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NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT BY JIM MCGRATH



Spring is here, the piles of snow are finally gone and warmer weather feels so good! While at the Violet Township offices one day, I commented to the people there on what a great job our crews did in keeping the snow off of our streets. You may not realize it but there are many streets in Columbus that don't even get plowed. We have it pretty good here...

I was contacted the other day to warn people to make sure their car doors are locked if the cars remain outside. Someone opened the door, took contents and then realizing it wasn't worth anything to them, scattered most of it all over the street. Unfortunately, we get people travelling through our neighborhood, sometimes just to look to get into trouble. Please keep garage doors down during the day, and put bikes, etc away so that they won't be stolen. For the most part, our neighborhood has had less crime than others, and part of the reason is because we all watch out for our neighbors, knowing what cars should and shouldn't be parked there and calling the sheriff (614 837-2499) if

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Spring is in the air!

BAG WORMS

I thought I had pine cones on my evergreen but it turns out they were bag worms!



These bags can hold up to 1000 eggs each and they are covered with plant material, so they look like they belong on the tree. In late May or early June the eggs hatch and the VORACIOUS baby worms start eating your tree.

Now that the weather is nice, take a look at your trees. (They seem to prefer evergreens, can also be on deciduous trees.)

The easiest way to reduce the population of bag worms is to actually "pick" the bags off your trees. You should do this ASAP before the little buggers hatch! The bags need to be destroyed—you can't just throw them on the ground. (I like to burn the bags in the firepit, but feel free to choose your own method of destruction.) Cut the attachment silk band so that the branch will not be girdled in the future.

If you have an especially large infestation, you can try a general purpose tree and shrub insecticide spray. The best time to treat is early June, because while the insecticides are pretty effective on young worms, they are not as effective on the mature ones.

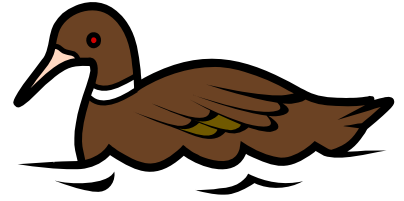
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something looks suspicious. I spoke with Sheriff Dave Phalen a few weeks back, and he said that they have tried to increase patrols whenever someone has called them, so please don't be afraid that you are overstepping boundaries when it comes to safety. It is better to call and find out it is nothing, than to ignore a situation and find out your neighbor's house (or yours) gets broken into some day.

One final time, if you have a trailer that is parked outside of your garage, (you can park trailers and boats inside garages—and no trailers are ever allowed to be parked on grass), please get it moved now!

Have a great Spring and Summer!



NEIGHBOR NEWS

Bentwood Farms/Mallard Pond is a great place to live! If you happen to see these new neighbors, stop and say hello.

Looking back over the past year, over 20 houses were sold, which is up about 50% from 2008.

If you know of someone who needs a Homeowner Welcome Folder, contact Denise DeNunzio at 759-9958, or dkd@insight.rr.com.

Craig & Kristina Shroades	9050 Hialeah
Michael Diehl	12269 Steeplechase
Jennifer McClury & Travis Byers	12321 Teal Lane
David & Tania Foster	12376 Teal Lane
Sherry Massey & Jeffrey Long	12408 Thoroughbred Drive
Steven Funk	9376 Winners Circle

HOMEOWNER ASSOCIATION MEETINGS

Meetings are held on the first Tuesday of each even-numbered month. Please join us at 7:00 PM at the Violet Township Building, 12970 Rustic Drive. We'd love to see you there!

DOGS

Seems everyone has spring fever and that includes our pets. I have seen several dogs running loose recently, and our Homeowners Association frequently gets calls about dog problems. Fairfield County, the state of Ohio and our homeowner deed restrictions all require that dogs be controlled.

State law requires that dogs be confined or under reasonable control at all times. The Dog Wardens office does enforce this law and tickets offenders (\$120) who do not properly confine their dog. Be sure to leash your dog as a habit and as a matter of civil practice. You can be held responsible for damages which your dog causes to property or people. Also, please clean up after your dog ... cleaning up poop is even worse when it's not your own dog! If you see a dog running loose, you can contact the dog warden at 740-653-4582.

If a dog bites you or your child, please report the problem. Even if your injuries are not severe, imagine how you would feel if later you heard that same dog bit and seriously injured someone else. To report a biting incidence, you can call the warden or the Fairfield County Health Department 740-653-4489.

BENTWOOD FARMS/MALLARD POND SCHOLARSHIP

The Bentwood Farms/Mallard Pond Scholarship consists of a single \$1000 tuition grant to be awarded to a graduating high school senior who is a resident of the Bentwood Farms/Mallard Pond Subdivision in Pickerington, Ohio, Violet Township. The purpose of this scholarship is to provide assistance to a deserving student in advancing his/her education. The scholarship may be applied to any type of schooling whether college, technical, business, or vocational post high school advanced training.

Application forms for the scholarship can be obtained from the Homeowner's Association Website www.BWFMP.com. Deadline for submission is April 1, 2010.



ANNUAL DUES

Annual Homeowner Fee Statements (\$80 per household) were mailed in January, with a due date of March 8. If you did not receive a statement, or need more information, please contact Curt Anderson at 861-1206.

Your prompt payment of your homeowner dues is very much appreciated. Repeated reminders cost all of us more money! Regretfully, last year we had to turn some homeowners over to a collection agency. This process costs the homeowner almost triple

PERSPECTIVE FROM A NEW MEMBER OF THE ASSOCIATION

BY MAUREEN BACHMAN

My husband and I moved to Mallard Pond last September. Our property backs up to the pond. Naturally, I wanted to know more about the community and the function of the association so I attended a board meeting to find out.

I cannot tell you how impressed I was to learn about all the benefits we have through our association and with how dedicated and caring the people are who have been active for years. I was impressed enough to want to be part of it. I am now one of your trustees.

Did you know that your association dues cover things like signage, fences, gravel, pruning, landscaping and more. No wonder this community was so enticing to us. The newsletter, web page and community events are handled by dedicated members of our association who truly care about the security, safety and property values of our neighborhoods.

I'll be willing to bet that most of you moved here because you were attracted to the style and color of the homes, the large lots and the well kept common areas, as we were. But, how do we keep our values up and our neighborhood secure in this tumultuous time? It is by getting involved and actively participating in community events so that you get to know your neighbors. It can be as simple as keeping a watchful eye on what is happening around you such as strange vehicles or people and letting someone know. Fairfield County law enforcement is pro actively educating the community on the increased drug problems in the area that are fueling the break ins and other crime that directly affects you.

I am planning to participate in the annual garage sale in the spring and fall. If you are not planning to sell anything yourself, please stop at ours or any of your neighbors and introduce yourself. It is a great opportunity to meet one another and it's fun!

We are trying to come up with other ideas that will increase the value of your membership such as discounts on trash collection, insurance and additional community events that will appeal to all ages. A Prediction Run is proposed for February 2011. A nominal fee would cover the entry fee but participation in community service events like a pond spring clean up could waive that fee. Please watch the website for updates and more information or come to our next board meeting. I would like to get to know more of you. Please feel free to share your ideas and concerns with me, if you are unable to attend. I am looking forward to being an active member of this community. Please join me!



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Community Yard Sale

It's time for Spring cleaning! Take advantage of our annual sale that is advertised in three newspapers. This year's community yard sale will be held on May 14th & 15th. On Friday, May 14th, sales will be from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. to accommodate the morning school buses, and on Saturday, May 15th, from 8:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

Signs will be placed two weeks prior to the sale weekend at our community's three entrances: Refugee/Mallard Pond; Refugee/Steeplechase; and Harmon/Bentwood Farms. Participants will want to place their own signs on Thursday night or Friday morning directing people to their individual homes. If you have any questions or suggestions, call Maureen Bachman @ 560-9181.

Did you know you have a neighbor at Lindsay Honda?



**Need a new car?
Looking for a 2nd family vehicle?
Ask your neighbor!**

I'm John Przybyl and for over 3 years I've worked at Lindsay Honda and my #1 priority is taking care of our customers! Be sure you ask a neighbor first for all your vehicle needs. I live on Thoroughbred Drive, but you can find me most any day at Lindsay Honda.

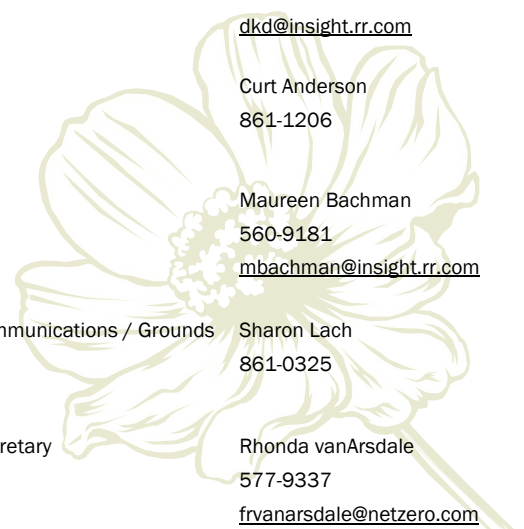
Please call your neighbor John at 614-328-2634 or email me at jprzybyl@lindsayhonda.motosnap.com.

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