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April 2007 NEWSLETTER

Editor's Note:

If you have any suggestions or comments or wish to place an advertisement in our Village newsletter, please reply to Dale Skelton at 899-2434 or email at dbskelton@earthlink.net or Barb Freudemann at 899-4269 or email at whoopsi@earthlink.net.

Welcome:

Welcome to our new residents!
Gary & Suzanne Salter - 765 Morning Dew Lane

If any new residents were missed, please let us know via the website. We will recognize you in the next edition.

The Prez Sez:

By: Roy Wergers

Greetings and Happy Spring!

I am told this year was the worst weather we have had at the Village since its beginning. The fountain broke down, the lake froze, and while most folks were putting on another log or turning up the thermostat, a handful of FOM (friends of Michael the swan) were breaking ice in the lake to keep Michael safe from other land critters and supplying drinking water. If you were here, the icescapes on the lake and in the Village were breathtaking after the ice storm.

Your Trustees, Maintenance, Lawn, Social, Wildlife, Pool, Finance and Neighborhood Watch committees have all been busy putting together a master plan for the Village. This is the plan we will live with the rest of 2007. I feel confident that you will agree when you see it all come together.

Last year's Trustees did a fabulous job on steering the course for VOG. It was a new learning experience having a seven (7) person, all-Village

Board. This year's Board has been handed the baton and will be raising the bar. With some of the old vets and some new kids with new ideas, we are in for a treat. Am I bragging just a little? You bet!

If you have never strolled the walking trails, may I suggest you do that this year? There are a few spots that need repairing, but we are working on fixing them. The paths are scheduled to be blacktop-sealed also. While strolling, you really get a birdseye view of how unique this Village really is. You also meet the nicest people. If you are walking your dog, don't forget your plastic or paper bag to pick up what was left behind.

My goal this year is to keep us all connected on what is going on and where our money is being spent in VOG.

When you arrive in the Village, you will now see a white stake with an updated flyer from time to time. The sign will say: VOG NEWS. Pull over between the two parkways so you do not interfere with incoming traffic and pick up a copy of the latest flyer from the folder—it will contain important news. Make sure your neighbor gets a copy so they know the news, too.

If you would like to be added to my weekly newsletter via email, please send a message to me at ROYKANDO@AOL.COM. The updated news will be called "**The Grapevine.**" If you have a concern or suggestion, here's a place to voice it.

Until next time...Roy

Maintenance Committee:

The Maintenance Committee reviews contracts, works with management on bids as needed, reviews bids and interviews bidders at the request of the Board or management. It is an oversight committee—overseeing lawns and landscaping, the lakes, lighting, Town Hall, irrigation of the common areas and



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electrical. In 2006, the committee was involved with the following (please note that many of the projects were not specifically originated by the Maintenance Committee, but by the Social Committee, the Board, and so on):

1. Spreading of mulch in rotaries 1 and 2
2. Painting of Town Hall
3. Brighter exterior lighting installed at Town Hall
4. Repair and replacement of lighting fixtures at the VOG entrance
5. Ongoing repair of Town Hall clocks
6. Assembly of children's play set and spreading of rubber mulch under the play set
7. Replace the disposal in kitchen at Town Hall
8. Serviced the furnace and installed two programmable thermostats
9. Installed drainage lines to prevent freezing of run-off water by the first island entrance (by the way, the township paid for this)
10. Cleaned out trash, dead brush and vines in the area between the tennis courts and ball fields, seeded and strawed the area now known as The Grove
11. Removed several very large dead trees in the green space, in Raintree and along the walking path

Thanks to all the members of the Maintenance Committee for their hard efforts, and of course, all of the volunteer VOG residents who really helped last year.

Maintenance Committee Members:

Lew Snyder	Tom Nugen	Jean Hoskins
Roy Wergers	Gary Clark	Rob Silber
John Fryant	Judy Green	Dan Kallmyer
John Busemeyer		

Social Committee:

If you need a new mailbox, we will install one for \$33.00. Need your post painted? Just add \$7.00

for a total of \$40.00. If interested, please call Roy Wergers at 616-4327.

Also save your aluminum cans. Drop off the **2nd Friday** of the month at the far end of the Town Hall parking lot by the tennis courts. Call 616-4327 if you need help. Both of these are fundraisers for the Social Committee.

Coming Events for 2007:

April 28 - TASTE OF VOG with an international theme (Sat.)
Time: 6:00 - 10:00 p.m.
Bring a dish of your ethnic background or your favorite American dish

May 19 - Bicycle Rodeo, Town Hall (Sat.)

May 26 - Pool Opens - Yippee! (Sat.)

June 9 - Community Garage Sale (Sat.)
Time: 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

July 4 - Children's Parade and Dog Parade (Wed.)
Time: 10:30 a.m. - 12 Noon

July 21 - Pool Party (Sat.)
Hot dogs, snacks and drinks provided
Rain Date: Sat., July 28

August 5 - Sundae on Sunday (Sun.)
Time: 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Ice cream and toppings provided

Sept. 3 - Pool Closes - Boo hoo! (Sun.)

Sept. 16 - Children's Fishing Derby (Sun.)
Time: 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.



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Coming Events for 2007 (cont):

Oct. 31 - Halloween Trick or Treat at Town Hall
(Wed.) Time: 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Nov. 3 - Put up Exterior Holiday Lights
(Sat.)

Nov. 30 - Decorate Town Hall
(Fri.)

Dec. 8 - Christmas / Holiday Cheers Party
(Sat.) Everyone invited!
Time: 7:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.

Scrapbooking:

Interested in scrapbooking? The Social Committee has started a new event for residents of Village on the Green. Scrapbooking sessions are the first Saturday of each month from 6-10 p.m. at Town Hall. If interested in getting together with other residents and sharing ideas, as well as socializing for a few hours each month, please contact Barb Mirlisena at barb7805@adelphia.net or (513) 200-5078.

Yoga Class:

Come enjoy an hour of stretching and toning, along with an hour of relaxation for yourself. Every Thursday evening at 6:15 p.m. at the Village on the Green Town Hall. Women, men, girls and boys are all welcome for this free hour of exercise. All you need is a yoga or exercise matt. Call Julie at 899-9910 if you have questions.

Book Exchange:

Is anyone interested in getting a book exchange started in VOG? There have been a few requests for this so maybe now is a good time to get one started. Contact Bonnie Wergers at 899-0049 if you are interested or have any suggestions.

Social Committee Members:

Gary Gibson Jodi Nugen Barb Skelton
Roy Wergers Carol Foell Linda Gale

Call 616-4327 if interested in joining our committee.

Garden Club:

We are still looking for someone to chair this committee. It takes a lot of volunteers to serve on all of our committees, but we have some who are already willing to help on this one. If Village residents do this work, we do not have to hire someone from the outside, which means cost savings.

Neighborhood Watch:

Bicycle Rodeo

(Sponsored by the Hamilton Township Police & Fire Departments)
Saturday, May 19, 2007
9:00 a.m. – 12 Noon
Town Hall Parking Lot

Kids, come show off your bicycle riding and maneuverability skills as you participate in our first ever Bicycle Rodeo Obstacle Course.

The Hamilton Township Police Department and Fire Department will also be here to help with bike seat and helmet adjustments. Sergeant Elliott will have stickers for those whose bicycles have passed inspection. The HTFD will also have helmets for sale.

Mark your calendars for **May 19, 2007** for a Day of Fun!

You will receive a flyer on your door with the details at a later date.

Citizen's Police Academy #2

Tuesday, April 24 – Tuesday, June 26, 2007
6:30 – 10:00 p.m. Weekly



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If interested, stop in to pick up an application at the Hamilton Township Police Department, 7780 S. St. Rt. 48 or get more details by calling the 683-0538.

Attention New Residents!

If you wish to be included in the Neighborhood Watch Program, please contact Donna Tedrick at 899-9612. She will contact the Block Captain in your zone so you can be registered promptly.

Neighborhood Watch Committee Members:

Donna Tedrick Don Tedrick Kathy Hastings
Traci McReynolds Lynne Busemeyer Barb Skelton
Michael Bolender Sergeant Elliott-HTPD

The Pool Committee:

The Pool Committee is gearing up for the 2007 season. If you would like to volunteer to serve on this committee, call Laura Bolender at 899-4108.

Pool Committee Members:

Laura Bolender Billie Finnegan Michele Bosse
Meghan Johnson Traci McReynolds

Design Review/Preservation Committee:

As of April 1, you will now have two methods in which to file a Design Application.
PLEASE CHOOSE ONLY ONE:

1. You may fill out the application and send it to Towne Properties along with your plot plan, just as you have done in the past. Towne will process the application and email it to all the Design Review Committee members for review.

OR

2. You may deposit the application along with a copy of your plot plan in the NEW drop box, located in the lower level of the Clubhouse (just inside the door). You will also find blank Design Review Application forms by the box. These applications will be picked up between 5:00 and 6:00 p.m. on Monday, Wednesday and Friday by a scheduled

Design Review Committee member. That member will process the application and contact you within 24 hours as to your application status. This member will be your contact throughout your project.

If you have any questions or concerns about this procedure or questions on rules regarding projects within the subdivision, please do not hesitate to contact me on my cell phone at 513-673-3953 between 7:00 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.

Sincerely,
John Boccher
VOG Trustee
Liaison to Design Review/Preservation Committee

Design Review/Preservation Committee Members:

Gary Gibson John Boccher JoAnn Parker
Mike Bolender Roy Wergers Steve Blackburn
Barb Freudemann

Finance Committee:

The coupons for the second half installment of the HOA fee in the amount of \$300.00 will be going out from Towne Properties on April 13. Please be aware that payment will be due on May 1. There will be a grace period, meaning that payments must be received by May 15, not post marked. If payments are not received, there will be a late fee of 10% imposed. If a lien needs to be filed due to failure to pay, it will add an additional \$316.00 to the HOA fee.

Twenty-two liens and one foreclosure were filed in March.

Finance Committee Members:

Barbara Mirlisena Chris Murphy Larry Mitcher
Herb Keil Jean Gibson Dan Kallmyer
Dale Skelton Laura Bolender



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Wildlife Committee:

As you may already know, Michael is a mute swan. This specie of swan is the most common type found in the wild and in parks. Mute swans are large birds, measuring 56.6 to 62.2 inches high. Their wingspan is 6.6 to 8.2 feet and they can weigh anywhere from 19.8 to 28.6 lbs. The two sexes are alike in appearance, except that males are generally larger than females. The plumage is white and they are best distinguished from North American swans by the knob at the base of the upper bill. The color of the bill itself is orange with the tip and base colored black. The head and neck may sometimes be stained brown from water and mud containing iron.

Adults are not paired for life, contrary to the stereotype of the 'pining swan' who has lost its mate. In fact, some have been observed to have as many as four mates, or even 'divorce' one mate in favor of another. Established pairs, however, are more successful breeders than non-established pairs and mute swans do form monogamous pairs for at least a season.

Mute swans have keen vision and hearing. They are usually silent, as the name suggests. Adults sometimes snort and make hissing noises or puppy-like barking notes or whistles, though the sounds are not far-reaching due to their straight trachea. Also, the sound of the wings during flight, which has been described as a musical throbbing or humming, is very audible. They use visual displays as a form of communication, such as postures. For example, in an aggressive posture, males often arch their secondary wing feathers over their back. So...if you approach Michael and he starts to "posture," you may want to give him some space or get ready to run!

If you want to feed Michael, you can get food from a member of the Wildlife Committee. DO NOT feed him bread, crackers or anything other than the food the committee provides you—it can make him ill and

could eventually kill him. Michael is like "one of the family," so let's do what we can to keep him healthy.

Wildlife Committee Members:

Dale Skelton Sharon Fryant Joan Lee
Shirley Miller Marilyn Greenwood Bonnie Wergers

Website:

Visit our website (www.villageonthegreenhoa.com) for upcoming events, committee member lists, copies of past newsletters and more. We welcome suggestions or comments to improve the site. Send all emails to our webmaster, Rob Silber at: rgsilber1201@yahoo.com

Drive Safely:

Remember that the speed limit on all VOG streets is **25 m.p.h.** You also need to come to a complete stop at all stop signs. It has been noted that some people are driving the wrong way on the rotary. The rotaries are one way only going counterclockwise. All streets have fire lanes. That means there is no parking on the side of the streets with fire hydrants. There is also no parking on the cul-de-sacs.

Pet Detail:

Please remember to carry a bag or pooper scooper with you to clean up after your pet. Do not dispose of bags in the storm sewers since some of them drain into Crystal Lake. Some residents have been catching these bags while fishing. We have a "leash law," which means all pets must be on a leash and under control at all times. Some people are ignoring this and will receive fines if they continue to violate it.

Pet Policy Reminder:

No animal may be a nuisance by barking, howling, or making loud noises that disturb your neighbors' rest or peaceful enjoyment of their home. Please be aware of your pet's behavior at all times—both inside and outside your home.



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Do Not Call Registry:

Effective January 1, 2007, all cell phone numbers are being released to telemarketing companies and you can be charged for these calls. If you would like to keep your number (cell and home land line) off telemarketing lists, you can register at www.donotcall.gov. This registry is good for five years.

ICE:

The American College of Emergency Physicians wants you to add a listing to your cell phone directory: ICE. It stands for "In Case of Emergency" and will tell doctors, police and firefighters who to contact if you are injured or ill and unable to speak. (Add ICE2 for a second contact, etc.) This campaign started in England and gained widespread attention after the terrorist bombings in 2005. Adding this number will help doctors "give patients the best possible treatment quickly."