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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 Barb Freudemann at 899-4269 or email at whoopsi@embarqmail.com. You may also contact Julie Haley at 519-0835 or email at imjules3@adelphia.net.

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!

Thomas Taylor - 705 Morning Dew
Carlton Seaboldt - 7899 Acorn Trail
Bradley Dew - 926 Pine Needle Place
David Heywood - 747 Cypress Lane
Richard & Anne O'Connor - 7626 Sandstone Trail
Santee Crawford - 770 Village Green Pkwy.
Jerry Perkins - 828 Village Green Pkwy.
Carol Winter - 7426 Buttercup Ct.
Phyllis Lawless - 7735 Turtle Hollow
Casey & Cindy Goodwin - 1174 Beargrass Way
Patrick Oliver & Stephanie Kemplin - 769 Owls Nest Ct.
HSBC Mortgage Services - 729 Morning Dew Lane

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

The Prez Sez:

By: Roy Wergers

We are 80% through the year 2008 and have about 95% of the maintenance projects completed.

The Finance Committee, headed by Treasurer Ken Hastings, is hard at work putting the 2009 budget together. Will there be an increase in fees next year? Keep your fingers crossed!

The yearly VOG Homeowners Association recap of 2008 is fast approaching - in January. This also means elections for Trustees. We will need to replace the opening made by the passing of Dale Skelton. His position is a three-year term. Incumbent, Julie Haley, is seeking re-election. Her position is also a three-year term. If you want to toss your hat into the ring, please let me or any other Trustee know. Your commitment would be five (5) HOA meetings and seven (7) Trustee workshops. This is about forty (40) hours per year.

Our main thrust is to keep the common area and green space clean, cleared and fresh looking; keeping the landscape in A+ condition; upgrading our two ponds; and, upgrading the pool, clubhouse and playground. Our mission is to oversee and work closely with Towne Properties, our management team for 2009-2010.

I can't speak highly enough of our six Trustees. Many have attended seminars, mini-school, gone to the Web to learn about lake management, wildlife, lawn and tree care, etc., and looking for ways to make our pool an even safer place to play. We can now pass on this valuable information to our future leaders and not have to guess or shoot from the hip for the answers. Everything is in black and white.

Many, many thanks to the residents for the suggestions and positive comments. Also, many thanks to all volunteers (who, by the way, save the Village several thousand dollars per year with their involvement).

Salute to you all!

Proud to be at VOG,

Roy B. Wergers

Maintenance Committee:

The Maintenance Committee is reviewing all service contract bids for the coming year. Careful consideration is being given to improving service in some areas such as fertilization. These bids will be presented to the Board of Trustees for final approval.



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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:

The Fishing Tournament this year was rescheduled from September 14 (wind storm) to September 21. As anticipated, the kids (and adults) had a great time. Thanks to Pete and Brenda Kellum for all their hard work in organizing this event and to all who helped.

By the time you read this, the Oktoberfest will be over. It was held October 11 outside the Town Hall by the pool. If you did not attend, try to make it next year. We had German food, music, fire pits and lots of socializing.

Remaining Events for 2008:

- Oct. 31 - Halloween treats and drinks for the little goblins at Town Hall during Trick or Treat time. All are welcome...little and big kids (that means adults). Come visit with your Neighbors and have a drink (hot chocolate, tea, cider) with us.
- Nov. 8 - Outside Holiday Lights Decorating (Sat.) Time: 9 a.m. until ? Volunteers needed to help.
- Nov. 21 - Decorate Inside Town Hall for the Holidays (Fri.) Time: 6:00 - 9:30 p.m. Volunteers needed to help. We'll even feed you after the work is done.
- Dec. 1 - Start Food Drive for the Needy (Fri.) There will be a green can on the porch of Town Hall for donations.
- Dec. 6 - Christmas/Holiday Party at Town Hall (Sat.) Time: 6:00 - 9:30 p.m.

Bring an appetizer or dessert to share. We will provide drinks. There will be live music, singing and Santa. Babysitting will be provided.

The Commemorative/Memorial/Honor Tree will be planted in October. You may start putting things on it then. Suggestions are: ornaments with the name(s) of those you wish to remember or honor, things made by children for honoring parents, grandparents, etc. Ornaments do not need to be expensive. Wood, plastic, resin, etc., that can be painted or drawn on with colored pens are perfect. I purchased some wood ornaments at Michaels for twenty-five cents. Also, if there is an article or trinket that has a significant meaning to you, this can also be hung on our tree. There will be a spotlight on the tree and possibly a short ceremony when it is lit.

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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.

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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, call Roy Wergers at 616-4327.

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Scrapbooking:

If you are interested in scrapbooking, sessions are the first Saturday of the month from 6-10 p.m. at Town Hall. If you are interested, please contact Barb Mirlisena at barb7805@adelphia.net or (513) 200-5078.

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Yoga and Yoyalities:

Class is on Tuesday nights 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 are all welcome. If you have questions, call Julie at 519-0835.

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Town Hall Book Exchange:

There are now two bookcases in the lower level outside the exercise room. Feel free to borrow or donate a



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book, magazine or video. It's the honor system—if you borrow any of these, please return them to our library.

Social Committee Members:

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

Neighborhood Watch:

Thank you to many of our Block Captains that have registered new residents in their zones and have updated their phone chains. Please keep your Phone Chains up to date and know where they are in case of an emergency. We need to be able to pass along important information quickly.

Please watch for school children waiting at the bus stops. Parents, make sure they are waiting on the sidewalk and not at the edge of the curb or in the street. Parents may want to take turns waiting with the kids so they are not left alone. This will deter bullying or predators. Whether we have school age kids or not, we ALL can make an effort to be aware of what is going on at the bus stop. Also, remember that the speed limit is 20 MPG in the school zones.

The past few years have been a lot of work, but it was also great fun creating a program to keep our community safe from vandalism. Neighborhood Watch is now fully established and is working thanks to the hard work of the residents, the police department and the planning committee. I feel that it is now time for me to step down and allow someone else to take over the Chairperson position. The current committee will continue to work with Sergeant Elliott, the residents and Block Captains to keep our strong Neighborhood Watch program in place. My resignation will be effective January 1, 2009. Please let me or a Board Member know if you are interested in this position. I will continue my position as Block Captain for my zone. Again, thank you for the wonderful experience of

serving the great VOG community!

Neighborhood Watch Committee Members:

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

The Pool Committee:

Summer came and went much too quickly. Hope all you pool-goers enjoyed the time you spent sunbathing, reading and visiting with your neighbors. Overall, the season was successful—no damage or major incidents.

Next season, the pool area will take on a different look. Much needed improvements and updates are planned.

Early this summer, the committee lost several members. Thanks to the efforts of our remaining members, we have two new people to help out in 2009. Welcome Amy Winkler and Nicole Crowley!

Pool Committee Members:

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

Design Review/Preservation Committee:

Here are some simple, no-kill ways to get rid of moles in your yard:

Moles are small, with pointed snouts and large, clawed front paws that are well-suited for intense digging. You rarely see them, but you'll know they are there when you the raised ridges in your lawn around their burrows, as well as mounds of dirt they push out as they dig their tunnels. To send these critters on their way, try this potent tonic:

Ingredients:

- 2 Tbsp. hot sauce
- 1 Tbsp. dishwashing liquid
- 1 Tsp. chili powder
- 1 Quart water



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Instructions: Mix these ingredients in a bucket, then pour a little of the tonic every 5 feet or so in the runways to make the moles run away!

Some more ways to convince pesky moles to move on are:

- A mix of human hair and mothball crystals.
- Pieces of rose stem or other thorny stems.
- Castor beans or cotton balls soaked in castor oil.

Good luck!

Design Review/Preservation Committee Members:

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

Finance Committee:

No report.

Finance Committee Members:

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

Wildlife Committee:

No report.

Wildlife Committee Members:

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

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:

Rob Silber - Webmaster

Newsletter:

The VOG newsletter will look different in 2009, so we hope you'll like the new format. A couple of other changes will also take effect. One is the number of times it will be published—a change from four (4) times per year to three (3) times. The new dates for publication will be February 1, June 1 and October 1. Also, the newsletter will no longer be delivered door-to-door. Copies will be available at Town Hall (not sure where yet) and on the VOG website. For updates on Village activities in between publications, pick up a copy of the VOG Grapevine from the *Take One* pocket at the entrance to VOG. Roy Wergers publishes this to keep you up to date on maintenance issues, social events and other noteworthy items.

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
Ken Hastings	Greentree Village
Dan Kallmyer	Crystal Cove
Barb Freudemann	Salt Run
Julie Haley	Greentree Village

Clubhouse Rental:

The first step for renting Town Hall is calling Towne Properties (489-4059). If you are current on all your



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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 questions about the facility and will 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. If there are no damages, you will get your deposit back from Towne Properties.

Calling All Gardeners—Common Areas Need Plants

If you have one or more perennial plants that need to be thinned out, the Village could use them. 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.

Pet Policy

Our docs state that we can have up to three pets in our 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 to all who observe this rule. No one wants to step in poop unknowingly and track it into their houses—yuk!

Crystal Lake

Our lake 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 developments

spring up around us, we need to keep a close eye on who uses our amenities.

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.

Mom's Club:

Village on the Green Mom's Group meets every **third Wednesday** rain or shine either at a particular destination or at the neighborhood clubhouse at 9:30 a.m. The group also meets for a Mom's Night Out each month. Contact Sharon Palmetter at 899-4169 or via email at tspalmetter@roadrunner.com if you have any questions.

Remaining Events for 2009:

October 12 (Sun.) - Stamp Christmas Cards at VOG clubhouse from 2:00 - 5:00 p.m. Make 20 Christmas cards for \$10. Sharon will bring all supplies and ideas!

October 15 (Weds.) - Pumpkin picking and hayride. Time and place to be determined.

October 18 (Sat.) - Walk like MADD at Sawyer Point. Team name is VOG Moms. Sharon has already signed all moms up on the website. Call if you have questions.

November 11 (Tues.) - Dinner at Mimi's at 7:00 p.m. Please RSVP Sharon by 10:00 a.m. November 11 in order to reserve space at the restaurant.



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November 19 (Weds.) - Cincinnati Children's Museum. Need to arrive at the Museum at 10:30 a.m.

Share a ride with another family and split the gas.

For the month of November...the group will collect items for the Warren County Rape and Crisis Shelter.

December 4 (Thurs.) - VOG Ladies' Group at the VOG clubhouse from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

For the month of December, there will be an event at Iron's Fruit Farm to make and take home gingerbread houses. Date and time to be determined.

Also during this month, the group will be collecting food items for the Morrow Food Bank or adopt a family in Hamilton Township.

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



THAT'S ALL FOLKS!!