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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 vogpc@embarqmail.com or Barb Freudemann at 899-4269 or email at whoopsi@embarqmail.com.

Welcome:

Welcome to our new residents!

John Sengewald - 7420 Buttercup Ln.

Gayle Wilson - 7438 Buttercup Ln.

Scott & Jill Cockerell - 7794 Crystal Lake Ln.

Sharon Garls - 7794 Dew Drop Cr.

Kevin Hildebrand - 7907 Wilderness Way

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

Poof...and the year is over. We started out the year with a full plate. There were many projects to finish and lots of new ones to start and complete.

The year was full of surprises and ups and downs. Thanks to all the great folks in the Village. You certainly helped me and the Board get through the tough times. Your suggestions and advice were welcome. I am proud and happy to say that as of December 14, 2007, all projects were completed. I must admit there were some nail biting moments. There will be a full report of all the good things that happened in "07" at the Annual HOA Meeting on January 14, 2008. Thanks to all the Trustees, past and present, for making this a successful year. It's going to be great in "08!"

Speaking about the HOA Meeting, want to throw your hat into the ring? Well, your chance is coming up at

the January 14 meeting. It will be held at Kings Point Church of God, 5600 S.R. 48 (across from Kroger's). Your mailer has the time and date. Make sure you send in your request to Towne Property ahead of time (11340 Montgomery Rd., Suite 202, Cincinnati, OH 45249, Attn: David Brock). I understand that at least 6 people are running for the 5 vacant seats. If you forget to send in your form until the day of the meeting, nominations will be accepted from the floor. This year the Nominating Committee is asking each candidate: Why do you want to serve and where do you think the Village should be in 3 years and 5 years? In other words, a Vision statement. Please be sure to put some words together on the form for this question.

Until Next Time,
Roy B. Wergers
President 2007

Maintenance Committee:

No report.

Maintenance Committee Members:

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| Tom Nugen | Jean Hoskins | Judy Green |
| Garry Clark | Dan Kallmyer | John Fryant |
| Rob Silber | Roy Wergers - Board Liaison | |

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.

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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.

Special Project:

It seems the Social Committee wants to purchase a 5-6 foot evergreen tree and plant it to the left of



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the gazebo. Each year we will decorate the tree with homemade or store bought ornaments to honor or remember a friend or loved one.

We will officially start off the Christmas season around the tree with some kind of ceremony, possibly singing and having people speak about their ornament and why they placed it on the tree.

Through the year, the committee will be looking for donations and have fundraising projects. This project will NOT come out of the Village Master Fund. It will be strictly done by love. Won't it be nice to watch our tree grow?

To kick off the project, we have coffee mugs with the VOG logo printed on them. The cost is \$4.00 each or two for \$7.00. All proceeds go to the Tree Fund.

If interested, see Bonnie Wergers or any committee member.

Scrapbooking:

Interested in scrapbooking? Scrapbooking sessions are the first Saturday of each month from 6-10 p.m. at Town Hall. If you are 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 you. This is held 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 mat. Call Julie at 899-9910 if you have questions.

Town Hall Book Exchange:

There are now two bookcases in the lower level outside the exercise room. You have a homeowner's key, so feel free to borrow or donate a book or magazine. There are also some videos you can borrow and return. It's the honor system. If you like to read, you will find a pretty good selection of fine books. They, of course, are all G-rated.

Come on down and enjoy!

Social Committee Members:

Bonnie Wergers - Chair
Barb Skelton Jodi Nugen Linda Gale
Patty Blackburn Joan Lee Peter Kellum
Shirley Chenault Carol Foell Brenda Kellum
Roy Wergers - Board Liaison

Neighborhood Watch:

2008 Programs Sponsored by Neighborhood Watch and the H.T.P.D.

Saturday, January 26, 2008

Time: 1:00 - 2:00 p.m.

"Stranger Danger" Presentation

There will be a 30-minute presentation geared specifically to young children regarding "stranger" safety. It will be followed by the opportunity to have your child fingerprinted. The program is for kids through Grade 4.

Tuesday, March 11, 2008

Time: 6:30 - 7:00 p.m.

Block Captain/Co-Captain Meeting

Please plan to attend this important meeting.

Time: 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

"Sexual Predators" Presentation

Promptly at 7:00 p.m. following the Captain/Co-Captain meeting. This program is offered by Sergeant Elliott and is open to all VOG residents.

Due to the mature content of this program, it will be for *adults only*.



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announced at a later time.

In October, Sergeant Elliott taught us some prevention tips on how to make smart choices when faced with the possibility of a physical attack. She and her son, Brandon, demonstrated how to defend ourselves from such an attack in her program ***Personal Self-Defense Class: How to Avoid Becoming a Victim***. We hope to offer this program again in the future.

Please support our community and NHW by attending the meetings listed on the previous page. All NHW meetings are held at Town Hall.

As always, please be sure to report any suspicious activity in the Village to your Block Captain or Co-Captain unless noted otherwise.

Donna Tedrick
NHW Chairperson

Neighborhood Watch Committee Members:

Kathy Hastings - Secretary/Treasurer
Lynn Busemeyer Traci McReynolds
Paul Johnson Sergeant Elliott - H.T.P.D.
Dale Skelton - Board Liaison

The Pool Committee:

Nothing to report. The pool is closed for the year. We had a very successful year in 2007.

Pool Committee Members:

Laura Bolender - Chair Billie Finnegan
Michele Bosse Traci McReynolds
Meghan Johnson

Design Review/Preservation Committee:

The Design Review Applications should no longer be sent to Towne Properties. You have two options for submitting these requests - one, send directly to the Chair of the Design Review Committee OR two, drop them off at the Clubhouse. A copy of the revised form has been attached to the back of this newsletter.

Helpful Homeowner Hint:

Door Bell Repair

Please knock. The door bell doesn't work. I am sure you have seen that sign before. About 95% of the time, it's due to a faulty door bell/chime button. Go purchase a new button. Costs run from \$2-\$8 depending on how fancy you want to get. They all do the same thing.

Now, remove the two screws holding the button to the molding of your house. You will see two wires attached to several screws. Don't worry about getting shocked. Even though the wires are electrical, they are low voltage. You may see a spark, but you would have to be standing in a puddle of water to even get any kind of jolt. If it makes you feel better, shut down the house power. Now, let's get to work!

Remove the wires attached to the screws and attach them to the new button. It doesn't matter if the wires get crossed. The purpose of this button is to connect the two wires and complete a low voltage current to your chime or bell when you press it in. Now attach the new button to the molding where your old one was.

Hopefully it's working now. If not, try this. Remove the cover over the chime and clean the plunger with a little lighter fluid. This will dissolve any grease, dirt or dust. Never use ANY type of oil. Oil will only

make it worse. You now have a 99% chance of the door bell working.

If it's still not working, it is time for an expert. Try your favorite handy person or electrician. It would be a very quick and little job for them. It isn't likely,



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but the problem could be the low voltage transformer.

Design Review/Preservation Committee Members:

Barb Freudemann - Chair Jo Ann Parker
Roy Wergers Gary Louis
Steve Blackburn - Board Liaison

Finance Committee:

We have been working on the budget for 2008, and by sharpening our pencils, we will not have to increase the Master fee. Crystal Cove, Raintree and Salt Run monthly payments will also remain the same. In 2009, though, it looks like we will have to raise all of them. We want to thank Barb Mirlisena and Jean Gibson for staying on and seeing the budget completed before resigning. If anyone would like to join the Finance Committee, please contact Dale Skelton at 899-2434.

Finance Committee Members:

Herb Keil Nick Greco
Patty Blackburn
Dale Skelton - Board Liaison

Wildlife Committee:

Michael, our swan, is doing fine. You will see a straw hut by the gazebo that was built for him as a winter shelter. Remember not to feed him any bread, crackers or anything other than the food the committee members provide. If you want to sign up to feed him once a week, please call Dale Skelton at 899-2434. We are still pursuing another swan. The survey we had was two-to-one in favor of it.

Wildlife Committee Members:

Marilyn Greenwood - Chair Joan Lee
Sharon Fryant Shirley Miller
Dale Skelton - Board Liaison Bonnie Wergers

Website:

Have you looked at the Village website lately? It has been updated with current events, social events, minutes of the HOA meetings, phone numbers, township number, etc.

Rob Silber did a great job in bringing the new info to the web, so check it out. In case you haven't noticed yet, our website address is listed on each page of this newsletter just under the Village on the Green heading.

Pet Policies:

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

Also remember to carry a pooper scooper with you to clean up after your pet.

We also have a "leash law," which means all pets must be on a leash and under control at all times. Otherwise, we will have to implement the penalties that are already in place for this offense.

Salvation Army:

The South Lebanon Salvation Army Thrift Store is located at 197 North Main Street (corner of Mason-Morrow and North Main streets). This store is run by volunteers. There are a lot of needy people who come in and would rather pay a small amount than accept handouts. If you have anything you would like to donate, I'm sure it would really be appreciated. Also remember you can use these donations as tax write-offs, including any monetary donations. Drop off hours are: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and

Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., and on Saturday from 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. If you have large items and need them picked up, you can call 351-3457.

Road Maintenance:

All roads in Village on the Green are maintained by



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Hamilton Township, except Crystal Cove, Raintree, Lake Pointe, Squirrel Run and Firefly, which are maintained by those villages independently.

If you have a problem with snow removal, call Hamilton Township (except for the streets listed above). For those streets, call Towne Properties.

License Tag Renewal:

When you get your license tags renewed for your automobile, you should list Hamilton Township (instead of Maineville) so the township gets the credit.

Litter:

We can't stop the wind from blowing trash around, but we can take pride in the appearance of our Village. If you have an extra moment while you're out walking and see a pop can/bottle, plastic bag, candy/gum wrappers or newspapers in the common areas or in the street, please consider picking them up and disposing of them. Of course, be careful in the street and do not pick up anything that may cut you. And be sure to wash your hands when you get home. Wouldn't it be much nicer to see the grass and flower beds without litter in them? Be a "Litter Gitter."

Mailbox Reminder:

For those residents who put mail in the slotted mailboxes near their townhomes, please be sure to put your mail all the way into the box so nothing is sticking out. With identity theft at an all-time high, we can't be too careful.

Christmas Lights:

First of all, thank you to all the volunteers who helped put up the lights at the entrance to VOG this year. In the past, there were more lights further up the entrance and around the first rotary. But this year there were not enough volunteers available to make this happen. If you enjoy seeing these areas decorated, come lend a hand next holiday season and let's brighten up our village together!

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