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### **Editor's Note:**

If you have any suggestions or comments or wish to place an advertisement in the Village newsletter, please contact Dale Skelton at 899-2434 or email at [vogpc@embarqmail.com](mailto:vogpc@embarqmail.com) or Barb Freudemann at 899-4269 or email at [whoopsi@embarqmail.com](mailto:whoopsi@embarqmail.com).

You may also submit editorials to your newsletter. They will need to pass the Board's review before publishing. Be sure to include your name, address and telephone number with your editorial.

### **Welcome:**

Welcome to our new residents!  
Carolyn Campbell - 7760 Wilderness Way  
Tom and Sarah Duncan - 7731 Squirrel Run  
Alyssa Moore - 7649 Sandstone Trail  
Patrick & Amy Winkler - 738 Morning Dew Lane  
Dennis & Margaret Clasgens - 7780 Swansong Circle

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

### **The Prez Sez:**

**By: Roy Wergers**

No news is good news. In my four years here in the Village, I have met many, many residents with whom I have broken bread, had a drink or two, played a game of golf, went bowling, fishing, on vacation, went to the theater and laid my head on their shoulder during bad times. To me and Bonnie, this is priceless.

We come from different states, different religions, different political beliefs, and that's O.K. We are all in agreement—that VOG is the greatest place to live!

The Village is going into the 2nd decade of existence. While cruising or walking the Village, I see and hear things that need to be addressed.

Right now I am looking for a 60-day committee,

starting August 1 and ending September 30. There are no chairs and no commitment. I have met so many past Board members and very knowledgeable people and we need your help. We need input from everyone.

Here is what I envision and my opinion. Yes, I know, my opinion and \$3.50 will get a vanilla latte at Starbucks!

Getting serious—here are the items that need attention soon in the Village:

- Updating the lake—stopping the erosion of the banks, adding additional crushed rock, replacing aged trees and perennials, as well as, adding a small dock for people to visit their water friends and keeping a yearly tab on the depth of the lake so we don't end up like Landen Lake.
- New lighting on the walking paths, replacing original lighting as they break with Eco lighting.
- A facelift for the pool.
- Making our ball field a real ball field by grading and adding the necessary surface materials.
- Reviving the sand volleyball area since it is now a giant weed patch and the sand is like concrete. It needs tilling and sand added (already started).
- The children's area needs updating and maybe some additional play items. Some of this is already started.
- The interior of Town Hall needs a complete makeover including the exercise room.
- A much bigger storage shed for the pool pump, furniture, tools, seasonal decorations, etc. This will save the Village money by eliminating storage fees.
- The exterior of the Town Hall needs ongoing repairs and replacement. The steps were recently replaced with 40-year wood.

The gazebo benches were just rebuilt with #1 grade pressure-treated lumber. The wood that was replaced was all rotten and held together with paint. This was accomplished by using volunteer labor and an excellent job was done.

Wouldn't it be nice to see a NEW Town Hall clock that keeps on ticking and one you can read?



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need to be addressed. What do you see in the future? How can you help your Village? What is your opinion?

Here is how the committee would work:

- #1 - Give me, or any Trustee, a call or email. My phone number is 616-4327 and email [roykando@aol.com](mailto:roykando@aol.com).
- #2 - We will gather all ideas big or small.
- #3 - We will prioritize according to importance.
- #4 - The list will be presented to the Board of Trustees.
- #5 - Trustees will look it over and add their comments.
- #6 - Once we get the Trustees' blessing on the list, then we start to act.

This would be the plan for the next 5 years or longer. Let's make our little piece of heaven even better.

Sincerely,  
Roy Wergers  
President 2008

### **Maintenance Committee:**

The drainpipe project on the west side of the big pond has been completed. The missing sewer cover in Salt Run Village has been replaced with a new cover. The remedy for the bank erosion of the large pond is still under evaluation. The irrigation pump for the sprinkling system is in the lake waiting for a 2-1/2 inch flex hose. The broken PVC water line is repaired and the electric line ditch is filled in and leveled.

The Maintenance Committee heard a presentation by Mark Poffs of Poffs Fertilization & Landscaping regarding a good fertilization plan for VOG. His bid will be under consideration for next year.

Special thanks go to Dee Arceci for buying, planting, and watering plants under the Crystal Cove Village sign. She has been doing this for many years..

### **Maintenance Committee Members:**

Dan Kallmyer - Board Liaison	
Jack Jones - Chair	Steve Blackburn
Judy Green	Jean Hoskins
	Don Tedrick

### **Maintenance Committee Members (cont.):**

Garry Clark	Archie Horn	John Fryant
Rob Silber	Roy Wergers	Pete Kellum

### **Social Committee:**

The Community Garage Sale went very well. The weather couldn't have been better. Everyone made some money, along with having a good time.

The Social Committee made \$110 thanks to donations from Anne Drew, the Silber's, the Winkler's, and the Wergers.

Next on the agenda is the 4th of July Parade at the 3rd rotary.

The Luau is July 19 from 6 p.m. until ? around the pool area. Everyone needs to bring a dish to share, your preferred drink, and a lawn chair. We will have music, contests, lots of socializing and FUN!

### **Coming Events for 2008:**

- Aug. 17 - Sundaes on Sunday  
(Sun.) Time: 6:00—8:00 p.m.  
Come and enjoy an ice cream sundae with your choice of toppings. All are supplied by the Social Committee.
- Sept. 14 - Children's Fishing Derby for Kids up to 17  
(Sun.) Time: 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.  
Prizes, treats, refreshments and fun.
- Oct. 11 - Oktoberfest  
(Sat.) Time: 7:00 - 10:00 p.m.  
German music and food. Bring your favorite Beverage and a lawn chair.
- Oct. 31 - Halloween treats at Town Hall during Trick or Treat time.  
(Fri.)
- Nov. 8 - Decorate Outside Holiday Lights  
(Sat.) (Not to be lit until after Thanksgiving)



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Nov. 21 - Decorate Town Hall  
(Fri.)

Dec. 1 - Start food drive for needy  
(Mon.)

Dec. 6 - Christmas/Holiday Party at Town Hall  
(Sat.) Babysitting to be provided. More info later.

Don't forget to save your aluminum cans. They are collected the **2nd Friday of each month** at the far end of Town Hall parking lot.

Need a new mailbox? Call Roy at 616-4327.

**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 should contact Barb Mirlisena at [barb7805@adelphia.net](mailto:barb7805@adelphia.net) or (513) 200-5078.

**Yoga and Yogalaties Class:**

This class is held Tuesday evenings from 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 welcome. If you have questions, call Julie Haley at 519-0835.

**Town Hall Book Exchange:**

Have you visited the Book Exchange in the lower level of Town Hall? There are books of all kinds, children's books and videos, and magazines. The honor system applies here...if you borrow, you need to bring back and get another one. All donations are gladly accepted.

**Social Committee Members:**

Roy Wergers - Board Liaison		
Bonnie Wergers - Chair		
Barb Skelton	Linda Gale	Eileen Meeres
Patty Blackburn	Joan Lee	Peter Kellum
Shirley Chenault	Julie Haley	Brenda Kellum

**Neighborhood Watch:**

There have been recent reports of solicitors in Village on the Green. There are many legitimate door-to-door salespeople, but unfortunately there are just as many scammers. To be on the safe side, ask to see their permit before making a purchase. Solicitors are required to register with the Township at which point they must fill out the proper paperwork and pay the fee. They are given the permit, which they are required to show to homeowners upon request. The solicitor who came into our area recently did not have identification or a permit when asked. The police were called each time. Feel free to call the police at 925-2525 or 911 if you feel threatened in any way. You may want to remind your kids and grandkids to not open the door to strangers.

Have a fun and safe summer!

**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:**

The Pool Committee is excited that summer is here once again. Have you been to the pool lately? If not, come on out and enjoy our little oasis in the village!

There are plenty of loungers, tables and chairs for you to relax. We are in need of more umbrellas and we are going to be ordering 5 more. These will crank up and down and tilt, unlike the current umbrellas we have.

The pool is also sporting some new signs. We have added two (2) "No Diving" signs and a sign on the gate giving the pool hours and stating that the pool is for "VOG Residents Only." It is important for all residents to remember their keys and green tags when going to the pool. We have other communities around us that do not have the amenities we do and they should not have



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access to our pool. It is equally important for homeowners visiting the pool NOT to allow access to others who do not have their keys. This will pave the way for everyone to remember their keys.

A few things the Pool Committee would like to highlight:

- The lost and found bags are located in the pool area by the gate.
- There is some yellow staining on the bottom of the pool. This is from the ground water that flows through a valve that is part of the pool system. The stain will not hurt anyone or anything and we are hopeful that the chemicals used during the year will eliminate it.
- The pool gate has been repaired so it should close easily after leaving the pool area, but make sure it does latch when you enter or exit the pool area.
- Please be sure to towel dry off before entering Town Hall. We have new mats on the floor this year, but the floor still gets slick when wet.
- Turn off the lights in the bathrooms and Town Hall.
- No diving into the pool.
- Drop any aluminum cans into the plastic trash can under the stairs near the door to the lower level of Town Hall. These will be recycled.

The mission of the Pool Committee is to help keep our residents safe while having fun at the pool.

We are seeking new members and would love to have you! Please call Barb Freudemann at 899-4269 if you can help out, then come join us for some splashing fun! We meet once a month during the season and every other month during the off-season.

#### **Pool Committee Members:**

Barb Freudemann - Board Liaison  
Meghan Johnson Traci McReynolds

#### **Design Review/Preservation Committee:**

INFO ABOUT CLOTHES DRYERS...

Keeping the lint filter clean after every load is important. And after you remove the lint, it may look

clean. But you need to take it one step further. Take the filter to the sink and run hot water over it. The lint filter is made of a mesh material. If the hot water just sits on top of the mesh, it needs to be cleaned with hot, soapy water and toothbrush or other brush. The dryer sheets you use cause a film to form over the mesh (oil-based fragrance and static control) that can burn out the heating unit in time. You can't SEE the film, but it's there. If not cleaned at least every six (6) months, the residue on the filter can build up and catch fire. Taking this extra step can prolong the life of your dryer and save you a few pennies on your electric bill! And if you haven't had your dryer vents cleaned recently, you may want to contact a professional and have them checked. They will be able to tell you if they need to be cleaned and will recommend how often it should be done.

#### **Design Review/Preservation Committee Members:**

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

#### **Finance Committee:**

Six months of 2008 have passed. Financially, we have had a good start. However, there are still outstanding past due Association fees that need to be paid in order to get Village on the Green through the calendar year. It requires everyone's participation to keep us financially sound.

We are now into the budget process for 2009. Committees need to start thinking now about their needs and wants for next year. You will receive budget information in the next month to assist with your planning. If you have any questions, contact a member of the Finance Committee.

#### **Finance Committee Members:**

Ken Hastings - Chair Pro-tem/Board Liaison  
Patty Blackburn - Secretary  
Chris Murphy - Ex-officio



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**Finance Committee Members (cont.):**

Eileen Meeres      Semue Chapman      Herb Keil

**Wildlife Committee:**

Michael and his friends are finally enjoying the warm weather and all the activity around the lake. Remember NOT to feed him bread, crackers, or anything other than the food the committee members provide.

We have people to feed Michael 7 days a week now, as well as, a sub to cover for vacation/illness.

**Wildlife Committee Members:**

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

**Website:**

Check out our website. It is identified on the top of each page of this newsletter under the "Village on the Green" heading. Once there, you will find current and social events, minutes of Homeowner Association meetings, phone numbers, Hamilton Township numbers, covenants, etc. If you have comments or ideas for improving the website, please contact one of the committee members.

**Website Committee Members:**

Dale Skelton - Board Liaison  
 Rob Silber - Webmaster

**Resident Issues:**

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. Remember, you must be current on all fees if you want to rent Town Hall.

The rental fees have been revised. Following are the new fees that went into effect July 1, 2008:

	<u>VOG Residents</u>	<u>Non-VOG Residents</u>
<b>Upper Level</b>		
Deposit (refundable)	\$100	\$200
Rental Fee (non-refundable)	\$ 75	\$100
<b>Lower Level</b>		
Deposit (refundable)	\$ 75	\$100
Rental Fee (non-refundable)	\$ 50	\$ 50

Long-term rental fees will be negotiated.

**Moms' Group:**

Attention Stay-at-home Moms, Moms on Maternity Leave and Teaching Moms who will be Home for the Summer...

Come make new friendships and embark on new adventures by joining the Village on the Green Moms' Group.

Village on the Green Mom's Group meets every **third Wednesday** rain or shine either at a particular



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destination (field trip) or at the neighborhood clubhouse at 9:30 a.m. The group also meets for a Mom's Night Out each month.

Please see the schedule below for some of the upcoming activities or contact Sharon Palmeter at 899-4169 or via email at [tspalmeter@roadrunner.com](mailto:tspalmeter@roadrunner.com) if you have any questions.

**July 10** (Thurs.) - Dessert Night at the VOG clubhouse from 6:30 - 9:30 p.m. Please bring your favorite dessert. Coffee, tea, and iced tea will be served. We will be getting together with the VOG Ladies' Group.

**July 16** (Weds.) - Winton Woods Parky's Ark wet play at 11:00 a.m. The cost is \$5.00 for a park entrance sticker that will allow you entry into all Hamilton County Parks for the 2008 year. You can also purchase a \$3.00 daily pass. There is also a \$1.00 charge per child playing in the wet play area. Eat lunch at the Grill (prices are very, very reasonable or pack a lunch). If you need a car sticker, let me know and I can get them ahead of time.

**August 14** (Thurs.) - This date may change. - Ladies' Night at the Mad Potter - 1/2 price studio fees and appetizers are provided. BYOB. More details to come.

**August 20** (Weds.) - This date may change. - Field trip to Sunrock Farms in Northern Kentucky (10:00 a.m.—12:30 p.m.). Cost is \$9.00 per person; age 1 and under are free. Please have money to me by 5:00 p.m. August 19. Pack a picnic lunch. Sunrock Farms is a hands-on farm where the children will be able to milk a goat, collect eggs, as well as, handle some of the other farm animals. There is also the possibility of doing some planting in the garden. Bring cameras and a change of clothes. I will email directions to you.

**September 1** (Mon.) - Labor Day Cookout in 3rd rotary for VOG Mom's Group families. Come play corn hole and enjoy getting to know your neighbors. Bring

your own meat to grill and dish to share. BYOB.

**September 17** (Weds.) - Pine Hill Park. Pack a picnic lunch. Bring clothes to change into for wet play.

We will meet rain or shine. If the activity is one that requires cancellation due to inclement weather, we will meet at 9:30 a.m. in the clubhouse for play time and coffee.

### Calling All Gardeners—Common Areas Need Plants

As far as we know, everyone got away unscathed from the recent storms. What a blessing! Driving in and out of Village on the Green makes us wish we were 20 again—why? So we would have the strength to do it all ourselves—that is planting beautiful, colorful perennial plants in our common areas. But since we are far from being 20, we need your help to get that done! If you have one or more plants that need to be thinned out, the Village could use them. Which means it would not cost us anything but "good old elbow grease." Just imagine how beautiful the common areas would be if there was more color in them! If you are willing to donate some plants and/or your time, please call either Barb Skelton at 899-2434 or Barb Freudemann at 899-4269.

### School's Out

It's that time of year again when our children will be out playing on the sidewalks, streets, etc. Please watch out for them and observe the 25 MPH speed limit. Also, you need to come to a complete stop at all stop signs.

### Auto Tag Renewal

When renewing your auto tags, please remember to list Hamilton Township as your city—not Maineville. This way the township will get credit for the roads and not Maineville.

### Pet Policy

Our docs state that we can have up to three pets in our



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homes, including cats, but they need to be on a leash if outside and not left alone to bark. We also have a pooper scooper rule that you must pick up your animal droppings and dispose of them in a closed container...*not the storm sewers*. Thank you for obeying these rules!

### **Green Recreation Permit Tags**

When you became a resident of Village on the Green, you received a green recreation permit tag with a number on it that identifies you as a resident. These are NOT to be shared with guests or friends outside of the Village. You should bring these tags with you when using the amenities in the Village—i.e., pool, tennis court, fishing, volleyball and any VOG social gathering. If you have misplaced or lost your tag, contact Towne Properties (489-4059) for a new one. The cost to replace a lost tag is \$25.00.

### **Crystal Lake**

Our lake is there for your use, but you need to remember that this is a *catch and release* lake, with the exception of bluegills. You must also carry your green recreation permit tag with you. You may ask anybody to show you theirs if you don't know them. Guests are permitted to fish at our lake as long as you are present and have your green tag. Children under 14 years of age are not permitted to fish without an adult present. If you run across someone who does not have a green tag, you should ask them to leave or call Hamilton Township Policy at 925-2525. As more new developments surround us, we need to keep a close eye on who uses our amenities.