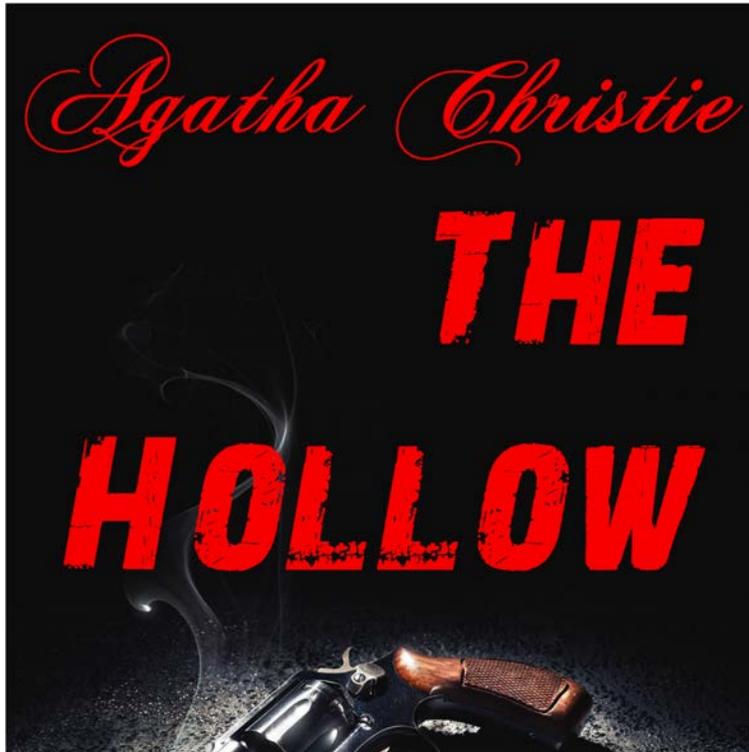


November 2021

THE PINK SHEET

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER FOR THE VILLAGE OF GATES MILLS.

# GATES MILLS NEWS



**NOVEMBER 12, 13, 14**

**NOVEMBER 19, 20**

**FRIDAY & SATURDAY**

**PERFORMANCES 7:30 PM**

**SUNDAY MATINEE 2:00 PM**

**THE COMMUNITY HOUSE**

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## Inside This Issue:

Election Day is November 2<sup>nd</sup>: Vote at the Community House

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Upstairs at Community House

Olivia's Dream      Ladies Night Out Wine Dinner

Environmental Education Center: Landscape Olympics

Menorah Lighting      Christmas Employee Fund

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# GATES MILLS COMMUNITY CALENDAR

The Mayfield Area Chamber of Commerce is hosting its annual **State of the Schools Luncheon** on November 11. Here is a link. That could be promoted in the November/December Pink Sheet and on the Village website.  
<http://www.mayfieldareachamber.org/events/details/annual-state-of-the-schools-luncheon-1431>

Monday, November 1  
 Tuesday, November 2



## ELECTION DAY

**Gates Mills Elementary School Bake Sale at the Community House**

10:00 a.m. Garden Club Board Meeting, The Barn & Zoom  
 5:00 p.m. Planning and Zoning Meeting, Virtual, See website for link to YouTube

Wednesday, November 3  
 Thursday, November 4  
 Friday, November 5  
 Saturday, November 6

5:00 p.m. Architectural Review Board Meeting, Community House

Sunday, November 7  
 Monday, November 8  
 Tuesday, November 9

2:00 a.m. Daylight Savings Time Ends  
 10:30 a.m. Garden Club Meeting & Luncheon, The Barn  
**6:00 p.m. Council Meeting, Community House & Virtual, See website for link to YouTube Channel**

Wednesday, November 10

Thursday, November 11

## VETERANS DAY

11:30 a.m. State of the Schools Luncheon (see link at top of page)  
 6:00 p.m. Ladies Night Out, Wine Dinner at Sara's Place

Friday, November 12  
 Saturday, November 13

7:30 p.m. *The Hollow*, Community House, The Players  
 7:30 p.m. *The Hollow*, Community House, The Players

Sunday, November 14  
 Monday, November 15  
 Tuesday, November 16  
 Wednesday, November 17

2:00 p.m. *The Hollow*, Community House, The Players  
 5:00 p.m. Service Department Luncheon, Community House  
 Historical District Subcommittee Meeting of the Architectural Review Board, Community House with social distancing  
 7:00 p.m. LNO Book Club, Community House

Thursday, November 18  
 Friday, November 19

11:00 a.m. Community Club Board Meeting, Community House  
 Bridge Box Planting, Garden Club

Saturday, November 20  
 Sunday, November 21

7:30 p.m. *The Hollow*, Community House, The Players  
 7:30 p.m. *The Hollow*, Community House, The Players

Monday, November 22  
 Tuesday, November 23  
 Wednesday, November 24  
 Thursday, November 25  
 Friday, November 26  
 Saturday, November 27

## HAPPY THANKSGIVING

Sunday, November 28  
 Monday, November 29  
 Tuesday, November 30

Villagers! Let ME help YOU get more advertisers in *The Pink Sheet!*

**Do you have a favorite service provider? I bet you do!**

**Email me (Gail Palmer: [gcpalmer24@yahoo.com](mailto:gcpalmer24@yahoo.com)) or call (440) 821-3672 and tell me who it is.**

**The Pink Sheet can contact the business, inform them about The Pink Sheet, tell them they already have one recommendation, and help them design the ad, too!**

**Our goal is to make it even easier to have recommended businesses advertise in the village's newsletter.**

# The Pink Sheet

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Dear Villagers,

On October 22<sup>nd</sup>, the Village's **Positively Gates Mills Committee** and our **Gates Mills Community Club** hosted a "New Residents' Social" for those who had moved into the village within the last few years. People could self-select as new residents. Because of COVID, folks living in the Village for two or more years still feel *new* because they have not had much opportunity to interact personally with our community organizations and activities.



Many of the attendees had never been to The Community House. They complimented the refurbishing and advanced technology. There was a slide show of village events on screen and background music played from Laura Cotton's phone through the sound system during the entire event. Many folks enjoyed looking for their residences on the large Gates Mills hooked rug hung on the wall.

All the guests truly enjoyed being together, hearing from the Mayor and Police Chief, and answering Sandra Turner's ice breaker questions: who came from the farthest away, who moved in most recently, who was the youngest new villager, and so on. The prizes were gift certificates to **Sara's Place**, and Sara's generously provided the hors d'oeuvres, sliders and salads. Hand-outs from each of the village's organizations were available, as well.

You know that your party is a success when folks stay and continue to talk after the bar is closed and the refreshments are removed. Some folks even stood on the front porch for final conversations until the lights were turned off. Thank you to Janet AuWerter, Laura Cotton, Cathy DiVincenzo, Susan Oros, Sue Roby, Lisa Reid, Barbara Schuh, Jim Stafford, all our community organizations, Mayor Karen Schneider, Police Chief Minichello, Mike Feig of our Service Department, and Sara's Place for their contributions to what was a lovely party.

Happy Thanksgiving everyone!

Gail Palmer

Sandra Turner

November 2021



# THE GATES MILLS IMPROVEMENT SOCIETY

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November 2021

Dear Villager,

For more than 50 years, individual residents of our wonderful village have contributed to the annual "**Village Employee Christmas Fund**". It is the traditional way that all of us can provide a **special thank you** to our village employees for their efficient, personal and friendly service which helps make our village such a unique place to live.

The Fund is distributed pursuant to a formula based on both job position and years of service. Last year, 45 of our full and part time employees in our Police, Service, Fire and Administrative departments received gifts from the Village Christmas Fund.

Our goal this year is to try to raise \$60,000 or 10% more than last year. If you gave a donation last year, thank you on behalf of our village employees, and please consider increasing your gift this year. If you were not able to give last year, please consider at least some level of gift this year. To participate, make your check payable to **The Gates Mills Improvement Society**, which is the sponsor organization for this fund, and send it to us **BY DECEMBER 15<sup>TH</sup>**. All contributions to the Annual Christmas Bonus Fund are dedicated solely to our village employees.

Remember: ***Your gift is tax deductible.***

**Thank you for your consideration.**

**Best wishes for the holiday season and the New Year,**

**THE GATES MILLS IMPROVEMENT SOCIETY**

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PLEASE DETACH AND SEND TO: THE GATES MILLS IMPROVEMENT SOCIETY,  
Box 354, Gates Mills, OH 44040

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Your 2021 Donation: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Year's Donation: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

# Village of Gates Mills



November 2021

Dear Villagers,

Fall is here! Our green trees are turning beautiful reds and oranges. Autumn also means Daylight Savings Time ends. Remember to change your clocks on **Sunday, November 7<sup>th</sup>** when we “fall back” one hour.

We held many events in October! On October 5<sup>th</sup>, our Fire Department hosted the Cub Scouts for a “Touch a Truck” event. It was a beautiful evening with lots of outside fun for everyone. Sunday, October 10<sup>th</sup>, we had an ice cream family social. There was a great turn out to enjoy fun and treats! The Police Department held a Crime Prevention meeting on October 11<sup>th</sup>. Officer Newsome ran the evening with Hunting Valley’s Sergeant Fatica. There was a lot of helpful information presented. The event will be available soon on the Police Department’s webpage for viewing. There was a New Resident Social held at the Community House on October 22<sup>nd</sup>. Twenty-six new residents attended! There were ice breaker questions to get everyone acquainted. It was terrific to hear everyone’s story about how they came to Gates Mills. Thank you to Sandra Turner and Janet AuWerter for spearheading the event. Thank you also to Cathy DiVincenzo, Laura Cotton, Sue, Roby, Susan Oros, Gail Palmer, Jim Stafford, Barb Schuh, Lisa Reid and Mike Feig for assisting. The Village’s Halloween Event was held on October 29<sup>th</sup> as a drive through. Cars were filled with lots of goblins and ghosts. A big thank you is given to our Service Department, Community Building staff, Town Hall Coordinators and volunteers for all of the work preparing and setting up the event.

October has also brought us more power outages. Please remember to report your own house to First Energy anytime it happens. First Energy needs us to contact them to know where the outage is.

Please remember that Tuesday, **November 2<sup>nd</sup> is Election Day**. The Village has 6 people running for 4 seats on Council. We also have the Conservation Levy on the ballot. This one-mill levy was first approved in 1993! If you have not voted early, please vote on Election Day.

New for this year, we are having a “**Holiday Decorating Contest!**” Prizes will be awarded with pictures taken. A registration form is in The Pink Sheet or you may call Town Hall and submit your information to Jean or Dorothy at 440-423-4405. Registration will go through December 12<sup>th</sup>, with judging to follow.

Please remember to check to see if your house numbers are visible in both directions. Make sure you have “Your 911” on all cell phones of those living in your home. Please continue to be our eyes and ears.

Finally, I would like to wish you a **Happy Thanksgiving!** I am thankful for all of the community support in the Village and for the beautiful community that we call home.

**Karen Schneider**  
Mayor, Village of Gates Mills  
440-423-4405 ext. 122  
Mayor@gatesmillsvillage.com

# Welcome to your new home in Gates Mills!

The Gates Mills Community Club welcomes you to a village like no other! Our club, founded in 1930, supports our local community while conducting monthly luncheons for the fellowship of its members. We have events scheduled both during the day and in the evening to suit everyone's busy schedules. All our events are conducted with Covid-19 safety protocols in place.

The Community Club has a long tradition of supporting the village in a variety of ways. Some examples include: publishing the *Pink Sheet*, providing funding for two Bocce courts, sponsoring an Appreciation Luncheon for all Village Employees, offering scholarships to high schoolers, and purchasing graduation gifts for 5th graders. In addition, we have purchased chairs, kitchen equipment, and provided funds for the refurbishment of the Community House.

## Why join the Community club?

- ☞ Meet your neighbors and make new club friends
- ☞ Keep abreast of what's going on in the village
- ☞ Participate in a variety of programs & events that interest you including luncheons, field trips, book club, and a variety of evening events.
- ☞ Volunteer on projects to support the community.

## How do I find out about Community Club events?

Watch for the *Pink Sheet* which is delivered to your mailbox at the beginning of the month. It is published free of charge for all residents by the Community Club to communicate all village news, events, and activities. You'll find a page in each issue with all the details for the next Community Club event. Come and join us!

### Yes! I'd like to join the Community Club!

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed is my check for \$60 made payable to the "Gates Mills Community Club." This includes all the benefits of Active Membership through August 2022, including luncheons and programs (some events may require an extra charge, i.e. Ladies Summer Suppers at area restaurants).

Please mail this form with your check to:

Gates Mills Community Club - PO Box 372 - Gates Mills, OH 44040

## Want more information?

Call Club President Cathy DiVincenzo at 440/473-1279. She'd love to talk with you.

# GATES MILLS COMMUNITY CLUB

## Looking Ahead!

**November 2nd:**

Election Day

**November 10th:**

Village Service Luncheon

**November 11th:**

Ladies Night Out Wine Dinner  
at Sara's - 6:00 p.m.

**November 13th:**

Olivia's Dream Toy Drive Begins

**November 18th:**

Community Club Board  
Meeting - 11:00 a.m.

**November 25th:**

Happy Thanksgiving

**December 9th:**

Community Club Holiday  
Luncheon and Program

**December 10th:**

Olivia's Dream Toy Drive Ends

**December 25th:**

Happy Holiday's



## Save the Date!

Gates Mills Community Club  
Member & Guest Luncheon



## Community Club Holiday Luncheon and Musical Program



**December 9, 11:30 AM**  
at the Community House

*Details to follow in December pink sheet.*

*Members are free. Guests \$15.00.*

*Reservations must be made by December 4th, please call or text  
Cathy (440-382-5200) to reserve your place.*

*At this time masks are required upon entering the Community House.  
All CDC recommendations will be followed.*



## Book Club!



**11/17:** *The Cave Dwellers* by Christine McDowell

**2/16:** *Embassy Wife* by Katie Crouch

**12/15:** *The Code Breaker* by Walter Issacson

**3/16:** *The Almost Legendary Morris Sisters* by Julie Klam

**1/19:** *Grace and Steel* by J. Randy Taraborrelli

**4/20:** *Free Food for Millionaires* by Min Jin Lee

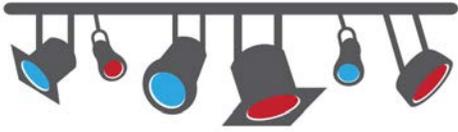
Hosted by Lisa Reid  
larworkerscomp@gmail.com  
216.533.3418



The Community Club is now on  
Facebook!

Find upcoming activities and pictures of past events by following us online. The best way to find our page is to login to Facebook and type @gatesmillscommunityclub into the search box. Click the "Follow" button to see updates and new posts, and hit the "Like" button to help others find us.

If you have Community Club photos or other materials you would like posted, feel free to email them to Sue at [sdoros@sbcglobal.net](mailto:sdoros@sbcglobal.net), or to send them via Facebook Messenger.



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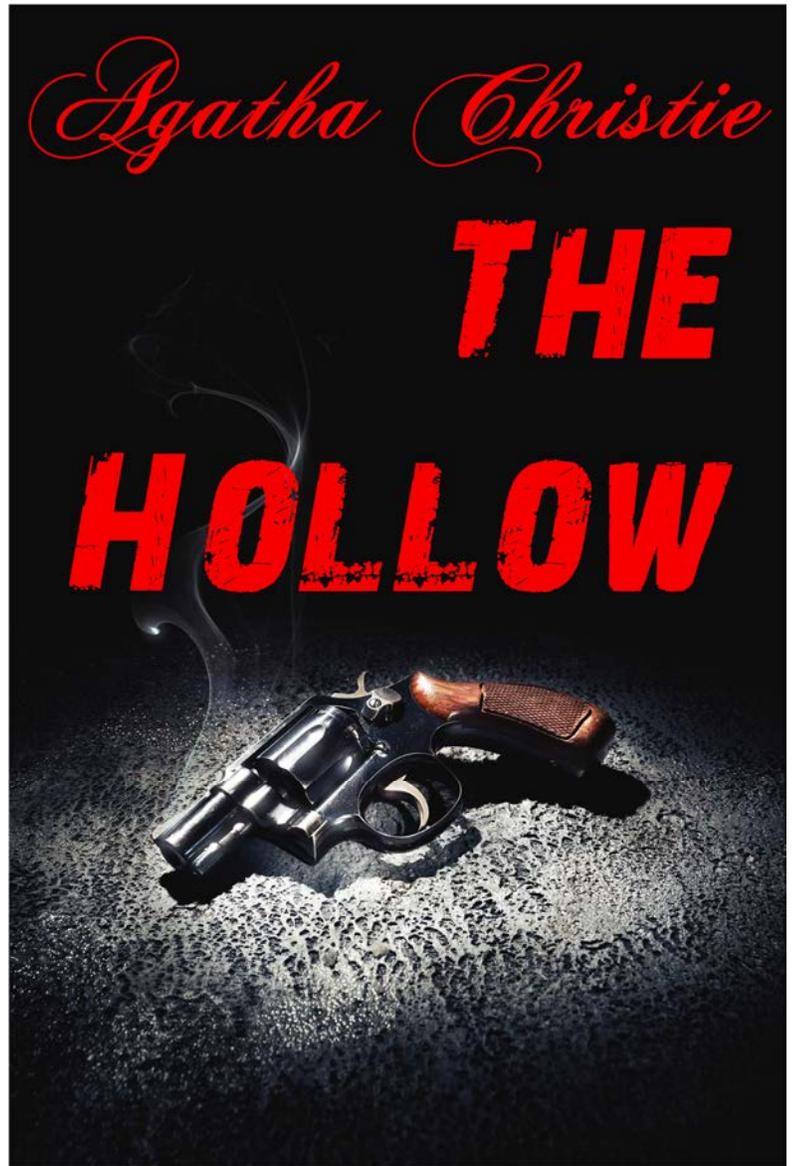
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# *Gates Mills Police Department*

*Proud to Serve...Sworn to Protect*

## **From Your Police Department:**

We have officially turned the calendar to Autumn which brings its own set of hazards. Do not make the mistake of thinking that this is an easy time for driving. Typically, this time of year has the highest number of traffic accidents based on miles driven. An increase in traffic accidents is in large part due to deer. Autumn marks the beginning of deer breeding season. They can often be seen near the edge of the road. Keep a sharp eye out for deer crossings and remember that deer are most active around sunrise and sunset. Also, rain during the season combined with fallen leaves can make roadways slippery. Leave additional distance between cars when it is raining to ensure adequate time for braking.

As everyone is probably aware, traffic on Mayfield Road has increased tremendously over the years. As a result, the Village is considering a photo enforcement traffic program for Mayfield Road. Our data from ODOT shows an average of about 15,000-17,000 vehicles driving through the village daily and approximately 7% of those vehicles are exceeding the posted speed limit by more than 15 mph. It has become increasingly more difficult and dangerous for our officers to stop a vehicle on Mayfield because there are no shoulders to stop cars and no safe places to conduct traffic enforcement. If an officer does stop a car, an entire lane of the road is blocked which poses additional risk to the officer and to the motoring public. Rush hours are particularly heavy with traffic, and we are unable to spend the time on Mayfield to curb speeding due to these safety risks. Speeding citations issued through the photo enforcement program are considered civil infractions in which no points are assessed to driving records. If this does come to fruition, it would likely be in early 2022. I will keep everyone informed.

As a reminder to our residents, all our police officers (first responders) have received First-Aid training and are certified in CPR/AED. Our officers respond to all EMS calls, and often are the first on the scene in a medical emergency while EMS is responding. Every police vehicle has First-Aid equipment including Automatic Defibrillators (AED), trauma supplies and Narcan. Each police officer receives this training every two years.

As you begin holiday shopping, on Saturday, December 11<sup>th</sup> we will be having a "Cram the Cruiser" event for Toys for Tots. You can drop off toys to the cruiser in front of Town Hall from 11 a.m. – 2p.m. The "Letters to Santa" mailbox will be stationed by the Town Hall door beginning on November 20<sup>th</sup>.

Until next month – *Proud to serve...Sworn to Protect*  
Yours in Service,

*Gregg Minichello*  
Chief of Police  
(440) 423-4405 ext. 112  
gminichello@gatesmillsvillage.com



# LADIES NIGHT OUT ANNUAL WINE DINNER

Thursday, November 11<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 PM

at Sara's Place - The Old Mill Room

Cocktails at 6:00 & Dinner service will start at 6:30!

Ladies...Please join us for a delicious 3-course meal of Calamari Salad, Chicken Roll with Prosciutto & Provolone paired with a red and a white wine followed by Tiramisu and coffee. \$40/person Community Club Members and \$50/person for non-members. Please have cash or check night of the event.

Seating is limited! Look forward to seeing you!! **RSVP by Nov. 6<sup>th</sup> to [kwbroome@me.com](mailto:kwbroome@me.com) or 440-251-2489**

## "Holiday Shopping Made Easy"

Do you have that hard-to-please relative or friend on your shopping list?

Do you have adult children, friends or relatives from the Village who have moved away and fondly remember the GM?

Did you read about the anticipated shortage of supply for the holidays?

Don't you want to buy local and boost the economy close to home?

Do you buy a few extra gifts to have on hand in case unexpected guests gift you?

### If you answered yes to any of these questions, we can help!

The Community Club is selling light-weight, quality safety vests to be worn over shirts in the summer or jackets in the cooler seasons. A distinctive logo on the back lets everyone know that we are Gates Mills proud!



Adult and some children's sizes are still available. Act soon.

Light-weight, quality, safety vests with a distinctive Village logo!

Adult and children's sizes available.

Don't be the last in your neighborhood to walk, bike, or hike safely in fluorescent, reflective clothing to protect you from drivers.



To order contact Sandra Turner at [turner4gm@mail.com](mailto:turner4gm@mail.com) or (216) 401-4840.

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**Children's Sizes: Pink or Lime. \$20**  
x-small, small & medium

**Unisex Orange Vest \$18**  
100% polyester mesh  
3 exterior pockets  
S, M, L, & XL

## Olivia's Dream: Toys for Tots toy drive is back for its 4th year!

Thanks to the generosity of so many, Olivia's Dream has delivered over **21,600** toys to kids in the Cleveland area in the last three years!

Olivia's Dream was started in 2018 by Olivia's father, Kurt Schneider, after Olivia and her mother were victims of a homicide in their Mayfield Heights home. Olivia was only 8 at the time but she had a big heart. During the holidays Olivia always wanted to make sure that kids whose families couldn't afford a holiday gift wouldn't be disappointed so Kurt is carrying on those wishes through Olivia's Dream.

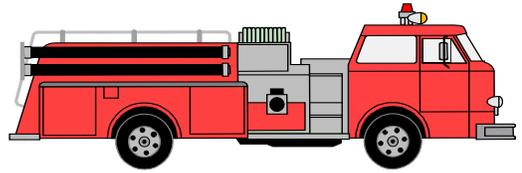
Please help Olivia's Dream by dropping your new, unwrapped toy in the special boxes located in the Community House and Town Hall. The toy drive will kick off November 17<sup>th</sup> and run through December 10<sup>th</sup>.

Any questions please contact DeAnn Dominish 440-391-1112.



## News from the CHIEF!

P. Thomas Robinson  
Gates Mills Fire Department  
firechief@gatesmillsvillage.com



Time to get ready for the cooler temperatures ahead! With home heating season upon us there are a few things you can do to improve safety around the house.

- Have your furnace serviced to make sure it's operating safely and efficiently.
- Change your furnace filter. A dirty filter can cause over-heating and create a fire hazard.
- Keep the area around all heating sources such as furnaces, hot water tanks, and space heaters clear of combustibles including: boxes, paper, draperies, furniture or anything that might catch on fire.
- Every year, extension cords used to power electric space heaters and holiday decorations start fires! Electric heaters require a large capacity extension cord.
- Don't forget to put new batteries in your flashlights! This is the time of year when early snowstorms cause power outages.
- If you have a wood burning fireplace, have the chimney inspected and cleaned.
- When you change your clocks on Sunday, November 7<sup>th</sup> remember to replace the batteries in your Smoke Detectors and Carbon Monoxide alarms (for those Smoke and C.O. detectors with replaceable batteries).

On a different topic, get ready to see the return of red plastic bags covering the fire hydrants along Mayfield Road. The fire department instituted this program to combat the corrosion we have seen in this area. The "bagged" hydrants were in great shape and functioned perfectly when tested this summer. Prior to this program, the hydrants needed to be replaced long before their normal life-span due to the amount of corrosion. In many cases the hydrants could not be opened rendering them useless in the event of a fire.

Until the next Pink Sheet...

*Chief Robinson*

# HANUKKAH

“The Festival of Lights”



## **The Community lighting of the Gates Mills Menorah**

Will be held at 5:30 p.m.

Monday, November 29, 2021

(Second Night of Hanukkah)

In the garden opposite Village Hall on Chagrin River Road.

**Everyone is invited.**

**Gather at the Burton Court following the lighting for refreshments.**

Funded by Private Subscription.



*For Gates Mills Residents and Their Guests*

*CHRISTMAS EVE 4-5:30 p.m.*



*Visit with Santa!*

*Gather around the roaring bonfire and wish your neighbors  
A Merry Christmas!*

*More details to come (refreshments, mask requirements) in December Pink Sheet.*

*This village tradition (since 1926) is funded by voluntary contributions of current and past residents.  
Please send your donation payable to:*

*"Christmas Tree Fund"  
7100 Robinwood Lane  
Gates Mills, OH 44040*

*The Judy Bell Christmas Tree Committee*

*(Susan Daugherty, Suzanne Snelson, Sue Marston, Sally Burke, Leah Whidden, Laurie Muskara,  
Barb Catalano, Rindy Collister\*)*

*\*Honorary member*



## Village Decorating Contest

Hear Ye! Hear Ye! Announcing the  
First Village Wide Holiday Decorating Contest!

Entries are due by December 12<sup>th</sup> and judging will follow as will

**PRIZES!**

Sponsored by The Village of Gates Mills.

Look for details in the December Pink Sheet.

To register return the form below to Town Hall by: December 12<sup>th</sup>.

mail, email, drop off or telephone: 440.423.4405

We are: \_\_\_\_\_

We live at: \_\_\_\_\_

Our contact information (email, cell or landline):  
\_\_\_\_\_

# THE GATES MILLS HISTORICAL SOCIETY

[gatesmillshistoricalsociety.org](http://gatesmillshistoricalsociety.org)



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## Historical Society Endowment Fund

*Please Consider Making a Year-End Donation  
to Our Endowment Fund!*

The Historical Society launched our Endowment Fund in the spring of 2020 with a generous \$25,000 bequest from the estate of Tucker Marston. Since then, villagers have enthusiastically supported this important fundraising endeavor, and we have co-hosted two well-attended *Speakers' Forums* with the Western Reserve Historical Society to raise additional endowment funds, enabling our endowment to double in size in just 18 months!

Our endowment generates annual income to further the Historical Society's charitable mission and ensure our long-term financial stability. Our donors know that by contributing to our Endowment Fund, their gifts will keep on giving and benefit the work of the Historical Society for many years to come.

As you plan your year-end giving, please consider donating to our Endowment Fund. Your gift demonstrates your commitment to preserving the unique history of Gates Mills, sharing the story of its transition from a rural mill community to the charming village we enjoy today, and maintaining the Southwick House Museum as a three-story repository of local artifacts and antiques.

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Yes, I recognize the importance of preserving the history of Gates Mills, and I would like to contribute to the Historical Society's Endowment Fund.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Gift Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to The Gates Mills Historical Society.

*Mail this form and your check to:*

Gates Mills Historical Society  
PO Box 191  
Gates Mills, OH 44040

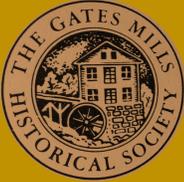
Please note "Endowment Fund" on your check.

Thank you very much for your support!  
A list of all of our donors will appear in *The Pink Sheet* next spring.

# THE GATES MILLS HISTORICAL SOCIETY

## *Holiday Open House at The Museum*

THE SOUTHWICK HOUSE, 7580 OLD MILL ROAD, NEXT TO THE HUNT CLUB



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THE MUSEUM IS  
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ALL VILLAGERS ARE INVITED TO A  
HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE AT THE SOUTHWICK HOUSE MUSEUM!

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 4<sup>TH</sup> 4 TO 6 PM  
WINE, BEER & HORS D'OEUVRES

Mark your calendar today for the Open House! If you are new to the Village or if you never have visited The Southwick House Museum, take this opportunity to spend some time learning about the history of Gates Mills and tour The Museum.

*The Horse*, our newest publication by former Mayor Dan Collister, is a monograph on how the horse shaped the development of Gates Mills. *The Horse* makes a fabulous hostess or holiday gift and is available to order or you can buy one at the Open House on December 4<sup>th</sup>! In addition, we will have a recent book of life in the Village, *In Our Own Voices: 20<sup>th</sup> Century Tales of Gates Mills* for sale, as well as, large Gates Mills flags.

The GMHS reproduced the Paul Meunier map of Gates Mills a couple of year ago, and we have a few left for sale. The maps are unframed so buy early if you plan to have it framed for a gift. The map is featured on the cover of *In Our Own Voices* and are approximately 30" x 22".

### Order Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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Qty: \_\_\_\_\_ **The Horse** \$20.

Qty: \_\_\_\_\_ *In Our Own Voices* \$25.

Qty: \_\_\_\_\_ Gates Mills Flags \$30.

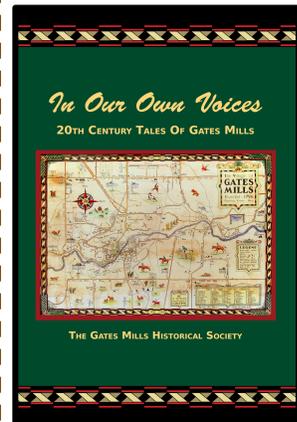
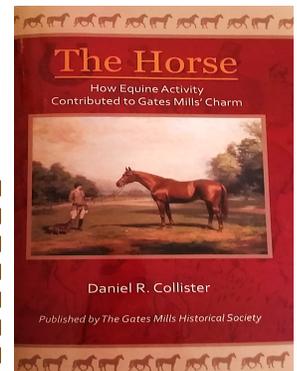
Qty: \_\_\_\_\_ Paul Meunier Map \$75. (limited quantity)

Total Qty: Items \_\_\_\_\_ Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks to: The Gates Mills Historical Society

Remit to:

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## Gates Mills Land Conservancy

Preserve – Protect - Together

November 2021

*Keep Gates Mills Beautiful*

# VOTE YES!

## Issue 38

### Levy Renewal - No Tax Increase

*Gates Mills Land Conservancy's*

**Annual Member Meeting**  
*Save the Date!*

- **Review 2021 activities of GMLC**
- **Election of 2 Directors to serve 4-year terms**

**Tuesday, December 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm**  
**Gates Mills Community House**

[www.gatesmillslandconservancy.org](http://www.gatesmillslandconservancy.org)



**Officers:** Robert Galloway, President; Cynthia Kavouksorian Zins, Treasurer; Cindy A. Altus, Secretary  
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**Honorary Directors:** Dave Butz, Daniel R. Collister, Thomas A. Liederbach  
**Administrator:** Diane Kennedy

**Michael McCartney  
Mayfield High School  
Hall of Fame Inductee  
Class of 1984**

Michael McCartney distinguished himself at Mayfield High School as a scholar, athlete, and artist. Throughout all four years of high school, he made honors, played soccer, swimming and tennis and performed with the Mayfield Players. Although he claims to not have taken an advanced placement course, he strived to succeed at all of the shop and manual workshop courses he could take. If that was not enough, he also participated in the Mayfield Unicycle Square-Dance Team performing nationally.



McCartney's success did not peak there. After two years at Colby College, he eventually was accepted to the United States Naval Academy where he distinguished himself among the top of his class. He first commanded a ship in 2003, and at Annapolis commanded all the midshipmen. As a career Navy officer for 31 years, McCartney will transition to civilian life, likely putting his considerable skills to work for the United States Department of Defense, or other organizations needing his expertise.

Michael McCartney has offered his service to the Boy Scouts of America, the leadership classes at Mayfield High, and to his church. He continues to lead on the board of directors for the Antietam Institute, a Civil War educational and historical organization, connecting his service as CO of the USS Antietam.

In his successive commands in the Navy, McCartney relies on three things for success. One, he believes everyone must have integrity. He wrote that one must live "...a life of integrity, performing each job or task to the best of your ability, taking responsibility for yourself, your actions and for those around you." Additionally, he believes the most successful teams have leaders who create opportunities for those under them to succeed. Furthermore, Michael McCartney quotes John Maxwell, author of *The 21 Irrefutable Laws of Leadership*, in his personal success strategy, "Attitude is not everything, but it is the main thing."

Mr. McCartney sees that his ultimate goals are to be an exceptional husband and father and to work every day toward success for himself and to help those around him succeed. He remarks, "It is a life of service to and for others."

**HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE**

(in person!)

**Gates Mills Environmental  
Education Center**

8 AM to 6 PM

**Friday, December 3, 2021**

Credit Card Sales ONLY

Masks are Required

390 County Line Road (north end)



**Mayfield City Schools**

EVERY STUDENT. EVERY DAY.

**The Mayfield Area Chamber of Commerce**  
is hosting its annual state of the schools luncheon:

**11:30 to 1:00, on November 11<sup>th</sup>.**

Here is a link.

<http://www.mayfieldareachamber.org/events/details/annual-state-of-the-schools-luncheon-1431>



Ohio High School

Landscape Olympics

# Gates Mills Environmental Education Center

The Ohio State University ATI Wooster, Ohio  
October 14-15, 2021

On October 14 and 15, two classes at **Gates Mills Environmental Center** sent to teams to the **Ohio High School Landscape Olympics** organized by the Ohio Nursery and Landscape Association. The event was held at Ohio State ATI in Wooster. We participated in 10 of the 15 events. Each event was organized, run and judged from a local landscape firm. These firms design each event with the skills they want entry level employees to have. The students complete events such as driving a dump truck and trailer through a simulated construction site, building a paver patio and free standing wall, identifying woody trees, shrubs and herbaceous perennials, surveying with a laser transit, building an irrigation system and installing a landscape planting. At the end, the students were able to discuss their results with the judges and learn how to improve on each event.



## Landscape Maintenance Operations

Students will demonstrate the safety, maintenance and operation of typical landscape maintenance machinery. Each student will operate a ZTR or walk-behind mower, string trimmer, stick edger, backpack blower, hedge trimmers pruners and a chain saw.

### Gold Medal Winners:

Nicholas Cochran, above at left (West G) & Dylan Stafford, above at right (Mayfield)

This is one of the best learning experiences the students have. The Cleveland Botanical Garden class team earned a silver medal in the **Woody Plant Identification** – Graham Cruz, and had the seventh place individual – Nicola Tartaglia. The Landscape Construction and Design class team earned a bronze medal in the **Truck and Trailer Event** – Robert Sabol and Nicholas Cochran, a bronze medal in the **Landscape Plant Installation Event** – Ion Day, William Hardy, Robert Sabol (Team Captain), and a **gold medal** in the **Landscape Maintenance Event** – Dylan Stafford and Nicholas Cochran. The junior students are already making plans to attend for next year. In a competition, such as this, all of the students come back winners in some way.

### Competition Categories:

#### Skid Steer Operation

A student will demonstrate the understanding and proficiently safe operation of a skid steer. The student will be required to do a pre-operation check and run a course that simulates several job site conditions.

#### Hardscape Installation

A two person team will be required to construct a small paver patio and freestanding wall. The students will build according to a landscape plan.

#### Irrigation Assembly and Troubleshooting

A two person team will assemble, from a provided plan, an irrigation system consisting of pipe, irrigation spray heads, valves and a controller. When completed, it will be connected to a water supply to demonstrate performance.

#### Herbaceous Plant Identification

Students will be required to identify by botanical name and common name 35 plants from a list of 80 plants. The plants are live samples. Spelling counts.

#### Low Voltage Lighting

Students will be required to layout and install a low voltage lighting system as shown on plans that will be handed out during the event

#### Surveying Instruments and Measurements

Students will demonstrate their abilities to use a laser level instrument. An area set up will represent a front porch. Elevation reading will be taken and students will need to calculate the slope, and cut and fill in cubic yards.

# Spooktacular October and Getting in the Spirit

Written by: Erica Alemdar



Small but mighty.

The first quarter just wrapped up as fall is in the air. The exciting events include: National Custodian's Day, Spirit Week, Halloween, a new spirit wear website, and the Election Day bake sale.

The school's principal, Mrs. Ravida writes, "We are so thankful to have not one but two amazing custodians at Gates Mills Elementary. They go above and beyond each day in order to keep our building a welcoming and clean environment for our students and staff members. Thank you to Mr. Ted and Mr. Dragi!" Mrs. Stenger's kindergarten class invited Mr. Ted for a visit to thank him personally.



Our Gates Mills Foxes know that we can all be someone's hero, so getting an early start on Halloween, students dressed up for Spirit Week. One of the most popular days was Super Hero Day. The kids want to ask you, "How can you be a hero?" The teachers like Ms. Stephenson (pictured on the right) from the first grade are getting in on it too.

To help you get into the school spirit, Gates Mills Elementary has a brand new spirit wear website. Show your Gates Mills pride at:

<https://tinyurl.com/GatesSpirit>



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3. THE SCHOOL RECEIVES .5% OF YOUR PURCHASES WITH NO ADDED COST TO YOU.

Looking for other ways to show your spirit? **The Gates Mills Elementary School Election Day Bake Sale** is on! So come to the Community House ready to vote and buy some tasty treats on Tuesday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>. Cast your ballot downstairs and then visit the Bake Sale upstairs. Please help support our children as we carry on this village tradition and school fundraiser. See you there!



**GATES MILLS BRANCH LIBRARY**  
Cuyahoga County Public Library  
1491 Chagrin River Road, Gates Mills OH 44040-9703  
(across from the Post Office and next to Sara's Place)  
Branch Manager: Maryann Penzvalto  
440-423-4808 [mpenzvalto@cuyahogalibrary.org](mailto:mpenzvalto@cuyahogalibrary.org)



## GATES MILLS BRANCH LIBRARY PROGRAMS

All programs are free, but **registration is required** unless otherwise specifically noted by calling the branch library at 440-423-4808 or going online at [www.cuyahogalibrary.org](http://www.cuyahogalibrary.org) Special thanks goes to the Friends of the Gates Mills Branch Library for the support of our library programming.

### Holiday Hours:

Thursday, Nov. 11: The library will be closed in observance of Veteran's Day.

Wednesday, Nov. 24: The library will close at 5:30 in observance of Thanksgiving.

Thursday, Nov. 25: The library will be closed in observance of Thanksgiving.

### In-Person Programs:

#### Children:

**Family Storytime** – Thursday, Nov. 4, Nov. 11, Nov. 18, Oct. 28, 10:00-10:30 am

All ages with a caregiver

**Whoo's Ready for School?** – Tuesday, Nov. 16, 4:00-5:00 pm

Kindergarten Readiness – Celebrating Together

**Lego Free Play** – Tuesday, Nov. 23, 4:00-5:00 pm

#### Teens:

**Design + STEM** – Tuesday, Nov. 18, 5:00-6:00 pm

Grades 5-12: Create a beautiful popup card for Thanksgiving.

#### Adults:

**Tuesday Evening Book Discussion** - Tuesday, Nov. 9, 7:00-8:30 pm

Discussion of *What the Dead Leave Behind* by Rosemary Simpson

**Wednesday Evening Book Discussion** - Wednesday, Nov. 10, 7:30-8:30 pm

Discussion of *Great Circle* by Maggie Shipstead

**Sketchbook Club** – Monday, Nov. 29, 2:00-3:00 pm

Bring your sketchbook for creative drawing exercises

### Virtual Zoom Programs:

#### Teens:

**Graphic Novelists** - Thursday, Nov. 4, 7:00-8:00 pm

Grades 5-12: Students create their own graphic novels in a monthly virtual program

#### Adults:

**Tuesday Morning Book Discussion** - Tuesday, Nov. 2, 11:00 am-12:00 pm

Discussion of *Long Range* by C.J. Box

**Declutter and Get Your House Organized** – Tuesday, Oct. 19, 11:00 am-12:00 pm

Known as the "Marie Kondo of Moving," Ali Wenzke will help you declutter and get organized. Join us as the Art of Happy Moving author offers tips to make your home beautiful, simplified and relaxing.

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## Help Me, Help You & Gates Mills!

Want to get rid of those old cardboard boxes or piles of magazines? I can help!

My name is Michael DiPuccio. I would like to offer my services to our community by picking up all of your paper recyclables and bringing them to Gates Mills Recycling bins. Please include only paper, newspaper, magazines, flattened cardboard, etc. (I can help flatten the boxes if needed). This FREE program is available to all residents.

**Michael DiPuccio**

Call or text: 216-401-9913



# The Gates Mills Garden Club

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## November Program and Luncheon

**Tuesday, November 9**  
**Monthly Program & Luncheon**  
**10:30 in the Barn**

*Ohio Prairie Nursery will present*

*Using Native Grasses and Wildflowers in your Landscape-*

OPN is a family-owned business located in Hiram. They will discuss the positive impact of planting native species and ecologically friendly landscapes as well as the process of stratification. Learn how to plant seeds in the winter for your own garden or to sell at our Plant Sale in May.

Lunch Committee Chair, Sandra Turner  
Co-Chairs, Pamela Jacobson, Faye Santoro, Leah Whidden, Margaret Duff  
Guest Fee - \$10

RSVP Deadline Nov 5 - Alison Phillips,  
[gmgcReservations@gmail.com](mailto:gmgcReservations@gmail.com) or (601) 668-1776



**BOARD Meeting, Tuesday, November 2**  
**10 am -In the Barn**

*New Member Orientation immediately following the 11/2 Board meeting at approximately 11:15.*  
*A Light lunch will be served.*

### Library Flowers

November 1 - Marie Tani (Library)  
November 8 - Sue Marston (Post Office)  
November 15 - Alex Brenner (Library)  
November 22 - Chris Kramer (Post Office)  
November 28- Linda Hilbig (Library)



**November 18**

**RSVP Deadline for December**

**Greens Workshop**

RSVP and Pay Online OR

**[beatrixhegedus@hotmail.com](mailto:beatrixhegedus@hotmail.com) or (440) 321-2702**

Pay online or mail your check payable to Gates Mills Garden Club to:  
Gates Mills Garden Club  
PO Box 216

Gates Mills, OH 44040

Attn: Greens Workshop

Member Fee - \$35

**Friday, November 19**

**Holiday Bridge Box Planting**

Rain Date - Saturday, November 20

For questions or to volunteer contact Rosalie or Laurel at:

Rosalie Della Ratta at [rdella1981@aol.com](mailto:rdella1981@aol.com) (216) 233-5543

Laurel Smith at [lsmith4621@aol.com](mailto:lsmith4621@aol.com) (440) 289-2901

**Please remember to bring your gloves & clippers!**



## Save The Date

**Please Join Us for Our Annual Holiday Luncheon**

**Chagrin Valley Hunt Club**

**Tuesday, December 14 - 11:30**

**Details to Follow**

**Wednesday, November 10**  
**Service Department**  
**Luncheon**

For more information, contact Anne Steele  
at [11mimi9@gmail.com](mailto:11mimi9@gmail.com) or (440) 226-1332

**November 11**  
**GCO Holiday North Show**  
St. Michael's Woodside, 5025 Mill Rd.,  
Broadview Heights  
Send \$30 check, payable to Garden Club of Ohio, to Susan Daugherty  
7100 Robinwood Lane, by 10-24.

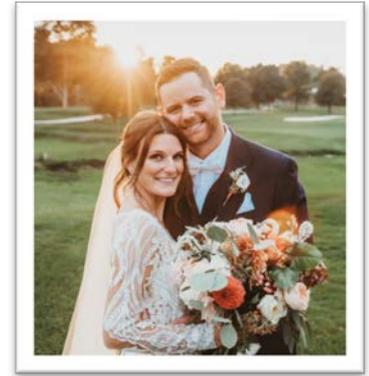
# Gates Mills Grapevine

A PAGE TO SHARE NEWS ABOUT FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS WHO LIVE IN THE VILLAGE OR WHO HAVE MOVED AWAY.  
By Susie Thorpe

## CONGRATULATIONS!

**KAI AND MARY SCHMIDT** of Gates Mills are pleased to announce the marriage of their daughter, Margaret Schmidt to Zachary Strippy on October 9, 2021, at St. John Cantius church in Tremont with Father John Vidmar, O.P. officiating. A reception followed the ceremony at The Country Club in Pepper Pike.

The bride, Margaret Schmidt, is the daughter of Kai and Mary Schmidt of Gates Mills. Maggie is a 2012 graduate of Gilmour Academy and received a B.S. degree in elementary and special education from Providence College in Rhode Island. She currently works as an intervention specialist at Julie Billiard School in Lyndhurst and is working on a master's degree in counseling at John Carroll University.



The bridegroom is the son of Mark and Robin Strippy of North Royalton. Zach graduated from Saint Ignatius High School in 2011 and received a B.A. in Finance and Economics from John Carroll University graduating in 2015. He is currently a Business Development Specialist for The Brewer-Garrett Company in Middleburg Heights. Given in marriage by her father, the bride was attended by her cousin, Jacqueline Schmidt and friend, Danielle Lawrence, as Maids of Honor. Bridesmaids included Darcy Butts, Diana Klonaris, Kelly Laske and Melissa (Peach) Johnson. Flower Girls included Margaret (May) Schmidt, Malerie Strippy and Emma Strippy. Thor-Olav Schmidt, Jameson Schmidt and Leo Tolly served as ring bearers. The groom's brother, Jake Strippy, served as Best Man. Groomsmen included Michael Ramos, James Holodnak, Jake Minor, David Joseph, Nicholas D'Amico, RJ Hoover, Alex Murray. Aaron Buynak served as Usher. After a honeymoon trip to St. Lucia, the couple is at home in Cleveland, Ohio.

## CONGRATULATIONS TO AUDREY DVORAK

Longtime resident, **AUDREY DVORAK** is pictured with her framed front page issue of the old *Cleveland Press*, Wednesday August 15, 1945, the day of the end of World War II.

Audrey is a history teacher and a World War II historian. She has shared her memories and memorabilia with many over the past two summers. As August 15, 2020, marked the 75th anniversary of the end of World War II, Audrey retrieved her War treasures from the attic—old Cleveland newspapers and Life magazines of the War years, photos and ration books. Most treasured are family letters from relatives in the service—young boys who fought in Normandy, the Battle of the Bulge, Iwo Jima, and Okinawa.



Audrey taught school 1956 to retirement in June, 1999, and then became a substitute teacher at Gates Mills Elementary and Mayfield High School. Being a child of the Great Depression and World War II, she shares her many stories with the students and faculty. Classes are all amazed with her memory of her Dad's Wartime ration sticker allowing him to buy three gallons of gas a week at thirteen cents a gallon.

Honored in Washington, D.C. for her history teaching, her taped oral interviews are at the Library of Congress, the Smithsonian Institute, and the Western Reserve Historical Society.

## WELCOME!

**MARYANN PENZVALTO** is our new Gates Mills Library branch manager. She was here in 2015-2016 and has returned. She is one of eight children who was home schooled and went to the library for school work and quiet. She went to Ohio Wesleyan and majored in English literature. Her Masters is from Kent State in library science. She lives in Lakewood and is renovating a house. She also likes biking and reading. She has a musical family with her sister starring in Carrousel at Chagrin Falls theater. Maryann was a contestant on both Wheel of Fortune and Jeopardy. She was a two day champion and was really tired by the third time. She hopes you will come in and introduce yourself. We certainly welcome Maryann.

## WE HAVE LOST SOME DEAR FRIENDS

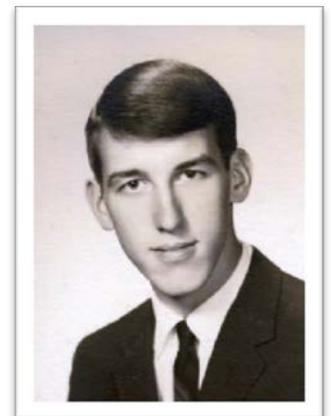
**ROBERT E. BOTTI** passed away peacefully on September 23rd after a lengthy illness. After becoming a widower, Bob was blessed with another chance at happiness when he met Betty Bickett. They were married on July 9, 1993. Bob enjoyed travelling extensively with Betty, and they were both active members in the Gates Mills Players for many years. They enjoyed all the best of Cleveland together, from the Playhouse Square to Blossom Music Center. Bob was an avid sports fan, especially when it came to the Indians, Browns and Cavaliers. But most importantly Bob loved and was loved by his extended family. In addition to his children, Bob is survived by his devoted wife of 28 years, Betty B. Botti, and his step-children Kathleen B. Harder (Hank), Kerry B. Stealey (John), Timothy J. Bickett (Diane) and seven grandchildren. We will always carry your memory in our hearts – especially when we play The Five Second Rule – you were the most fun!



**SHANNON K. REYNOLDS** (nee Kilbane), age 35, beloved wife of five years to Dan; loving mother of Luke and Gwen; daughter of Kathleen (nee Decker) (Michael Lynch) and Tom Kilbane; sister of Jimmy, Brendan and Ryan; daughter-in-law of Mary (nee Maloney) and Tim Reynolds; sister-in-law of Tom (Ally) and Jack (Kate); granddaughter of the late June and The Honorable Seamus Kilbane and Florence and Dallas Decker; granddaughter-in-law of A.W. Reynolds and Joanne Reynolds and the late Dorothy and Jim Maloney; niece and friend of many. Passed away October 14, 2021 after a long battle with complications from childbirth. Gifts in memory of Shannon Reynolds may be made to University Hospitals Rainbow Babies & Children's Hospital: University Hospitals, Institutional Relations and Development, P.O. Box 94554, Cleveland, OH 44101-4554.

**JOHN PAOLONO** loving brother of Jane Mitchell (John), Mary Hoerner, Susan McKiernan (Richard Clark), and Jeff Paolano passed away suddenly on October 11, 2021 with cardiomyopathy. He survived the death of his parents, Mary Platner Paolano, and Aldo R. Paolano as well as his brother, Gino Paolano. He will be missed by his nieces and nephews: Guido Paolano, Sean McKiernan, Dana Mitchell, Gianna Mitchell, and Kara Bossich.

John was born on February 22, 1950 in Barberton, Ohio. He graduated from Norton High School in 1968 and entered the US Navy where he served our country for 20 years. He spent many months on destroyers in locations he could not disclose during the Vietnam war years. He was a Signalman First Class and was responsible for



identifying other ships in the area, decoding messages they sent, and sending messages for the captain via Morse Code or communicating with flags. He served in various other roles during his tenure, including Recruiter. He enjoyed exploring foreign countries and brought home wonderful items from overseas as gifts for his family.

After serving in the US Navy, John embarked on a second career. Because of his incredible memory and love of research, he worked as a Records Keeper for Jones Day for 18 years. He was incredibly intelligent and everyone in the family would try to get him on their Trivial Pursuit team. He always won. If any of us had a question about history or current events, we would all turn to Johnny. He was always an avid reader, consumed the news voraciously, tackled the New York Times crossword puzzle every Sunday, and seemed to remember everything he ever saw or read. He amazed us all. He also loved to watch movies and could quote lines from movies like he watched them yesterday. His brilliant intellect and quick wit made him the hit of any conversation. John leaves behind those who loved him heartbroken. A private service and burial will be held at Lakeview Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the Boy Scouts of America and mailed to: Tim Pierce, Cash Management, S401 Boy Scouts of America, 1325 West Walnut Hill Lane, Irving, Texas 75015-2079. Rest in peace, we love you Johnny.



**BARB BLETCHER**, age 68. Beloved wife of Doug Bletcher, loving sister of Virginia Vito Winzig (Mike) and Deb Rasnack (Ray). Armed with a heart of gold, Barb was fiercely loyal to her friends, for whom she would do anything. Barb was a long time member of the Gates Mills Community Club and Garden Club. When assigned to handle advertising for the Gates Mills Pink Sheet (Village newsletter), she required three Village references of any new advertiser, and personally verified them; woe to those whose references didn't check out. As Hospitality Chair for Community Club or Garden Club events, Barb made it her business to greet everyone and make everyone feel welcome.

Barb was co-founder and co-owner of Ivy Garth Seeds & Plants, Inc., along with Doug and their lifelong friends Ed and Terry Ruch. She had a great appreciation for Ivy Garth employees and hosted each Christmas party—for which she started planning approximately three years in advance. A music lover, Barb was a regular follower of the Cleveland Orchestra, Apollo's Fire, and the Cleveland Jazz Orchestra, and tolerated the Rolling Stones in Doug's car. A dog lover, her Shih Tzu "KC" was her soulmate. A Celebration of Life will be held at a future date. Contributions in her memory may be made to Rescue Village, 15463 Chillicothe Road, Novelty, OH 44072.



**Please send submissions on births, deaths, weddings and other news to share with fellow Villagers to Susie Thorpe: [SueThorpe695@yahoo.com](mailto:SueThorpe695@yahoo.com) or call 423-4743.**

As we plan our Thanksgiving menus, many families in Ohio are not so fortunate as to have amply stocked larders and freezers. Food for both people and pets can be hard to afford. Local food pantries often are at churches and accept donations of shelf stable goods, as does the Cleveland Foodbank which serves six counties in Northeast Ohio with several outreach programs: 216.738.2265 or [clevelandfoodbank.org](http://clevelandfoodbank.org).

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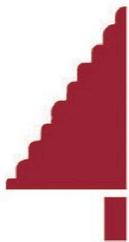


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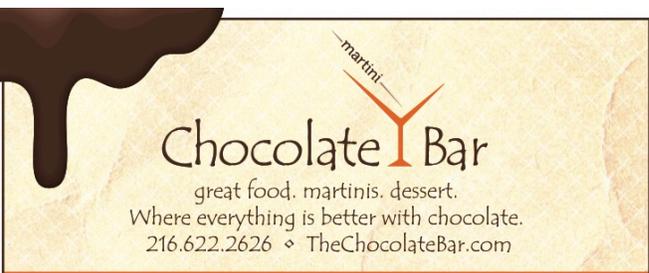
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