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-HOLIDAYS-

The Social Committee will be starting the prep work for decorating the village for Christmas. This will be a huge task this year as the Social Committee will do it for the first time. This will save the village money and will get everyone out with their neighbors. It will be a good time, please come out to help. The prep work will start Tuesday, October 18th at 6:30 PM in the Town Hall and will continue each Tuesday after until the work has been completed. All of the lights, decorations, and ornaments need to be tested, fixed, untangled, and dusted off.

HOLIDAY EVENT SCHEDULE

- Oct. 18th 6:30PM- Prep work for decorations
- Oct. 25th 6:30PM - Prep continues
- Nov. 1st 6:30PM - Last prep day
- Nov. 5th 10:00 AM - We will hang the lights in the common areas
- Nov. 15th 6:30PM - Luminary work day
- Nov. 22nd 6:30PM - Luminary work day
- Nov. 29th 6:30PM - we will be decorating Town Hall inside and out.
- Thanksgiving Day** - The lights will be turned on
- Dec. 10th** - 6:00PM Holiday open house! Young and old alike - Santa arrives at 7:00PM Appetizers and deserts will be served. Please bring a dish.
- Dec. 11th** - Luminary at the lake and possibly caroling around the lake

-COMMITTEE NEWS-

Website Committee

We are soliciting volunteers to take the reigns of our website. It will be a separate committee that will report to the board just like the others. This will include adding new and updating content, developing new ideas, and making the website more useful to the VOG residents as well as the Board. This could set our development apart from the rest! If you are interested please contact David Brock at Towne Properties. davidb@tp1.com

Finance Committee

- Chairperson** - Penny Holmes
- Liaison** - Barb Mirlisena barb7805@yahoo.com
- Secretary** - Jeanie Gibson

In the past the Developer of our community had contributed money to cover shortfalls in operating funds year after year. This amounted to several thousands of dollars in the past. The Developer left the Board effective May 23, 2005. We now have a solely run and funded Resident Board.

We have experienced several financial issues that have impacted our 2005 budget. The village has had to overcome many unplanned expenses, such as repairs from vandalism at our front lake, the entrance sign, club house, pool, repairs due to an auto accident at the entrance that damaged a 30' evergreen, contractors taking fish from our lake, as well as residents being delinquent with annual fees, filing bankruptcy, and even foreclosure. All of these negatives affected dramatically our operating cash. It has recently come to our attention that the reserves are vastly under-funded. Reserves are required for the eventual replacement of our assets such as the pool. They are not for shortfalls.

To act as a responsible board we have adopted a new process that will help us better manage our operating funds. This process requires a requisition to be submitted for any non-contract item to be purchased. This new procedure requires 3 bids and then 3 trustee signatures to proceed. The Finance Committee will then see if it fits in the budget and send its recommendation to the Board. If it is not in the budget - it will have to wait until the following year.

The 2006 contracts and bids for running our village have come in and unfortunately they have increased significantly over 2004/2005. Because of all of these factors the Finance Committee anticipates an increase in fees for 2006. A final decision will be



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made in the near future by your Resident Board. We will take a conservative approach to this problem and look to cut out operating expenses as much as possible before we take this unpopular action.

Resident input either way is greatly encouraged.

Social Committee

Chair - Jan Cook 899-9079

Board Liaison - Tom Nugen tom.nugen@adelphia.net

Christmas

Christmas is getting nearer and the Social Committee has begun planning for our activities. We have set some work nights to help us get a handle on preparation for that wonderful time of the year. Our first work night is Tuesday evening, Oct. 18 at 6:30 PM at Towne Hall to check out Christmas lights to see which ones are working.

We need your help, if you can spare a few hours to help us, we would be so grateful. Remember we are on our own this year and we want our community to look better than ever. So lend a hand!

Luminaries work nights will be Nov. 15 and 22 at 6:30 PM in the lower level of Towne Hall. We will be getting the bags ready for the sand and candles. Again we need help and if you can, Come on Down!!!

Outdoor lights will be put on the trees Nov. 05. We will be putting up the lights on the trees at the entrance, first circle, around the Gazebo and Towne Hall. We need willing and strong workers to help.

The luminaries will be put around the lake this year on the evening of December 11, 2005. We would like the community to come celebrate the lighting of the candles and their reflected beauty.

Yoga

Yoga classes will begin Thursday, October 6, at 6:30 PM. The normal time will be at 6:00 PM each Thursday. We will be meeting upstairs at the Towne Hall. The classes are free. Everyone is welcome.

Bring a Yoga Mat and enthusiasm to participate. So see you there.

Music on the Green

VOG's first ever Music on the Green will be held October 9th on the third rotary. There will be a variety of live music as well as an "open mic" time. Please join us with blankets and chairs to enjoy this evening. Please bring refreshments and any social games such as Corn Hole that you would like. We need to make this a success.

Garden Club

To insure the continued beauty of the Village we need volunteers for a Garden Committee. This will be especially important for early spring. If you are interested please contact Tom Nugen at tom.nugen@adelphia.net or Jan Cook at 899-9079

The board would like to thank Carol Ann Cardella for the flowers she has recently bought us. The fall plantings were done to beautify the entrance and 1st rotary and to eliminate this expense for the HOA this year.

Welcoming Committee

New Residents to VOG

The welcome bag and information booklet for each new resident is back in motion after a short break. The bag includes information about VOG, Warren County, Maineville history, and member directory, along with a news letter. A total of 12 vendors gifts are in the package.

Thanks to Barb Skelton and Roy Wergers for collecting these fine gifts, including \$2 off for a haircut, grape juice from the winery, and free ice cream cone from U.D.F.

Anyone interested in providing information, gifts, or discounts, please call:
Barb Skelton 899-2434 or Roy Wergers 616-4327



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Design and Review Committee

Chair Person -

Liaison - John Boccher

Please remember to check your HOA documents regarding alterations to your property. These as well as the design and review application are available on the HOA website. This process is critical to maintain the aesthetics and safety of the village. There are fines that will be levied for infractions to this policy.

Preservation Committee

Chairperson - Michael Bolander

Liaison - Dale Skelton

What is the definition of "green space" and who is responsible for maintaining it--have you wondered about this?

Green space is defined as common areas in the Village and these are owned and maintained by the Association. There is also the green space that individual homeowners "own." The important thing to remember is that The HOA is responsible for making sure green space is preserved... whether owned as a "common" lot or owned by an individual.

When green space is on an individual's lot, the lot owner is responsible for caring and preserving it. This means removal of invasive plants such as honeysuckle, sumac, poison ivy, buckthorn, Canada thistle, pondweed, certain varieties of clover and grasses, among others. If trees or bushes are removed, they need to be replaced 3:1. The problem for the Village on the Green is that the work of preserving the green spaces is extensive and the cost is considerable. Therefore clearing out exotic or invasive plants by home owners is welcomed but with supervision from the preservation committee. This is necessary to avoid destroying worthwhile species.

The Preservation Committee will be inspecting individual homeowner green spaces in the near future. As the Village and surrounding areas continue to

build, more of our green areas are being removed. Let's all do the right thing to preserve what we have. If we are willing to do this, we will be able to enjoy them for many years to come.

Maintenance Committee

Chairperson - Roy Wergers

Liaison - Lew Snyder

Maintenance Person - Don Tedrick

There is a new (well not really new) kid on the block. He is Roy Wergers who is taking the Chairman baton from Lew Snyder, who will remain on the team.

We are looking for a few good men and women to oversee any maintenance item at the VOG. No tools are needed.

We meet once a month or as needed to keep VOG looking beautiful.

You must have a positive attitude and a vision. Can you help?

Thank you Lew for all the work you have done as Chairman of the Maintenance Committee. Call Roy at 616-4327 if interested.

-Other News!!-

Blog

<http://musiconthegreen.blogspot.com/>

This blog maintained by Kathy Salisbury has some great information and links you may be interested. Check it out and let Kathy what you think of it.

Vandalism

This summer several acts of vandalism have been carried out against the village. The acts against the common areas include painting on the entrance sign, the flooding of the 1st floor of the town hall, and dumping of paint and cleaning solvents into the front lake. Police reports have been made regarding these senseless acts, if you have any information regarding any of these please contact Hamilton Twp Police.



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Please help stop this trend by watching your surroundings and reporting offenders, we can all make a difference.

Neighborhood Watch

Due to the vandalism we have experienced several concerned residents would like to create a neighborhood watch program. Donna Tedrick has been kind enough to do all of the leg work; she has contacted the law enforcement agencies, and has organized all of the information. Please contact her if you are interested in the worth while project. She is in the directory. This will not get off the ground unless we have volunteers. This will make us all more secure and should save us money by stopping the vandalism.

Lakes

Several contractors and non-residents have been fishing our lakes. This costs each resident money when it is necessary to restock the lake. Please feel free to ask any person enjoying our amenities for their **GREEN TAG**. Do not become confrontational. If they do not have them, just call Hamilton Twp Police at their NON-EMERGENCY number 513-925-2525

VOG Website

Please visit www.villageonthegreenhoa.com. Here you will find events, amenity descriptions, helpful forms and important contact numbers. We are planning to add more functionality and information in the upcoming months. If you have web experience and would like to be involved, please contact David Brock at Towne Properties.

-Editorials-

Submit editorials to tom.nugen@adelphia.net. Letters will have to pass board review as they have final say and editorial review. Please include your name, address, and telephone number when submitting.

-Recent Events-

Garage Sale

The garage sale again was a big hit, thanks to Linda Gale for her hard work for the Social Committee. This is the biggest fund raiser we do, it is also a great way to meet your neighbors and get rid of some stuff you don't use any more. THANKS Linda!

Teen Night

The teen night at the pool was not attended by as many people as we had hoped.

Children's Fishing Tournament

Wow, what a great day for a Children's Fishing Tournament on Sept. 18, 2005. There were 32 children and 80 friends and family for a total of 112 people enjoying the lake and the weather.

A total of 50+ fish were caught and released. Thanks to Bill Severin for leading this event for the 7th year, with the help of Jan Cook who took care of goody bags and beverages, and Roy and Bonnie Wergers for acting as photographers.

-Upcoming Events-

Attention: Anyone interested in going to Keeneland Race Track in the spring of 2006 in beautiful Lexington, Kentucky?

We would leave on a bus from the Club House for a one day journey. The bus, beverages, a program, and a ticket to the track with reserved seating, for \$45 per person.

We need about 40 people to make this work. Yes, there is a toilet on the bus. If you have never seen Lexington in the springtime, it's a piece of heaven.

Please call Roy Wergers at 616-4327 if interested.