



The Village Grapevine

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Environmental Plan for the Village

The Village's Environmental Commission has recently introduced the "Environmental Plan for the Village" to Village Council in an ongoing effort to outline ways to improve local environmental quality. Work on the Plan was initiated in 1994 with the result being a document that addresses specific environmental concerns, such as air quality, energy usage, visual pollution and others, and actions to consider in protecting, preserving and improving those elements.

The immediate priorities as identified by the Commission include: 1) support for the recent recycling program expansion which now includes more materials; 2) efforts to provide a recycling component to the trash

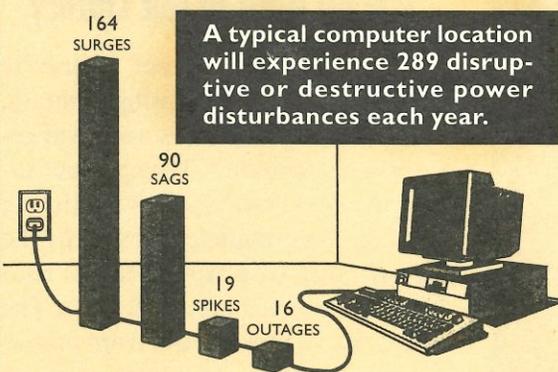
receptacles in the downtown area; 3) upgrading of the Village's electric system; 4) continued improvement on the Village's sidewalk network, which will involve the construction of new walks and repair of existing; and 5) an effort to identify residences and buildings that are not energy efficient, using thermal photography.

The Commission would like to see Village Council adopt this report as a policy document for use when developing annual budgets and allocating resources for public services. The report would be regularly updated to reflect accomplishments and introduce new possibilities.

The Environmental Commission is an advisory board to Village Council,

specifically charged with advising Council on matters affecting the preservation, development and use of the natural and man-made features and conditions of the Village as they relate to the environmental integrity of our surrounds. Present members of the Commission are: Bob Brecha, Paul Buterbaugh, Carl Champney (Chair), David Hergesheimer (Council representative), Michael Jones, Lina Verdon, and Russell Walker. Copies of the draft report are available for review at the Library and the utility window of the Bryan Center. Feel free to talk with Commission or Council members if you have further questions or concerns.

Attention Computer/Electronic Equipment Users



Many businesses and residents use personal computers and, unfortunately, may lose data when the electricity flickers or goes off unexpectedly. Although the Village is continuously upgrading its electric distribution system in an effort to provide reliable quality power to all utility customers, there is no guarantee that power will be con-

sistent 100% of the time. In comparing our utility operation to others, we have found that Yellow Springs experiences power disruptions as do other electric utilities. A recent national survey of power problems, observed over a five year period, states that, "A typical computer location will experience 289 disruptive or destructive power disturbances each year. These 289 disturbances include 164 surges, 90 sags, 19 spikes and 16 outages.

While many of us have our PCs plugged into a surge protector, it will not protect them from all types of disturbances. Battery backup devices can provide a solution to this problem.

While the price of a new PC is roughly \$2,000, a battery backup unit can be added for approximately \$100-\$250. These battery backup units will provide power in case of an outage and allow the user time to save the work in progress and safely exit from a software application. The more expensive models include power "conditioners" which maintain correct voltage during all types of disturbances. We are not recommending any particular backup device, rather making sure you are aware of this option. We have protected all of the computers used in the Village Offices with battery backup units and have had no problems when disturbances occur. If you are experiencing power disturbances, please report these to us at 767-8649 so we can help identify the cause and suggest a remedy.



From the Police Department

The Police Department would like to remind folks about some current safety concerns.

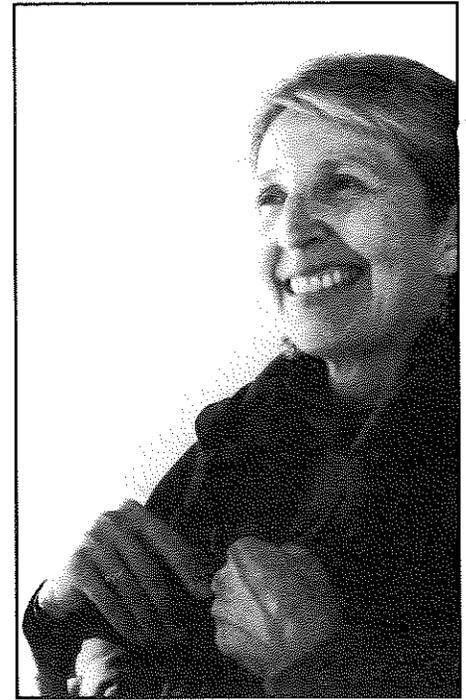
School: Motorists are asked to be especially careful when children are going to and from school. The kids may not be paying attention while crossing the streets and we want motorists to be alert, particularly near the schools. You are also reminded not to pass a school bus when it is loading and unloading passengers.

Winter Weather: Cold weather is rapidly approaching and with it comes snow and ice. We want to remind residents and business owners to promptly remove these hazards from the sidewalks when they occur. Ordinance 660.05 requires snow and ice to be removed within 24 hours after accumulating. A far better reason is to avoid the inconvenience these hazards cause to your friends and neighbors, particularly the elderly. Your attention to keeping the sidewalks clear will be appreciated by everyone in this community.

Training: Officer Al Pierce recently completed an intensive three-week evidence technician course taught by the Miami Valley Crime Laboratory. This training will allow us to provide better skills when collecting evidence at crime scenes.

1995 Crime Bill Funds: On Oct. 25, Kim Monhollen became the newest member of the Yellow Springs Police Dept. She will probably look familiar to many of you since she has been a part-time officer and dispatcher with the department for the past two years. Kim is also a volunteer with the Miami Twp. Fire Dept. Hiring an additional officer was made possible by the 1995 Crime Bill. Yellow Springs will receive a total of \$82,500 in federal and state funding over the next three years.

The Department plans to implement some new programs that qualify for these funds and which we hope will lead to even greater public satisfaction with police services. To increase the exchange of ideas and information sharing, the Chief would like to meet with neighborhood groups in an informal setting to answer questions or discuss issues. It can also be a good way to just get to know each other. If anyone would be interested in hosting such a meeting for their neighborhood, please call Jim Miller at the Police Department, 767-7206.



Our newest addition: Lina Verdon recently joined the Village staff as an Administrative Assistant, serving the Village Manager, Chief of Police, Assistant Village Manager, and Parks & Recreation Director. (She may also assist other staff if the need arises.) Lina was among over 100 applicants for the position. She worked with the Village back in 1990 on the neighborhood forums project and has run her own desktop publishing business since then. We are very pleased to have her join our staff.



The Village recently honored Hilda M. Rahn with a sign formally recognizing her at the park at Dayton Street and Xenia Avenue. The park was named in honor of Ms. Rahn when she retired from the Village in 1976. Ms. Rahn served as the Village Clerk of Council for 27 years before retiring in 1976. A brief ceremony was held at the park in July to unveil the new sign.

A New Roof at the Library

You may not detect a drastic change at the Yellow Springs Library, but a much-needed new roof was recently constructed. This project involved the removal of two existing flat roofing systems, followed by the installation of a sloped metal roof with an expected life of 20 years. The new roof is constructed from material which will be recyclable when replaced in the future. The library has needed this improvement for many years and its completion is a very worthy accomplishment. Thanks for putting up with any inconvenience the project may have caused and make it a point to look up (at the roof) the next time you visit the library.

Affordable Housing Task Force Progress Report



In July, Village Council appointed a task force charged with investigating the feasibility of an affordable housing project on specific targeted properties — those being the grain elevator on Dayton Street where Stutzman's Landscaping operated their business and the adjoining Pemberton property. The Council set a deadline of six months for the group to complete this charge.

Since their appointment, the task force members have been busy investigating both the physical and economic possibilities for an affordable housing project on either of these properties. The group has agreed that if the two targeted properties do not pass the feasibility test, the next step is to assess Village-owned lands.

The group meets regularly at the Bryan Center. Task Force members are: Sue Clauser, Chair; Donna Denman, Barry Hoskins, Tom Nofle, and Ilse Tebbetts. Several others have joined the group as ad-hoc members and expertise from the community-at-large has been requested as specific needs arise. An interim progress report outlining the groups' efforts, accomplishments and pursuits was submitted to Village Council in mid-September. For more information, please contact Jo Scott at 767-7202.

New Items for Your Recycling Bin

Good news! The Village's recycling program has been expanded. In addition to the newsprint currently accepted, you may now include the following items in your curbside recycling bin:

- ❖ Glossy advertising slicks from newspapers, magazines, catalogs
- ❖ Telephone books
- ❖ Soft drink and other drink cartons

- ❖ Corrugated cardboard (flattened in 2' x 2' bundles)
- ❖ Paperboard boxes (cereal, snacks, etc.)
- ❖ Junk mail (direct mail, window envelopes, flyers)

These new items can be placed together in grocery bags. Flattened and bundled cardboard may be placed on or next to the bin for collection. The recyclables are taken to a recycling center operated by Rumpke. Materials are sorted into categories and shipped to mills or reprocessing facilities to be reused.

Items that cannot be accepted as recyclable include:

- ❖ plastic caps
- ❖ #3, #4, and #5 plastics
- ❖ window and drinking glass or light bulbs
- ❖ butter or Cool Whip bowls
- ❖ coat hangers and steel scrap

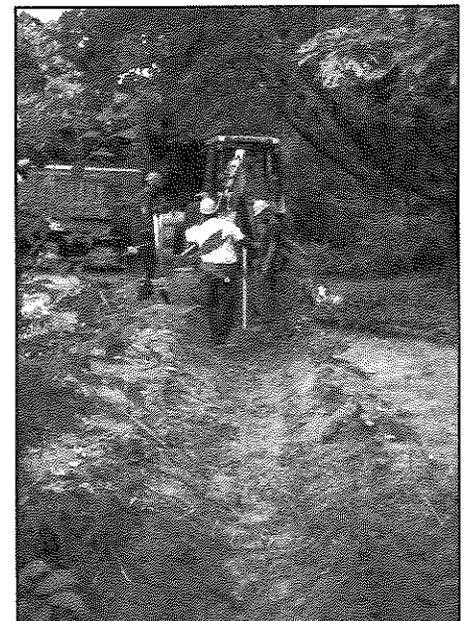
If you should happen to place an "unacceptable" item in your recycling bin, the Rumpke driver will place a sticker on the item, identifying it as one that is not accepted as a recyclable at this time. If you have further questions regarding the curbside recycling program, please call the Rumpke Recycling Hotline at 1-800-223-3960.

...And What About Yard Waste?

Yard waste material may be placed at the curb in front of your house in a "VYS" yard waste bag for removal. These bags are available for purchase (\$1.25 each) at the utility window of the Bryan Center, Deaton's Hardware Store, Weavers Super-Valu and the Yellow Springs IGA. The purchase of these bags allows the material to be easily identified and also covers our collection costs. Also consider the option of hauling your yard waste to Greene County's disposal site at the Bath Township Garage located on Yellow Springs-Fairfield Road just outside of Fairborn, east of the I-675 overpass. This facility is open every Saturday between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. and Sunday between 11 a.m. and 5 p.m. Disposal is free at the Bath Township site.

A Message From the Buckeye Trails Girl Scout Council

The Buckeye Trails Girl Scout Council invites all girls, ages 5-17, to "Reach for the Stars." Girl Scouting provides program experiences designed to help girls become resourceful citizens, prepared to face the challenges of adulthood. Through Girl Scouts, girls have fun learning about themselves, working in groups, experiencing other cultures, exploring the natural environment and taking healthy risks. Girl Scouting is hands on and interactive, teaching decision-making, interpersonal skills, peaceful conflict resolution and a range of other life skills. At Buckeye Trails, we are preparing girls for leadership, community service and citizenship by giving them tools with which they can succeed in school, the workplace and in life. For more information about Girl Scouting, contact Kelly Crowley at (513) 275-7601 or 1-800-233-4845, ext. 135. We are also in need of adult volunteers to become a vital part of our organization.



The Village Public Works crew was busy on Talus Drive in August building a storm sewer improvement. The job was constructed by Public Works employees.

**Scheduled Public Meetings
at the Bryan Community Center**

Village Council
7:00 pm First/Third Monday

Village Mayor's Court
7:30 pm Second/Fourth Monday

Village Planning Commission
7:30 pm Second Monday

Environmental Commission
7:30 pm Wednesday after First Council Meeting

Cable Advisory Panel
5:00 pm First Wednesday

Human Relations Commission
7:00 pm Second Monday

Wellhead Protection Advisory Commission
7:00 pm Third Tuesday

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