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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 contact 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 resident!
Robert Wade - 7418 Buttercup Ct.

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

Editorials:

Submit any editorials to Dale Skelton at vogpc@embarqmail.com. They will have to pass Board review since they have the final say. Please include your name, address and telephone number when submitting these.

The Prez Sez:

By: Roy Wergers

Greetings to everyone old and new here at Village on the Green. You will soon find out that Springtime here at VOG is gorgeous. Most everyone has been staying inside and keeping warm for the winter. I don't know about you, but I'm getting cabin fever. Spring is almost here and the activity has already started.

Look for the newly constructed stairs in front of the Town Hall. The electrical service for the fountain and bubblers should soon be completed. When that happens, the lake fountain and lights will return and be set out a little further from the shore. The grounds crew will be busy trimming shrubs, cleaning up and mulching. The pool people will start the cleanup process, including taking the pool furniture out of storage and returning it to pool side.

Check out our website www.villageonthegreen.com. It is full of helpful information, including the Trustees' names and phone numbers, utilities numbers, social events and committee names and numbers, etc.

May I also suggest you get involved just a little? I am sure you will like the camaraderie.

Village on the Green will have their first of five Homeowners Association meetings on March 24 at 7 p.m. at Town Hall. Everyone is welcome to attend this meeting and feel the heartbeat of the Village.

In closing, your 2008 Trustees are eager to meet each of you. If you have any concerns or need a question answered about the Village, please call any one of us.

Parting message...We are approaching Spring when Mother Nature begins to liquidate her frozen assets!

Until Next Time,
Roy B. Wergers
President 2008

Maintenance Committee:

The Maintenance Committee has reformed, divided up the responsibilities, and is anxiously awaiting Spring and the appearance of any new members. This committee is an oversight committee. That means it keeps an eye out for problems or potential problems, alerts the property manager to send a service provider to fix the problem, and keeps the Village looking as good as we all want it to look...marvelous! It is NOT a committee that does the actual maintenance.

The committee has some high visibility projects currently underway. They are: bank erosion on sides of the large lake, willow tree and stump removal on the west side of the large lake, and repair or replace drain pipe on the west side of the large lake.

If you have an interest in joining the Maintenance Committee, call Jack Jones for meeting dates and times.



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Maintenance Committee Members:

Dan Kallmyer - Board Liaison		
Jack Jones - Chair		Steve Blackburn
Judy Green	Jean Hoskins	Don Tedrick
Garry Clark	Archie Horn	John Fryant
Rob Silber	Roy Wergers	Pete Kellum

Social Committee:

Fundraisers:

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 is 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.

Scrapbooking:

If you are interested in scrapbooking, sessions are the first Saturday of the month from 6-10 p.m. at Town Hall. Anyone interested in getting together with other residents to share ideas, as well as socializing for a few hours each month, should contact Barb Mirlisena at barb7805@adelphia.net or (513) 200-5078.

Yoga and Yoglaties Class:

Class is changing to Tuesday nights beginning March 18, 2008—same time 6:15 to 7:15 p.m. at Town Hall upper level and classes are FREE. Enjoy an hour of relaxation exercises of stretching, strength poses, toning, balancing and flexibility. Men, women, kids, nonexperienced and experienced are all welcome. If you have questions, call Julie at 519-0835.

Town Hall Book Exchange:

There are now two bookcases in the lower level outside the exercise room. Feel free to borrow or donate a book, magazine or video. It's the honor system—if you borrow one of these items, please return them.

Coming Events for 2007:

April 26 - Taste of VOG		
(Sat.)	Time: 5:30 p.m.	Drop off dish
	6:15 - 7:45	Eat
	8:00 - 9:45	Trivia

June 7 - Community Garage Sale and Rummage Sale
(Sat.) Time: 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

If you don't want to have your own garage sale and you have items you do not need anymore, donate them to the community. We will set up tables in the parking lot of Town Hall and the monies collected will be used for Social events or towards the purchase of the evergreen tree (more information on next page).

July 1 - Luau at Pool
(Sat.)

July 4 - Parade (3rd Rotary)
(Thurs.) Time: TBA

Aug. 17 - Sundaes on Sunday
(Sun.)

Sept. 14 - Children's Fishing Derby
(Sun.) Time: 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Oct. 11 - Oktoberfest
(Sat.)

Nov. 8 - Decorate Outside Holiday Lights
(Sat.) (Not to be lit until after Thanksgiving)

Nov. 21 - Decorate Town Hall
(Fri.)

Dec. 1 - Start Food Drive for Needy
(Mon.)

Dec. 6 - Christmas/Holiday Party

We have some other events in the thinking stage and will announce them when we have them more organized.



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The Social Committee is also going to purchase a Commemorative/Community evergreen tree to be planted by the gazebo. It will be a tree where we can place ornaments, trinkets, etc., to remember, honor or show respect for someone. There will be more information on this later.

Social Committee Members:

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

Neighborhood Watch:

As spring and summer are fast approaching, we know that along with the beauty of the season and the warmer weather come the opportunity for vandals to ruin our sense of safety, our personal property, and our common areas. Thanks to many committed VOG residents, we are fortunate to have a very strong Neighborhood Watch Program in place for the purpose of protecting us from such vandalism.

I thank each of you for your part in the NHW Program. If you have served on the NHW Planning Committee, been a Block Captain or Co-Captain, reported problems to the police or to your Block Captain, asked to see someone's green tags or helped neighbors when in need, I thank you for your part in making our program a success and our community a safe one.

Two very important parts of our program include Block Captain and Co-captains, and a most necessary tool, the Phone Chain. We only use this Chain when necessary, so if your Block Captain activates the Chain, please make it a priority to pass along the information. Never leave messages with small children, but call the next person on the Chain, going back later to speak to an adult. On two occasions, we have had a lapse in the Phone Chain and the message didn't get to the end. This is unfair to those further down the Chain who need to receive messages also. As I've said many times, this Phone Chain is the backbone of Neighborhood Watch.

Neighborhood Watch Committee Members:

Dale Skelton - Board Liaison
Donna Tedrick - Chair
Kathy Hastings - Secretary/Treasurer
Lynn Busemeyer Paul Johnson
Traci McReynolds Sgt. Lisa Elliott - HTPD

The Pool Committee:

No report.

Pool Committee Members:

Barb Freudemann - Board Liaison	
Laura Bolender - Chair	Billie Finnegan
Michele Bosse	Traci McReynolds
Meghan Johnson	

Design Review/Preservation Committee:

This committee acquired a new member in January— Julie Haley. We welcome her with open arms and look forward to working with her in 2008.

Here are a couple of "fix it" tips for around the house:

Scratches on Wood

If the wood furniture in your home is looking a little worn, here are some inexpensive fixes with items you probably have around the house:

1. For scratches on dark wood furniture, make a paste of instant coffee and water. Rub the paste into the scratch with a soft cloth. Then let it sit for a minute and buff away any excess.
2. For scratches on light wood, try rubbing the meaty part of a walnut into the scratch. It will fill the dent and blend the scratch with the rest of the wood.
3. Waxy shoe polish will clean scratches and scuffs from all sorts of wood surfaces. Just rub it in and buff it to a shine.
4. White moisture marks on wood? Try rubbing the area with a little mineral oil on some superfine steel wool. Rub very lightly and work with the grain in
5. For hazy or dull furniture, mix together a cup of



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room temperature water and two tablespoons of white vinegar. Rub the mixture into the wood and then wipe it off with a clean, dry cloth. It will bring back the beautiful finish you remember.

Shower Doors:

1. Soap scum and mineral deposits will come off of those doors easily with some laundry pre-wash spray. Just spray it on, wait a minute, and wipe off.
2. Baby oil can also help break through hardened scum. Just put some on a washcloth and scrub the door clean.
3. You can prevent buildup from occurring in the first place by buffing the door with lemon oil on a soft cloth.
4. To clean your shower door track, pour some vinegar onto the track to fill the space. Then scrub with a bottle brush. Lay some towels outside the tub and pour some hot water into the track to flush out vinegar.

Hope you find these tips useful!

Design Review/Preservation Committee Members:

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

Finance Committee:

The Finance Committee is going through a time of transition after the resignation of a number of former members. We thank them for the solid foundation that has been provided by their work. We are grateful for several people who have come onboard after the Annual Meeting. We have also had assistance from Chris Murphy, a previous member, who provides additional help in the transition for the new participants. We are still looking for additional residents who have an interest in monitoring the budget and putting the annual budget together for the Board of Trustees' approval. To assist in increasing the committee's knowledge of the budget, we will be

meeting with Towne Properties so questions regarding the budget and budget process can be answered.

If you would be interested in joining us, contact Ken Hastings at 899-9624.

Finance Committee Members:

Ken Hastings - Chair Pro-tem/Board Liaison
Patty Blackburn - Secretary
Chris Murphy - Ex-officio
Eileen Meeres Semue Chapman
Dale Skelton Herb Keil

Wildlife Committee:

A straw hut was not built this winter for Michael and his friends since we found that Mute Swans are tolerant of cold weather and they get their protection from predators by staying on the water. Remember NOT to feed him bread, crackers, or anything other than food the committee members provide.

Also, Michael is in need of someone to feed him on Tuesdays and we need volunteers for vacation feedings. If interested, email Julie Haley at imjules3@roadrunner.com.

Wildlife Committee Members:

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

Website:

The new address for our website is www.villageonthegreen.com. In case you haven't noticed, the website is listed on each page of the newsletter under the Village on the Green heading. Check out the website—it is being updated by our webmaster, Rob Silber. We have a new member, Mike Bolender, who volunteered at the Annual Meeting. Welcome aboard, Mike! You will find current events, social events, minutes of the Homeowners Association meetings, phone numbers, Hamilton Township numbers,



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homeowners' covenants, etc. If you have any ideas or comments to improve our website, please let us know. Email vogpc@embarqmail.com.

Website Committee Members:

Dale Skelton - Board Liaison
Rob Silber - Webmaster
Mike Bolender

Resident Concerns:

If you have any concerns about anything in the neighborhood, your first course of action is to call or email David Brock at Towne Properties (provide phone number or email address) . If the issue does not get resolved in a timely fashion, contact your trustee and they will try to get it solved.

VOG Board of Trustees:

Roy Wergers	Raintree Village
Steve Blackburn	Beargrass
Dale Skelton	Salt Run
Ken Hastings	Greentree Village
Dan Kallmyer	Crystal Cove
Barb Freudemann	Salt Run
Julie Haley	Greentree Village

Clubhouse Coordinator:

The new clubhouse coordinator is Zahra Murphy. Call her at 833-9237 if you want information on renting out this facility.

Safety Tips:

Lighting

Light is one of the best ways to discourage vandalism. Please light the post light in front of your house from dusk to dawn. The cost for burning a 60-watt bulb is only about \$0.06 for each 12-hour period. Be sure to turn on any lights you have behind your house as well.

Unwanted Solicitation

If door-to-door sales persons come to your door, ask them to show you their permit. Hamilton Township has an ordinance for solicitations. Sales people are required

to get a permit. If they do not show you one, call Hamilton Township Police at the non-emergency phone number, which is 925-2525, and report it.

Recipe:

Here is a soup recipe from resident, Jodi Nugen:

Italian Wedding Soup

3 large chicken breasts	5 stalks of celery
1 onion	Carrots (if desired)
2 packages frozen spinach	1 can Parmesan cheese
Chicken soup base or chicken broth	
1/2 package of Acini Di Pepe pasta (or any small pasta like Orzo)	

Meatballs

1 pound ground chuck	1 egg
1/4 - 1/2 cup bread crumbs	Dash of salt
Dash of pepper	Dash of pepper
1 small chopped onion	1/4 cup Parmesan cheese

Mix all ingredients together and roll into small bite-size balls.

In a large soup pot, cook chicken, celery and onion in broth (broth can be either chicken broth or water with soup base mixed to taste). Cook for about 1 hour on high heat.

Remove chicken and cut into bit size pieces. Add back to broth.

Add spinach, carrots and meatballs. Cook on medium heat for about 1 hour or until spinach is soft and meatballs are cooked. Stir soup frequently.

Sprinkle a generous portion of Parmesan cheese. Add cheese to taste.

Add Acini Di Pene and cook until pasta is tender. (Pasta may absorb some of the broth. You may need to add more water or broth.)

Add additional seasonings or cheese or anything you think might taste good. The longer the soup cooks, the better it tastes.

Can't wait to make this recipe!