAS).

Ptl. Dylan Hooker: Dylan is a three-year member. Prior to working in Gates Mills, he was an officer at the Cleveland Clinic. His duties include, general patrol, ALICE Instructor, firearms instructor, etc.

Ptl. Mitchell Cole: Mitchell is a three-year member. His duties include, general patrol, radar sign coordinator, radar unit maintenance officer, and firearm range assistant, defensive tactic instructor in training.

And finally, Dorothy Sulinski and Jean Misch who are at the front desk. Both do a great job with answering the phones, data entry, and assisting in any way possible. Also, we have six part-time police officers who support our patrol division assisting with road coverage when F/T officers are off during vacation, holiday, comp time, training, and sick leave. We are fortunate to have all of them.

Gregg Minichello
Chief of Police
(440) 423-4405 ext. 112
gminichello@gatesmillsvillage.com



Gates Mills Fire Department

Thomas Majeski, Chief Office: 440-423-1580 email: firechief@gatesmillsvillage.com

April showers bring us May flowers...

We all love the spring weather and being able to enjoy the outdoors. Along with the pleasant weather many of us will be outside using power equipment to accomplish our landscaping tasks. Here are some safety points to keep in mind:

- Never burn brush, yard waste, or trash. The State of Ohio has a no-open-burn regulation that prohibits burning brush, yard waste, and trash in a municipality.
 Possibly, establish a compost pile to help protect the environment.
- Never run power equipment inside a garage. Carbon monoxide gas accumulates rapidly and is odorless and colorless.
- Never fuel equipment inside a garage. Any spillage can become a fire hazard.
- When refueling power equipment, turn off equipment and let cool for several minutes before refueling.
- Follow safety instructions provided by manufacturers for the equipment being used and operated.
- Waste oil and stale gasoline from equipment should be contained and recycled.
- Wear appropriate safety equipment-- glasses, gloves, hearing protection.

Until the next Pink Sheet...

Chief Thomas Majeski

THE GATES MILLS HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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Look at all our photos of Gates Mills through the years and our previous Pink Sheet pages on our Facebook page.

The Museum is open by Appointment

440.423.1040

The Red Fox Inn is not reopening, but...

THE KISH FAMILY GALLERY

at The Southwick House Museum is!

Please join us on Friday, June 14th
for the Annual Meeting and grand opening!

Cocktails & Heavy Hors d'oeuvres

Catered by Sara's

6 to 8 PM



Name(s):
Guests:
Telephone:
Email:
\$47 per person Total Enclosed
Make checks out to: The Gates Mills Historical Society. Your check is your reservation.
Mail the above form and check by Monday, June 10 th to:
Gates Mills Historical Society, P.O. Box 191
Gates Mills, OH 44040
Questions, please call Marcia Anselmo: (440) 423-1040

Congratulations to Gates Mills Police Officer Arch Kimbrew

On April 10th, President Marcia Anselmo honored Ptl. Arch Kimbrew's 25 years of service to the Gates Mills Police Department. Arch serves as the School Resource Officer at Gates Mills Elementary School and has additional responsibilities. Ptl. Kimbrew started his career back on March 5, 1999, and today his name was added to the Historical Society's 25 Years of Service to the Gates Mills Police Department plaque that is proudly displayed in the Town Hall lobby.







From the Service Department: "Yours in service since 1920"

In this month's article, the Mayor has asked me to provide an update on this year's construction projects throughout the Village and information pertaining to a few of the current Villages ordinances that require approvals and permits.

As everyone is most likely aware, the Mayfield Road Culvert Replacement project has begun. This project is a full replacement of the existing culvert under the east side of Mayfield Road. The project is expected to take approximately 90 days to complete and local lane closure will take place in the construction area. All motorists are asked to slow down and proceed with caution through the marked work area.

The 2024 Road Paving work is expected to begin in May. In a joint project with Chester, the Village will be performing a complete pavement resurfacing of County Line Road from border to border. The project will also include the complete replacement of the stormwater culvert just north of the Mayfield Road intersection.

With the warmer weather comes the usual exterior maintenance work for homeowners. Two common projects throughout the Village are tree trimming/removal and the installation of fences. The Village currently has ordinances that regulate this type of work.

By ordinance, general tree maintenance without a permit is limited to trimming or pruning only. For the complete removal of trees, a tree removal permit may be required depending on the number, size, and condition of trees to be removed.

The installation or replacement of fencing is another common summer project. The Villages Planning and Zoning Code does limit the height of all fencing based on location and does require the "finished" side to be located on the outside or towards the neighboring properties. A permit is required for all new fence installation or replacement projects

Please contact the Building Department before beginning any type of tree or fence installation work to insure correct compliance with the necessary regulations.

Yours in Service.

David L. Biggert

Service Director/Building Official

David L. Biggert



Gates Mills Land Conservancy

Preserve Protect Together May 2024

Since Gates Mills Land Conservancy began in 1988 community members have placed 20 properties comprising 308 acres, on Conservation Easements with the GMLC.

Each property has its own unique story. Some had been preserved for their historical significance, some were properties held by multi-generational families, others were conserved for their geological significance or endangered species, and some were slated for development. Each of these stories has at their core, a love of some of the most scenic vistas and spectacular topography of the Western Reserve.

- The <u>Colvin Road</u> CE, is a tract of land left behind by the Cleveland & Eastern interurban railroad. It runs behind the Gates Mills Elementary School and across a ravine. Two longtime residents gave easements on their properties to secure the land that was part of the railway's right-of-way.
- The conserved 19 acres on <u>Woodstock Road</u>, some of the finest hillside land in the village, had been home to a multi-generational Gates Mills family for nearly 100 years. The addition of another 14 acres on Woodstock, was an especially strategic gift because it adjoined the already conserved 19 acres. It preserves the hillside ecology and scenic view along Berkshire Road and the west side of the Chagrin River.
- Running east into the gorge that drops off from the top of <u>Berkshire Road</u> are six and a half acres of beautifully wild land known as "The Point". This conserved land is a gift of geological interest and natural beauty. Adjoining it is another conserved land that leads down to the gorge, a habitat of deer and other flora and fauna.
- Both the Metroparks and the Land Conservancy tried to acquire 100 acres at <u>Wilson Mills and Chagrin River Roads</u>, but lost it to a developer. The developer planned to put 15 homes on 45 acres that lie inside Gates Mills. Instead, the Conservancy worked out a scenic easement with him, and he agreed to build only 10 homes and protect the sensitive hillside areas. A portion of each lot remained undeveloped and almost half of the total land had been preserved against development.

In each case the entire community owes a debt of gratitude to the generosity and foresight of our neighbors who considered the surrounding natural environment as something to protect.

Preserving this great resource can be part of your legacy too. If you have questions about conservation easements, the benefits of creating one, or if you have land to be conserved, please contact us at...

P.O. Box 13 | gmlc44040@gmail.com | 440-423-0135 | www.gatesmillslandconservancy.org



Make Checks payable to: The Gates Mills Garden Club
Mail form & check to: PO Box 216 Gates Mills, OH 44040
Or purchase tickets on line: www.TheGatesMillsGardenClub.com





The Gates Mills Garden Club

TheGatesMillsGardenClub.com

Celebrating 93 Years





May 14th Program and Luncheon 10:30 am, at the Barn and on Zoom

Est. 1931

Garden History: Thomas Jefferson

Greg Cada, Landscape Architect and Master Gardener

presents a garden history illustrating the horticultural influences Jefferson used in producing his garden projects.

Please RSVP by May 10th at 5 pm, by clicking the green "Greenvelope" button: Please indicate if you are staying for lunch.

If you are responding after the cut-off date, please contact the hostess directly. If you are unable to RSVP through the link above, please email your response to gmgcreservations@gmail.com

Luncheon Chair: Gail Palmer Co-chairs: Janet Kirschenbaum, Molly Laks, **Barbara Schuh and Kelly** Siemborsky. Patrish Ferreri Staffileno

ATTENTION - Help Needed! Plant Sale Set-up Stage Hands, May 21 and 22 Tues, and Wed. 10:30 at the Shed (Rain or Shine)

This is a lot of work and we need a lot of volunteers.



Remember your clippers and gloves!



Please let Dorothy or Susan know if you will attend. **Dorothy Marquis-Omer:** cndomer@verizon.com Susan Caito: scaito@bellsouth.net

Plant Sale and Vintage Boutique May 25th` 8:00am to noon No dogs allowed



2024

Shop for a wide variety of annuals, perennials and shrubs gathered from Gates Mills gardeners. Browse our Vintage Boutique offering an array of whimsical, unusual and utilitarian gardening and flower arranging items for sale.

Pot-up Your Plants for our Plant Sale Saturday, May 4th, 10:30 - 12:30, at the shed



It's time to look around our gardens to see what beautiful and unusual plants we have to contribute to the plant sale. We will have materials and help to pot up your dug plants. Please bring any reusable pots. especially one gallon.

For questions: contact Marie Tani.



Meeting Thursday, May 9th

St Michael's Event Center 5025 East MIII Rd. **Broadview Hts.** Questions or to RSVP: Janet Kirschenbaum at janetkirschenbaum@gmail.com

May Day Baskets

Come help assemble the joy of the Village!

May 1st, 9:30, at the Barn Bring your clippers!

Contact Wendu Huland wphyland@gmail.com



Board Meeting May 7th. 4:00 at the Barn and virtually

Summer Bridge Box Planting

May 17th @ 10:00 Rain date: May 18th Times may be adjusted due to

Meet at the south bridge & bring your gloves and clippers!

Contact Linda Wiest at lindawee17@gmail.com with questions, or to volunteer.

Items Needed for our Vintage Boutique

As you are spring cleaning, don't forget that we are collecting items for our Vintage Boutique. Anu garden-related and vintage items for home or garden would be appreciated. Please drop off on the enclosed porch of

Cottage.

the



LIBRARY FLOWERS

5th Joan Rieke 12th Sue Roby

19th Susan Daugherty 26th Janet Kirschenbaum

POST OFFICE FLOWERS

5th Mary Smith 12th Nancy North

19th Jan Bohinc

26th Dorothy Marquis-Omer



Spring Plant Sale & Open House

Gates Mills Environmental Education Center - Excel TECC

Annuals - Flats, Pots & Hanging Baskets

•	Flats (36 plants)	\$18.00	packs \$3.50
•	3.5-4" pots	\$4.25	10-\$39.00
	6" pots	\$6.50	10-\$58.00

Hanging Baskets

٠	10" Hanging Baskets	\$17.00
	10" Foliage Hanging Baskets	\$17.00

Herbs - Pots and Flats

•	3.5-4" pots	\$4.25	10-\$39.00

packs \$3.50

Perennials -

•	Quart Container	\$5.50
	Gallon Container	\$7.50

Mixed Planters

\$15.00 and up

Vegetables -Tomatoes, Peppers and more!

•	Packs	\$3.50
•	3.5-4" pots	\$4.25

 Papyrus
 \$15.00 each

 Succulents
 \$2.50 & up

 Foliage Plants
 \$4.25 & up

Stop on out for some great plants grown by our great kids!

Friday, May 10, 2024 8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Join us for our Spring Plant Sale!

We will provide refreshments throughout the day compliments of the alumni association.

Remember...you can drop off your empty planters this spring and our students will replant them for you.

Don't forget to purchase your Chinese Raffle tickets! \$1 each. Proceeds benefit the Environmental Education Scholarship Funds.

We are open during school days 8:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Thank you for your continued support of the Environmental Education students and program.

390 County Line Road Gates Mills, Ohio 44040 440-995-7550

One Year Old! Village Art Exchange

Have you seen the little white house that is displayed along the sidewalk between the post office and the walking bridge? Designed to reflect the historic architecture of our Village and built by Curt Leary (set construction manager for the Gates Mills Players), this is the new *Village Art Exchange*.



What exactly is the *Village Art Exchange*? It was an idea pursued by Karen Galloway, artist and retired art teacher/administrator at Laurel School, after seeing a "Little Free Art Gallery" in Connecticut. Karen has long admired the "Little Free Libraries" where readers drop off and exchange books in a small kiosk. You see them in neighborhoods across the country, including one right in front of the Gates Mills Elementary School! Karen hoped the art gallery concept would inspire artists of all ages to display small works for others to enjoy as they walk along the Village path.

Please take a moment to check out the *Village Art Exchange* on your next visit to downtown Gates Mills. If an artwork is especially appealing, you may borrow it, exchange it with art of your own, or just keep it. New artwork is always welcome. Adults and children are invited to contribute a little something!

Thanks to Karen for her idea and commitment to keeping the little house filled with art throughout the year. Pictured with Karen (at right) are Sandra Turner and Jim Stafford who supported Karen with this initiative.

Mayfield Moments

Written by: Meghan Perez



- Mayfield Middle School was recognized with the Momentum Award from the Ohio Department of Education. The
 award recognizes a school that improves its Performance index on the state's report card by 3 or more points
 from their 2021-2022 to 2022-2023 report card, while also receiving a rating of 4 or more stars. Congrats MMS!
- Mayfield High School students participated in the 20-year tradition of the Cardboard Boat Regatta. Intended to teach the laws of physics alongside the values of teamwork and laughter, students attempted to make it across the high school swimming pool with mixed results.







• Mayfield High School students participated in their first "Mental Health Monday," a student-led initiative designed by 12 seniors as part of their Honor's Capstone project. The mental health day provided various options for students to focus on their well-being, including chill and chat sessions to promote opportunities for meaningful conversations and connections, and brain breaks focused on mindfulness activities to promote relaxation and focus. Following the pandemic, student and staff mental health has been a new area of emphasis for the district as part of the Focus Forward Mayfield comprehensive planning process.





A record number of Excel TECC students participated in this year's Ohio SkillsUSA State Championship.
 SkillsUSA showcases industry-led competitions for the country's most highly skilled career and technical education students. All five Excel TECC programs that competed in the state championship included gold medalists that qualified for the national championship in Atlanta, GA, and students earned 1 bronze, 6 silver, and an Excel TECC record of 23 gold medals at the state competition.

Save the Date:

• Please join us at Mayfield High School for the Mayfield Fine Arts Showcase: Something to be Seen and Heard, Saturday, May 4th from 12-5:30pm and Sunday, May 5th from 12-5pm. The showcase is free and open to the public, and will feature art and musical performances from the district's elementary, middle, and high school students.

MAYFIELD FINE ARTS SHOWCASE SOMETHING TO BE SEEN & HEARD MAY 4-5, 2024 / MAYFIELD HIGH SCHOOL

SATURDAY, May 4th, 2024 12-5:30 p.m.

SUNDAY, May 5th, 2024 1-5 p.m.

The Showcase is FREE & Open To The Public

FEATURING

Art from our elementary, middle and high school students, showcasing our K-12 Visual Arts
Curriculum & Interactive Art activities



MUSICAL PERFORMANCES

Lander Elementary
Millridge Elementary
Center Elementary
Gates Mills Elementary
6th Grade Chorus
7th Grade Chorus

Vocal Dimensions
6th Grade Band
7th Grade Band
8th Grade Band
Apollo Chorus
Cantare

Chorale
Limited Edition Show Choir
The Green Symphonic Band
The White Symphonic Band
Wind Ensemble
MHS Jazz Ensemble

The PRIDE of Mayfield Marching Band

Energy Blooms with Spring at Gates Mills Elementary

Written by: Erica Alemdar

GATES MILLS ELEMENTARY Small but mighty.

As spring blooms around us in the Village of Gates Mills, it brings with it a renewed energy and an opportunity to reflect on the incredible progress and growth we've had at Gates Mills Elementary in the heart of our wonderful village. I hope you are filled with the same sense of purpose and positive energy that permeates the halls of our beloved school.

Have you heard the news? Governor DeWine and the Department of Education & Workforce Director have awarded our school with the overall 5-Star Award for "unwavering commitment to excellence and the outstanding services you provide to your students and the community." Just another example of the incredible goings-ons in our community and at our schoo





We've got a golden ticket at Gates Mills Elementary! That means we had a special sneak peek of the Mayfield High School's spring musical, Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. Not only did the cast and crew come give our students a preview, the whole school was decorated with candy-themes and treats were shared by all. As Grandpa Joe says, "I've heard tell that what you imagine sometimes comes true."

We celebrated the year's hardwork with our annual Spring Fest. Thank you to our PTC, the talented and dedicated GME teachers and staff, the Gates Mills Garden Club for planting seeds with our students, and the generous sponsorship of 4 Seasons Construction & Roofing, Inc. You all helped bring this special event to our community.



I hope you are as inspired as I am about the amazing things happening at our very own Gates Mills Elementary. You're invited to join us for an Open House next month! We'll be having our Spring Concert on May 15th at 5:30pm at the Gates Mills Elementary School Gym. All Gates Mills families and residents are invited. Check out the school, get to see a heartwarming performance, and visit the Book Fair in coordination with Kids Book Bank, which donates new and gently used children's books to children throughout the Greater Cleveland area. See you May 15th!

Preparing for Kindergarten and Beyond at Mayfield Preschool

Written by: Meghan Perez

Fostering a love of learning begins well before kindergarten at Mayfield City Schools, where district families have the opportunity to provide their 3 to 5 year olds with a head start on developing their social, emotional, and educational needs at the Mayfield Preschool. Located within Mayfield High School, the preschool program currently serves 142 students and their families, using a peer model approach to learning.

Mr. Craig Caroff, the Preschool Principal and District Coordinator for Middle Level Transitions, touts the benefits of the peer model for providing young learners a broader perspective on the real world: "At Mayfield Preschool we are thrilled to offer a peer model program where classrooms have both peers, who will display lots of positive choices and academic success, as well as students with special needs who are working to achieve specific goals, helping them progress as learners and young students. The mutually beneficial relationship allows our students with special needs to learn from their peers as well as our peers recognizing and learning what it is like to work hard to achieve a goal."



To support the peer model approach, Mayfield Preschool maintains a 1 to 6 or 1 to 7 student to teacher ratio. Every preschool teacher within the program holds a Master's degree and meets continuous learning requirements to stay informed of developments in early childhood education and development. Teachers, paraprofessionals, and intervention specialists have



a range of backgrounds and skill sets to support early learning, and include speech language pathologists, occupational therapists, counselors, and physical therapists.

The Preschool is a half day program with multi-age classrooms across both AM and PM sessions to support family's needs. The half day program is intentional, and is aligned with Mayfield's emphasis on serving "Every student. Every day." According to Mr. Caroff, "We understand and appreciate that a half day program is a difficult decision for many families as to whether they join our Cub family. A number of years ago Mayfield Preschool made a decision to support double the number of students as they prepare for Kindergarten in a half day model versus supporting half of the number of students in a full day program."

A typical day for a Mayfield Preschool Club is full of child-directed and teacher-supported play, learning, and movement. Learning is structured across fun instructional themes, like "Things that Move," "Using the Five Senses to investigate Winter Holidays," and "Signs of Spring: Rain, Wind, and Rainbows." Importantly, teachers rely on many of the same learning and communication approaches that students will use when they head to one of Mayfield's four elementary schools. As a result, students graduate from the Preschool with the necessary skills they need to move to kindergarten, and with a transition plan developed in collaboration between the student's parents and teacher to help ensure their success as they enter elementary school.

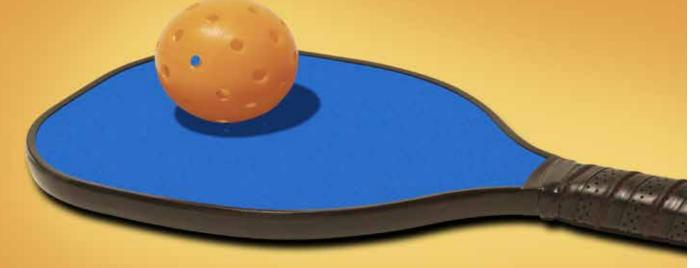




Another key to the success of the program is family and community engagement. Families are encouraged to be active participants in the program as part of Fall Harvest celebrations or the recent Preschool-wide Book Club event, featuring "Quit Calling Me a Monster!" by Jory John and John Shea. Mayfield High School students have also been actively involved in supporting the District's youngest learners during recent Kindland initiatives, reading with students and leading crafts.

Due to the success of the program, there is a waitlist for families to enroll their 3 to 5 year old students. Families interested in learning more about the program's benefits and the screening process and timelines can visit https://www.mayfieldschools.org/AboutUs.aspx for more information.

GATES MILLS PICKLEBALL



Now's the time! Join us as we kick off a new season of pickleball in the village.

We have events for players at all levels.

Open Play (courts divided by skill level)

Monday - Wednesday - Friday Tuesday - Thursday

8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m. - 7:00p.m.

Dinking for Doughnuts

Saturday, May 18

8:00 - 10:00 a.m.

Sharpen your skills with a brief clinic on dinking followed by Open Play with fresh doughnuts and coffee. For village residents only.

How to Play Beginner Clinic

Wednesday, May 22 7:00 -8:00 p.m. For village residents only.

Join the fun! Email: gatesmillspickleball@gmail.com Many thanks to the Improvement Society for sponsoring our events.

Cuyahoga County **Public Library**



GATES MILLS BRANCH LIBRARY

1491 Chagrin River Road, Gates Mills, OH 440-423-4808

Branch Manager: Maryanne Haller <u>GATmgr@</u>cuyahogalibrary.org <u>www.cuyahogalibrary.org</u>

Hours: Mondays-Thursdays 9am-9pm, Fridays-Saturdays 9am-5:30pm, Sundays 1pm-5pm **Holiday Hours:** The library will be closed on Sunday, May 26, and Monday, May 27.

All programs are free, but **registration is required** (unless otherwise noted) by calling the library or going online at www.cuyahogalibrary.org. Special thanks to the Friends of the Gates Mills Public Library for supporting our library programming.

Gail McClelland Art Reception - Thurs, May 9 / 6:30 - 8 PM

Experience Gail McClelland's nature-inspired mixed media art at our public reception. Featuring paper felting, printmaking, drawing, painting, and assemblage. Join us for light refreshments.

CHILDREN

Stop, Drop, and Play! (Families) – Sat, May 11 / 2 PM

Come to the library to play and get crafty. Board games, the Switch, Legos, crafts and more! Materials provided by the Friends of the Gates Mills Library.

Kindergarten Countdown (Children entering kindergarten Fall 2024) – Mon, May 20 / 6 PM

Join us as we help your child build kindergarten readiness skills in a program aligned to Ohio's Early Childhood Standards. This session, we will focus on Counting!

TEENS

Exam Cram (Grades 6 – 12) – Thu, May 30 / 6:30 – 8:30 PM

Study in comfort in our quiet space with snacks to fuel focus.

ADULTS

Coffee and Coloring - Sat, May 4 / 11 AM

Join us for some relaxing coloring fun! We will provide coloring pages and supplies, coffee and conversation.

How to Make Homemade Butter - Wed, May 8 / 7 PM

Learn how to "shake" your own butter in this hands-on program.

Tuesday Evening Book Discussion – Tues, May 14 / 7 PM

Discussion of Countdown 1945: The Extraordinary Story of the Atomic Bomb and the 116 Days That Changed the World by Chris Wallace.

Wednesday Evening Virtual Book Discussion – Wed, May 15 / 7:30 PM

Discussion of Moonrise Over New Jessup by Jamila Minnicks.

Please register to receive the Zoom link.

Wetland Birds of the Eastern US – Sat, May 18 / 3 PMThis presentation will showcase iconic wetland species like egrets, herons, ibis and rails along with raptors, waterfowl and warblers.



A PAGE TO SHARE NEWS ABOUT FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS WHO LIVE IN THE VILLAGE OR WHO HAVE MOVED AWAY.

WE HAVE LOST SOME DEAR FRIENDS



WALTER ERWIN KALBERER, born on June 15th, 1930 in Cleveland, Ohio, joined his wife Jean, and returned to God on March 25, 2024, from his home of 50 years in Gates Mills, Ohio. For almost 70 years, Walter had been the steadfast and doting husband of Jean.

Walter, the loving father of Gwenn (John Winkhaus), Lori, Christa (Jeffrey Goodell) and Lisa (Samuel Landau); adored grandfather of Lea Wildermuth, Megan Winkhaus, Jean, Evan, Joseph, Charlton, Delaney and Keegan Goodell, and Madeleine, Lucy, Nathaniel, Charlotte and Walter Landau; and supportive uncle, brother-in-law, cousin and friend to many, is survived by all. He was preceded in death by his dear sister, Else Miller; dedicated brother, Norman Kalberer; and loving parents, Frieda and Albert Kalberer.

Walter had been involved in the hydrogen bomb testing on the island of Enewetak in the early 50s. He was president of the Beta Theta Pi fraternity at what is now Case

Western Reserve University and received his bachelor's degree from there in 1955. He served 18 months in Germany with the US Army and completed the Smaller Company Management Program (SCMP) of Harvard University Graduate School of Business Administration in 1981. Walter founded both KayDee Manufacturing and WEK Industries after working for Packard Electric, and bought what became WEK Plastics in 1975, growing it from bankruptcy to a multimillion-dollar company before retiring in 2000.

Walter and Jean have been known for their philanthropy, particularly their development support within the greater Cleveland area. Walter believed his retirement years were to benefit society however he was needed, and he owned that mission until death. Walter has been a dynamic leader on numerous nonprofit boards. He and Jean established the Walter & Jean Kalberer Foundation when he retired, which annually grants funding to arts, cultural and educational institutions across Cleveland. Throughout the years, Walter and Jean have challenged donors to give more through generous and broad initiatives from their foundation to institutions such as the Cleveland Museum of Art, Cleveland Botanical Gardens, Great Lakes Science Center, Holden Arboretum, Cleveland Metroparks Zoo, Cleveland Orchestra, Cleveland Playhouse and Ideastream. They were awarded the Cleveland Philanthropists of the Year in 2006. Outside of business development in Cleveland, Walter loved the peace and tranquility of Sanibel Island, gardening, investing, and traveling with Jean around the world, including their annual pilgrimage to Germany to reunion with beloved relatives across that country.

The family would like to thank Walter's wonderful caregivers as well as the staff at Cleveland Clinic Hospice, for their attentive at-home care.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to: The Walter Kalberer Memorial Fund at Church of the Western Reserve, 30500 Fairmount Boulevard, Pepper Pike, OH 44124 or Cleveland Botanical Gardens in memory of Walter Kalberer, 11030 East Blvd., Cleveland, OH 44106.

Please send submissions on births, deaths, weddings and other news to share with fellow Villagers to Susie Thorpe: SueThorpe695@yahoo.com or call 440-423-4743.



THE IMPROVEMENT SOCIETY—FROM THE ANNUAL MEETING APRIL 24, 2024

ACHIEVEMENTS BY GATES MILLS CLUBS AND ORGANIZATION FOR 2023

THE GATES MILLS ART SHOW

- The Gates Mills Art Show runs through Sunday, May 5th celebrating our 53rd anniversary.
- We received a record number of 374 entries this year.
- The Patrons Preview Party was once again a great showing of support by the community with special thanks to Suzanne Snelson Catering, Sara's Place and ladies of the Community Club.
- After ten years as Art Show Chairman, Bob Andreano will hand the reigns over to the Rutkowski and Santoro Families. Bob will remain on the Art Show committee and lend support to the new team
- Thanks again to the support from our committee, our volunteers, Village Patrons, our wonderful Village staff and of course the talented artists whose works are on display.

THE FRIENDS OF THE GATES MILLS LIBRARY

- ➤ Celebrating our 50th Anniversary in 2024!
- New event for families, August 10th, with ice cream truck and fun activities on the village green in conjunction with Magician Program at the Community House
- > Ongoing funding for special programs and materials at the Library for adults, teens and children
- > Bimonthly art exhibits at the library, with opening receptions to meet the artist
- ➤ Used Book Sales 2-3 times per year
- > Scholarships awarded to college bound Mayfield graduates
- > Annual Dinner with speaker
- ➤ Bike decorating stations, snacks, and book sale on the 4th of July
- > Sweet treats for patrons during December
- > Coming improvements to the outdoor courtyard behind the Library, in conjunction with CCPL and the Village

THE GATES MILLS COMMUNITY CLUB

- ➤ The Community Club continues to move forward with 87 members.
- Our Monthly Luncheons and Programs have been well attended.
- Our Book Club meets the first Wednesday of each month and is doing very well.
- Ladies Night Out plans Summer Patio Dinners, Bocce Nights and we have started a Meet & Greet for new members hosted at a members home.
- ➤ We will be selling Hot Dogs at the concession stand on 4th of July again this year.
- > We again supported "Olivia's Dream, Toys for Tots", during the holiday season.
- We participated in the Village Service Luncheon and we will be volunteering at the Art Show.
- ➤ We will give out High School Scholarships to students of Gates Mills, and will be giving gifts to the 5th Grade Graduates at the Elementary School, as we have done this for many years.
- > The club participated and volunteered at the retirement party for Mayor Schneider.
- ➤ We had our first Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser on March 3^{rd,} and it was very successful, we are now on Facebook so you can see all the pictures there. We hope to have another one next March.

- The Club is financially stable, the Pink Sheet is solvent, published on online in color, and is delivered to your home each month, and as someone once commented, "The Pink Sheet is the glue that keeps the Village together."
- ➤ The Community Club continues to recruit new members to increase our membership, so that we are able to continue our mission, and work with other community organizations with emphasis on benefiting the residents of the Village of Gates Mills.

GATES MILLS GARDEN CLUB

The purpose of the Gates Mills Garden Club is to stimulate interest in gardening, preserve and enhance the natural beauty of the Village of Gates Mills, and promote charitable, educational and scientific endeavors related to gardening.

In 2023, GMGC did the following:

- ➤ Held the annual Plant Sale and Vintage Boutique at Esquire's Cottage on Memorial Day Weekend.
- ➤ Held the flower show "Jewels from the Garden" with a youth division, "Sparkle".
- ➤ Held monthly educational program meetings and workshops, followed by lunch.
- Maintained the cottage, barn and gardens at Esquire's Cottage.
- > During the planting season, held monthly StageHands working sessions to teach gardening skills. The programs are so named in honor of Florence Stage, who bequeathed her property to the garden club.
- > Planted and maintained winter and summer plantings in the flower boxes on the North and South Bridges.
- ➤ On the 4th of July, decorated and entered a float which won the Silver Trophy for Best Parade Theme Interpretation.
- ➤ Helped the Village maintain the Village Arboretum.
- > Organized the Annual Roadside Cleanup for the Village.
- Worked with Gates Mills Elementary School students planting flowers and herbs.
- Celebrated Arbor Day at Gates Mills Elementary School by planting a tree in memory of Jen Decker.
- > Celebrated National Garden Week in June with daily programs, including a youth workshop "Backyard Birds", which included decorating bird houses for entry in our flower show.
- > Created and placed bouquets on the graves of our members in the North and South Cemeteries for National Garden Week.
- > Continued Senior Outreach activities including small floral arrangements for Hospice and Meals on Wheels, as well as delivering fresh flower arrangements to Village residents suffering illness or loss.
- > Designed and planted the planters in front of the Old Livery Tavern.
- > Designed and decorated a holiday tree at the Cleveland Botanical Garden.
- > Provided weekly flower arrangements in our Library and Post Office branches.
- ➤ Completed the woodland restoration project and cleared invasives at Esquire's Cottage.
- ➤ Planted, tended and harvested both cut flower and vegetable gardens at Gates Mills Environmental Education Center.
- > Awarded three college scholarships to high school students interested in pursuing environmental programs.
- > Participated in the annual Service Department Luncheon.
- ➤ Held a plant exchange for our members at Esquire's Cottage.

THE GATES MILLS HISTORICAL SOCIETY

- ➤ Construction of The Kish Family Gallery addition to Southwick House Museum began. The new wing houses a new gallery for expansion of exhibits. It includes a separate handicapped accessible entrance and lavatory.
- ➤ Our sale of the old W. Smithson Broadhead street signs in conjunction with the Village was highly successful and pleasing to many residents who took the opportunity to buy their own.
- Interurban author and Historical Society colleague, Dr. Dan Rager, salvaged the only known remaining piece of Cleveland and Eastern Traction Interurban rail left and it is now on display on the right-of-way leading to our iconic train bridge across the Chagrin River.
- ➤ Our latest offering of publications, "A Life in Gates Mills" by lifetime resident, Trustee, and former Mayor, Dan Collister, is a new favorite among our readers
- ➤ Our annual meeting and open house for the new gallery will be Friday, June 14th. Watch for information in the May Pink Sheet on how to sign up.

THE GATES MILLS IMPROVEMENT SOCIETY

- > Organized the Independence Day Parade & Ceremony at The Polo Field
- ➤ Organized the 4th of July Decorating Contest
- ➤ Planned and sponsored retirement parties for Fire Chief Tom Robinson and Mayor Karen Schneider.
- Membership drive with renewal and new member families
- ➤ Held the Annual Meeting at the Hunt Club
- > The Marston Fund bought chairs, tables, umbrellas and storage bins at the tennis/pickle all courts
- ➤ Subsidized the new tennis/pickleball court activities and events
- ➤ Percheron horse drawn wagon bringing Santa to the Christmas Eve Bonfire and giving wagon rides on the polo field
- Raised, administered and distributed over \$70,000 to the Village employees for the Christmas gifts to employees.
- Supported The Gates Mills Players' 75th Anniversary Celebration
- Organized and held a Candidates Night in September

THE GATES MILLS LAND CONSERVANCY

Land Preservation

- ➤ In late June 2023, the Cuyahoga County Land Reutilization Corporation (Land Bank) transferred an orphan property to GMLC at zero cost. The narrow 1.2-acre parcel located on Berkshire Road was formerly part of the Inter Urban right-of-way known as the Cleveland and Eastern Railroad.
- This spring, the Conservancy is in the process of acquiring a heavily forested, 14-acre parcel located on Mayfield Road's west hill, a major gateway into and through the Village.

Community Outreach

- Last September, GMLC and the Mayfield School District hosted a seminar at the Gates Mills Environmental Center called "Preserving Gates Mills". The well attended event featured three expert speakers. They discussed the geological evolution of the Chagrin River Valley, management of tree canopies and diseases, and protecting the fragile Chagrin River watershed.
- ➤ GMLC also published the third edition of its 2023 online Newsletter.

Stewardship

➤ In November, GMLC received a \$10,000 grant for removing the aggressive invasive "Tree of Heaven" from its Sherman Road and Austin Woods Preserves. These funds will support the Conservancy's third year of removing invasives employing both volunteer and professional resources.

Fund Raising

➤ In 2023, annual membership contributions to GMLC reached a record \$40,938. In addition to this community support, the Conservancy was fortunate to receive the largest cash bequest in its history, a \$100,000 donation from longtime Village resident Dan Kish.

Levy Receipts

During 2023, GMLC received a total of \$114,600 in levy proceeds which are used for land and easement acquisitions. In March, the Village transferred an additional \$50,000 to the Conservancy, its first of two levy receipts expected in 2024.

Governance

- ➤ GMLC's annual meeting was held on December 4th in the Community Center. A speaker from Penitentiary Glen provided a lively discussion, including the appearance of several wildlife ambassadors, about their mission of caring for injured birds and wild animals.
- In March, Mayor Siemborski made two appointments to GMLC's board. Mitch Bass joined as a new director, and John Kramer was appointed for another term.

Land Trust Alliance Re-Accreditation

In March, GMLC submitted its final application for re-accreditation by the Land Trust Alliance. This is the Conservancy's third accreditation cycle. Renewals are every five years, and they involve comprehensive audits of the Conservancy's records against LTA standards.

Financials

- ➤ In fiscal 2023, GMLC ended the year with operating revenues of \$143,000 and expenses of \$33,000, resulting in a surplus of \$110,000 due the large bequest it received in 2023.
- ➤ The Conservancy's total cash reserves at year-end were \$787,000. Out of that total, \$170,000 were Levy Funds, and the balance was in Operating and Stewardship Reserves.

THE GATES MILLS PLAYERS

- Dale Fant, our long time President, moved to Florida. He and his wife Janelle will be greatly missed. Shannon Seaber is the new President.
- > Celebrated our 75th Anniversary!
- March show "Girls Weekend". Over 400 people came. Rave reviews.
- ➤ Hosted an Ice Cream Social for the Village and Players in June to commemorate the 75th. Wonderful day to mingle. Long time Players shared their stories.
- ➤ We participated in the 4th of July Parade.
- ➤ Held a Chili Cookoff in October and invited local organizations to participate. HUGE success. Everyone had a blast and a belly full of delicious chili. The winner was Alison Philips.
- November show "Arsenic and Old Lace". Over 500 people came! Opening Night was a special dinner package. Thank you to Sara's for all your help with that event. This show proved that the classics are such for a reason.
- ▶ Plans for the upcoming 2024-2025 season include: adding a Season Ticket option, doing a free outdoor radio show this summer, and the return of the Chili Cookoff.

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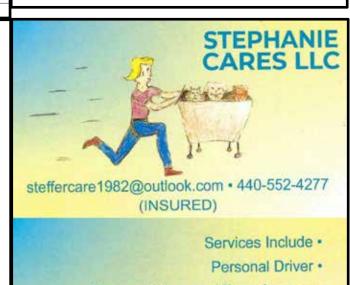


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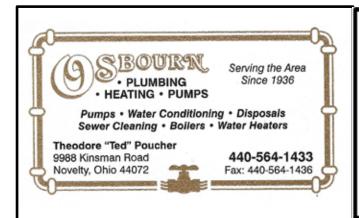
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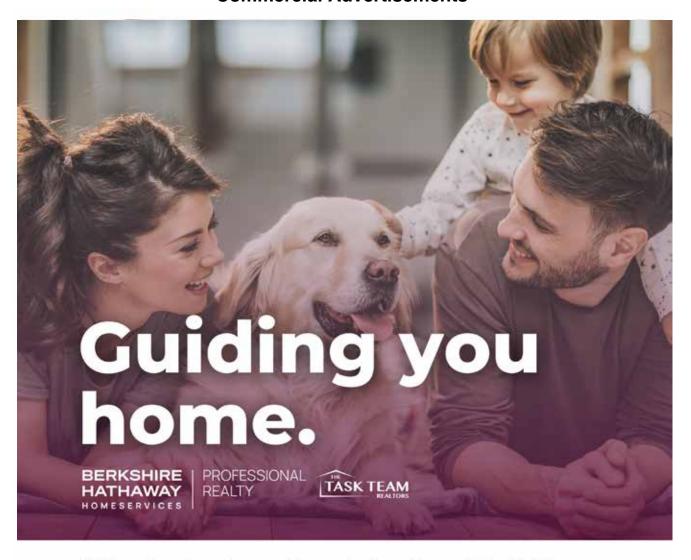
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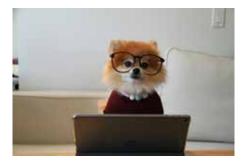




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