



Homeowners Association

Newsletter for Residents & Friends of Village on the Green

March 2009

Editor's Note:

If you have any suggestions or comments or wish to place an advertisement in the Village newsletter, you can contact Barb Freudemann at 899-4269 or email her at whoopsi54@yahoo.com. You may also contact Roy Wergers at 616-4327 or roykando@aol.com.

You can submit an editorial for the newsletter. It 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!
Lucinda Cliett - 803 Owls Nest Ct.
Richard & Ann Calleja - 7630 Sandstone Trail

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

The Prez Sez:

By: Roy Wergers

I'd like to start off with a VOG welcome to our newly-elected trustees for 2009. Julie Haley was elected for the second time to serve a three-year term. When you need to get the job done, Julie is always there.

Our newest trustee is Mr. Rob Silber. Rob brings a ton of knowledge in management, mechanical and common sense to this year's 2009 Board.

Salute to you both and the other five trustees for your commitment.

This year is going to be an exciting year in the Village! The first of six (6) trustee workshops took place on February 23 and many improvement activities were

planned and discussed.

The green space and common areas are high on the list. Our goal is to keep the Village looking better than it did when it was new twelve (12) years ago. Curb appeal is very important from the time you enter our Village to the time you leave.

Each one of us has an obligation to maintain our own home and yard. If new buyers drive through and do not like the looks of the grounds, they may just keep on driving.

Look for big improvements around Crystal Lake, Town Hall, the pool area and the children's playgrounds this year.

Your Board of Trustees are even going green to save energy and money. For example, a timer will be added to the lake fountain to shut it off while we sleep. Ceiling fans will be added to the lower level of Town Hall so we don't need to run the air conditioning 24/7.

Getting projects started and completed takes many months sometimes. We get multiple bids, professional advice, management advice, etc. We try to cross all the T's, dot the I's and jump through the hoops. Our money is being spent wisely.

Check out the new newsletter front page design. Thanks to Joe Chovan of Crystal Lake Lane for his time and talent.

Volunteers play an important role here in the Village for growth and balance. It's a chance to save the community some expenses. The time involved is whatever you want it to be—there is no commitment.

In my short 4-1/2 years here in the Village, Bonnie and I have gone bowling, golfing, swimming, walking, dining



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vacationing, to the theater, picnicking, church events, partying, and even tipped a few with friends and neighbors in the Village.

Talk to a trustee, call Towne Management, go to the website at www.villageonthegreen.com to see what's happening. Then come and join us.

It truly is a great place to live.

Roy Wergers
President 2009

Vice-President Sez:

Crystal Lake, a.k.a., VOG Lake, is flourishing. Spring is just around the corner and we all be able to enjoy the beauty of the lake in all it's springtime splendor.

Crystal Lake is actually a retention pond built by developers of the Village. VOG uses the water from the lake for irrigation of the green spaces.

Four aerators have now been installed to keep the lake ecologically sound. They pull the water from the bottom of the lake upwards. This was done at the recommendation of Jones Lake Management.

The fountains in both the front pond and the lake are beautiful to watch and listen to, but they do not help keep the lake healthy. By the way, the fountains were removed and placed in storage for the winter to prolong their working longevity. Jones will be reinstalling them when spring is here.

Crystal Lake is valuable to the Village, as well as being a beautiful asset. Michael and his feathered friends are guests of the lake, though at times you may wonder. With the installation of the aerators, the lake will

remain beautiful and an important part of life here at Village on the Green.

Steve Blackburn
Vice-President 2009

Maintenance Committee:

The following are maintenance projects that we hope to complete in 2009:

Town Hall

- Exercise Room:
1. Replace rubber floor
 2. Paint walls
 3. Repair paint on equipment
 4. Replace T.V.

- Upper Level:
1. Paint restroom
 2. Remove wallpaper and paint hall and meeting room
 3. Replace wall decorations
 4. Replace window treatments
 5. Replace Exit lights

- Exterior:
1. Add photo cells under rear deck
 2. Solidify rear deck foundation

- Playground:
1. Additional rubber mulch
 2. Sand in volleyball court
 3. Clean up ball diamond/drag field
 4. Spread topsoil in low/bare spots around Town Hall

- Gazebo Area:
1. Replace railings and spindles in gazebo
 2. Install timer for fountain pump
 3. Clean up electrical system for the lake pumps



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Gazebo Area: 4. Spread gravel around to cover up
(cont.) the pumping station

Oct. 10 - Oktoberfest
(Sat.) Time: 7:00 - 10:00 p.m.
Location: Around pool area

Green Space: 1. Implement pruning plan for the
first roundabout
2. Clean out overgrowth between the
first roundabout and the pond

Oct. 31 - Halloween at Town Hall
(Sat.) During Trick or Treat

Maintenance Committee Members:

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

Nov. 21 - Decorating of Town Hall
(Sat.) Time: 6:30 p.m.
All welcome!

Dec. 1 - Start of the Annual Food Drive
(Tues.) for the Needy

Social Committee:

Events for 2009:

Mar. 28 - Chili Cookoff
(Sat.) Time: 3:00 - 5:00 p.m.
See flyers in the **Take One** box

Apr. 25 - Taste of VOG International / Town Hall
(Sat.) Time: 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Jun. 5/6 - Community Garage Sale
(Fri./Sat.) Time: TBD
Everyone welcome to participate one or
both days

Jun. 14 - Childrens' Fishing Tournament
(Sun.) Time: 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.
Location: Crystal Lake

Jul. 12 - Sundaes on Sunday #1
(Sun.) Time: TBD
Location: Town Hall

Aug. 9 - Sundaes on Sunday #2
(Sun.) Time: TBD
Location: Town Hall

Dec. 12 - Christmas Party
(Sat.) Time 6:00 - 9:30 p.m.
Location: Town Hall

If you need a new mailbox, we will install one for \$38.00. Need your post painted? Just add \$7.00 for a total of \$45.00. If interested, please call Roy Wergers at 616-4327.

SAVE YOUR ALUMINUM CANS... Drop them 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 the mailboxes and cans are fundraisers.

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, contact Barb Mirlisena at barb7805@adelphia.net or (513) 200-5078.



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Yoga and Yogalaties:

Tuesday night classes have been discontinued.

Town Hall Book Exchange:

There are two bookcases in the lower level outside the exercise room. Feel free to borrow or donate a book, magazine or video. Please return to the library when finished with them.

Social Committee Members:

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

Neighborhood Watch:

Paul Johnson has agreed to assume the position of Neighborhood Watch Chairperson. Paul and his wife, Meghan, live on Acorn Trail with their 8-year old daughter, Katie. Meghan is a realtor for Sibcy Cline and Katie attends Maineville Elementary School.

Donna Tedrick had been the committee chairperson from the inception of the program three and one-half years ago and has played a key role in the committee's foundation and success. She will continue to serve as her block's Captain.

The committee has planned the following meetings for 2009. In the spring, we will have the annual Block Captain/Co-Captain meeting followed by the program "Emergency Preparedness." This program will cover how to survive without utilities that we take for granted until they are interrupted. I think we all have known of someone that has lost electricity for an extended period this past year. This meeting is tentatively scheduled for the end of March or early April. The fall program will be a resident-focused

meeting called "Home Alone." Watch for the signs.

Both programs will be conducted by Sgt. Elliott, our Liaison with the Hamilton Township Police Department. If you have never been to one of her programs, you should definitely check one out. She always does a great job of mixing a little humor in with the facts and does a wonderful job of involving the children in programs that are directed toward them.

Block Captains:

As the spring weather arrives, please make an effort to get out in your zone and meet any new residents and verify/update your residents' information. Also try to recruit a Co-Captain, if you need one.

Safety Item:

Our ponds are beautiful in the winter, as well as the summer and really seem to fascinate the younger people. It is **NEVER** safe to walk out on the ponds as the "bubblers" prevent the ponds from freezing completely. Please take a moment to review the potential dangers of walking on ice with your children (like hypothermia).

Neighborhood Watch Committee Members:

Paul Johnson - Chair Rob Silber - Board Liaison
Kathy Hastings - Secretary/Treasurer
Lynn Busemeyer Traci McReynolds
Sgt. Lisa Elliott - HTPD

Pool Committee:

Our first meeting of 2009 will be sometime in April. If you were unable to attend the Annual Meeting in January, we announced some updates/changes you can expect to see this year. One will be new canopies to replace the umbrella tables. The umbrellas needed repairs on a regular basis and when we experienced high winds, some were known to lift out and propel





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towards the pool or children. We also plan, with a little help, to remove the concrete benches and tables.

Please remember to bring your gate key and green ID tags with you to the pool area and to abide by the Pool Rules posted on the entrance gate.

Here are a few tips to make your summer at the pool hassle free:

1. Homeowners visiting the pool should NOT allow access to anyone who does not have their keys. We pay for the privilege of using this pool—it is for Village residents only.
2. Lost and found bags will be located in the pool area by the gate, as well as, a First Aid kit.
3. Be sure to towel dry off before entering Town Hall. Even with mats on the hallway floors, the restroom floors and uncovered areas still get slick when wet.
4. Turn off the lights in the bathrooms when you leave and any lights that are left on in the lower level of Town Hall.
5. NO DIVING into the pool—signs are posted.
6. Drop any aluminum cans in the plastic trash can under the stairs near the door to the lower level of Town Hall. These will be recycled.

The pool rules are in place to keep residents safe. We want everyone to have fun and be injury-free this summer!

Pool Committee Members:

Barb Freudemann - Board Liaison/Temporary Chair
Meghan Johnson Traci McReynolds
Amy Winkler Nicole Crowley

Design Review/Preservation Committee:

As the weather warms up, residents start thinking about home improvements. The purpose of the Design Review Committee is to monitor these improvements

and to make sure they are done in accordance with our Covenants. Copies of the Design Review Applications and Design Review Guidelines are located in the lower level of Town Hall near the mailbox on the wall (across from the bookshelves). If you are not clear what improvements require an application, refer to the Guidelines. If they don't answer your question, please contact any member of the committee. A good rule of thumb would be if you are a new homeowner in the Village, what updates or improvements would you be interested in knowing about? If in doubt, fill one out!

Design Review/Preservation Committee Members:

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

Finance Committee:

No report.

Finance Committee Members:

Ken Hastings - Chair Pro-tem/Board Liaison
Patty Blackburn - Secretary Eileen Meeres
Rob Slone Bob Tindall Samue Chapman

Wildlife Committee:

Michael the Swan needs new feeding friends. All is well with Michael and his duck friends. He does, however, need two (2) new faces to feed him one day a week. It brings great pleasure to be on the Wildlife Committee. Give it a try, you might like it! If interested, contact Julie Haley at 513-519-0835 or email her at imjules3@roadrunner.com.

Wildlife Committee Members:

Julie Haley - Board Liaison Don Tedrick
Marilyn Greenwood - Chair Bonnie Wergers
Joan Lee





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Website:

Hello Neighbors! My name is Rob Silber and I am excited to be the latest addition to our Board of Trustees. I live on Wilderness Way and have been a member of the Maintenance Committee, am currently a member of the Neighborhood Watch Committee, and I am the person responsible for maintaining the VOG website. As a member of the Board, I hope to serve this community by focusing on: maintenance of our infrastructure to help maintain our property values, and cost controls to keep our HOA fees as low as possible. If you have any questions, issues or comments, please feel free to email me at rgsilber1201@yahoo.com or call me at 678-6603 between the hours of 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. Let's work together to make 2009 another great year for Village on the Green!

If you have web skills that you feel could benefit this committee of one, please email or give me a call.

Website Committee Members:

Rob Silber—Webmaster

Newsletter:

By now you have noticed that our newsletter has taken on a new look. Hope you like it!

Special Note: This will be the last issue of the newsletter to be delivered door to door. For the next issue (June/July timeframe), there will be copies at Town Hall for pickup. The newsletter will also be published on the VOG website and also available in the **Take One** stand as you enter the Village. This is a cost savings move, but it will also ensure you get your copy sooner by eliminating the delivery step.

Website Committee Members:

Barb Freudemann - Editor Roy Wergers - Co-Editor

Resident Issues:

It seemed important to put this in the newsletter again. If you have any concerns about anything in the Village, your first course of action would be to call or email David Brock at Towne Properties (provide your phone number or email address). His email address is: davidb@tp1.com and phone number is 489-4059. If the issue does not get resolved in a reasonable length of time, contact your trustee and they will work with you to get it resolved.

VOG Board of Trustees:

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

Clubhouse Rental:

The first step for renting Town Hall is calling Towne Properties (489-4059). If you are current on all of your fees, they will put you on the calendar, send you paperwork to be completed, and provide cost information.

The next step is to contact the Clubhouse Coordinator, Zahra Murphy, at 833-9237. She can answer any questions about the facility and inform you of your responsibilities. She is also the "keeper of the key" to the hall. After your event, she will inspect the hall for possible damages and if there are none, you will get your deposit back from Towne Properties.

Pet Policy

Our docs state we can have up to three pets in our homes, but they need to be on a leash if outside



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and not left alone to bark. The pooper scooper rule is also in place, which means you need to **pick up after your pet** and **dispose of the droppings in a closed container** and not the storm sewers. Thank you to all who comply with this rule.

Crystal Lake

This lake is a *catch and release* lake, with the exception of blue gills. You must carry your green ID tag with you when you go fishing. Guests are permitted to fish at the lake as long as a VOG resident is present with their green ID tag. Children under age 14 are not permitted to fish without an adult present. If you should notice someone fishing who does not have a green ID tag, you should ask them to leave or call Hamilton Township Police at 925-2525.

Green Recreation Permit Tags

Every VOG resident should have a green ID tag and it should have a number on it that identifies them as a resident. Do not share these with guests or friends. Residents should bring these tags with them when using the amenities in the Village—i.e., pool, tennis court, fishing, volleyball and any VOG social gathering.

If you misplace or lose your ID tag, contact Towne Properties (489-4059) for a new one. The cost to replace a tag is \$25.00.

2009 HOA Meeting Dates

Bimonthly HOA meetings are held at Town Hall and are scheduled for the following dates:

Monday, **May 18**

Monday, **July 27**

Monday, **September 28**

Monday, **November 23**

All meetings start at 7:00 p.m.

This meeting is a good place to meet your neighbors, learn what is going on in the Village, share your ideas, meet your trustees and voice any concerns. Hope to see you at the next one!

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