

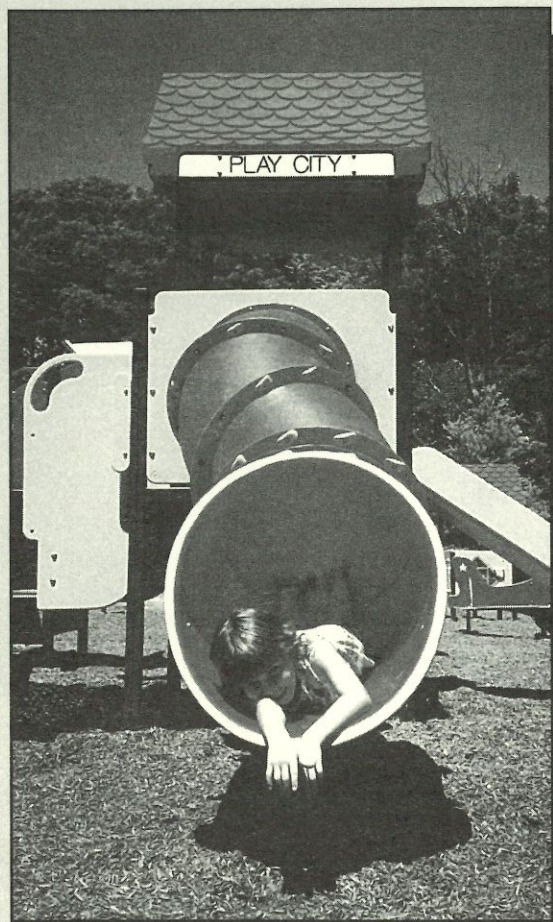


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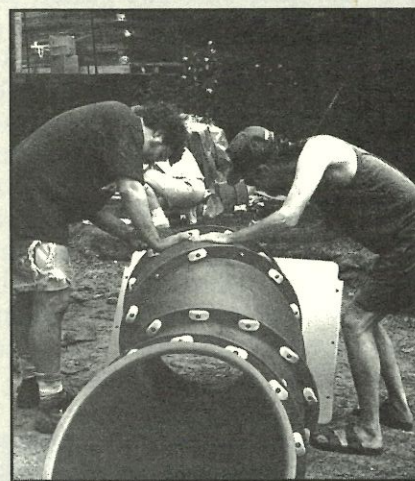
# The Village Grapevine

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## Tot Town is Open

A group of dedicated volunteers got together at the Bryan Center on a Saturday morning in late June to tackle the installation of pre-school playground equipment. The finished product is a "full service" play area for small children. The equipment was purchased with grant funds from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources and a local fund drive headed by local resident Susan Rexroad. Ms. Rexroad approached Village Council last year asking for funding for the play area. She was told that, because of the size of the expenditure—some \$20,000 total—funding would have to be secured and incorporated into the Village's annual budget before being approved. Ms. Rexroad accepted that response and went to work finding the money. Last fall the Village was awarded a grant from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Division of Litter Prevention to purchase play equipment manufactured from recycled plastic. Fortunately, based on Ms. Rexroad's research, the preferred equipment fit that criteria. Along with the many individual donations to the Yellow Springs Recreational Committee for purchase of this equipment, the Community Foundation committed a matching grant toward the effort.



## A New Look for Downtown

Thirty-six new trash receptacles and recycling containers were recently placed downtown. Funding for the containers came from the Village government and the Ohio Department of Natural Resources Recycling Awareness Program. Many of the containers simply replaced old ones and others were additions to the downtown. Where sidewalk space allowed, two containers—one for trash and the other for recyclables—were placed side-by-side. One concern we have already recognized is the need to more

clearly identify the recycling containers. We will continue to work on improved identification.

Based on our observation, the containers are getting a lot of use. One immediate benefit, of course, is a cleaner downtown. We hope to continue making such improvements.

## Public Restroom Plans

The Village recently learned that its request to the Greene County Commissioners for funding of a public restroom facility here in the Village has been approved. The facility will be located in Hilda M. Rahn park along the bike path. The total cost of the proposed project is about \$26,000. The grant provides 75% of that total, about \$19,500. The 25% local match has been committed by the Chamber of Commerce and the Community Foundation. The Village will provide

**Don't forget to visit your neighborhood Halloween bonfire on Beggar's Night.**

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31  
6:00 - 8:00 p.m.**



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in-kind services of labor and some materials.

Bike racks and a drinking fountain will also be included as part of this facility.

At present, construction is planned to begin sometime during the Spring of 1997.

## Got Any Ideas?

The Village Council will begin working on the 1997 Capital Budget soon. If you have ideas or suggestions for capital item purchases, please pass them on to Council members or the Clerk. Capital items are typically defined as items that have a specific life expectancy and/or exceed a specific dollar amount for purchase. In the past, capital items purchased by the Village have included vehicles, buildings, sewage lift station, computers, etc.

Also, if you live on a street that does not have curb and gutter, and would be interested in the addition of that improvement in the future, let Terrence Nealy know. As part of the Village's Capital Plan, long range improvements to our streets are being considered. Keep in mind that the cost of this improvement would be passed on to benefitting property owners through a special assessment. Again, if you would like a curb and gutter improvement considered for your street, contact Terrence at 767-6630.

## Two New Businesses Get Village Assistance

*The Southside Sports Bar* was recently awarded a \$19,000 loan from the Village's Economic Development Revolving Loan Fund Program. The money will be used to purchase capital items needed to get the business started. In receiving this funding, the borrowers have committed to creating one full-time job for a low to moderate income individual. One such job is required for every \$15,000 loaned.

Riley Miller and Roger Bridgett are managing the bar, which caters

to the sports enthusiast. Several large-screen television sets show a variety of sports activities for customers to enjoy. Bowling leagues will be offered for a variety of groups including a parent-child weekend league. The kitchen has been updated with a char-broil grill and other amenities, allowing Riley and Roger to provide a full lunch, dinner and late night menu for customers.

Meg Oliver, owner/operator of *No Horsin' Around* was awarded a loan for \$5,000 to assist with her new business. The business includes horseshoeing services, animal feed sales and, eventually, a horseback riding service where customers can take guided rides throughout the area. The business is presently located in the grain elevator at 102 Dayton Street.

The Village's Economic Development Revolving Loan Fund is available to those wanting to start a new business or expand an existing one. One main objective of the program is to help fund new, permanent jobs for low and moderate income persons. There are additional conditions and constraints on awarding loans from this program as required by the Federal government. Anyone interested in further details about the program should contact Jo Scott at the Bryan Center, 767-7202.

**FYI:** The Yellow Springs Community Library is now open on Sundays from 1-5 p.m. throughout the school year. The Fairborn, Beavercreek, and Xenia libraries are also open on Sundays.

## Oil Igloo Winter Schedule

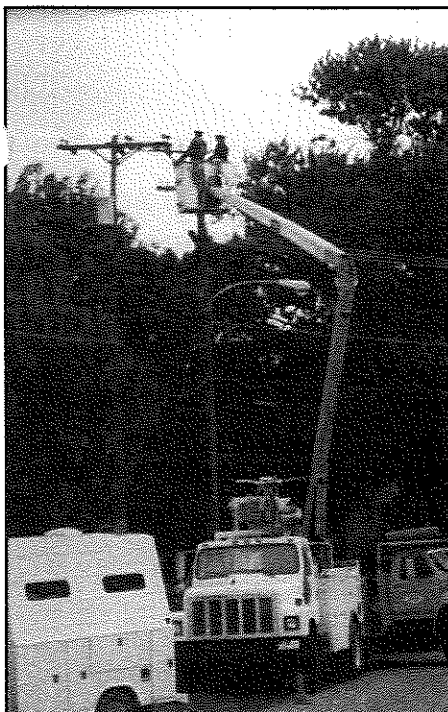
The waste oil igloo, located in the Corry Street municipal parking lot, will be removed from that location on November 1 of this year and returned on March 1, 1997. We anticipate that the demand to dispose of waste oil will decrease drastically during that period and hope to add to the life of the igloo by storing it indoors during winter months.

If you expect to have used oil during that time, please consider the following storage/disposal methods:

- ✓ Store oil in a drain pan or recycler,
- ✓ Take used oil to an establishment which will purchase the material,
- ✓ Have your oil changed by one of the many businesses offering these services.



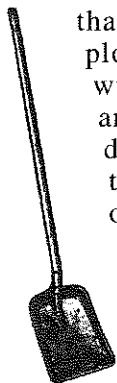
The Annual Village Employee Picnic was held on Saturday, August 24 at Ellis Park. The weather was perfect, as was the food.



The Village's electric system improvements recently began at North Winter and Union Streets. The total scope of the work includes the replacement of about 6,000 linear feet of existing electric line. This upgrade will provide improved electric power to customers along the route.

### ... Just in Case

In anticipation of the possibility of snow anytime between now and the next newsletter, please make note of this special request about shoveling snow. If and when we do get snow, **please make every attempt to pile snow along the roadway to the right — in the flow of traffic.** With all the snow last year, we received complaints from residents whose driveways were blocked by snow after the street had been plowed. Keep in mind that the snow being plowed from the street will be pushed forward and to the right of your drive. Therefore, try not to pile additional snow on the left side of the drive. This may help alleviate it being pushed into your drive by the snow plow. With any luck, this advance warning can reduce the frustration with snow removal. *Thanks for your help.*



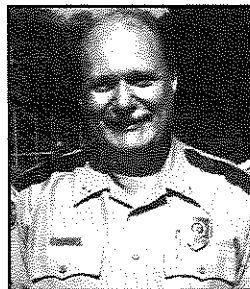
## From the Police Department

### STOLEN BIKES ON THE INCREASE

If you routinely read the newspaper, you may have noticed the increased number of bicycles reported stolen. We ask you to be alert to this threat and to take precautions to protect your bicycles and other property. It's important that you lock your bike. Do not think that, because you intend to spend just a few minutes in a store or visiting someone's house, your bike will be there when you return. We have taken many reports from people who felt that way.

We have made a few arrests on these offenses, but we need your help. Use your street smarts. Be alert

to suspicious people or activities and call us immediately. There are too few police to assure that we will be at the right place at the right time.



Recently, a resident followed a car after seeing someone throw a bicycle in the trunk. The witness was able to give us the license plate number of the vehicle. Sergeant Nipper followed up on this information, and was able to arrest two individuals from Urbana and Springfield. This story proves how critical witnesses can be in such cases. Stay alert and pass on to us whatever information you might have. We need your help.

### TELEPHONE SOLICITATIONS

A word of caution to anyone who receives telephone solicitations requesting donations to law enforcement programs. The Yellow Springs Police Department does not use phone solicitation. Many times the caller leaves the impression that donations will benefit your local agency. This is not true.

Most of your donation will be retained by the company doing the soliciting. Overhead for such service typically takes about 80%-85% of the money collected. Many people want to support law enforcement or drug education programs and will make a donation when asked by a telemarketer. Because such a small amount of money collected in a typical telemarketing effort goes to the subject program, this police department will not be associated with those methods.

We are not suggesting that you refrain from making donations when called; we do want to make you aware of how these programs typically work so that you can make informed decisions about your participation.

The Yellow Springs Police Department organizes an annual coats-

for-kids donation drive during the Christmas season. All the money collected during this effort is used to purchase coats, boots, and winter wear for local children. If you have any questions about a particular solicitation you have received, feel free to call us at the police department.

### BICYCLE PATROL

Keep an eye out for the new look of your police department. We recently purchased two bicycles—a major step in implementing our first bike patrol. While we are waiting for additional equipment and complete uniforms, the bikes have been road tested several times by officers anxious to get the program going. This new patrol method has many advantages and plans are to operate it all year long, except in very inclement weather. Officer John Grote, who is responsible for implementing this program, has given much of his personal time to this effort. The Village and the department will soon be enjoying the benefits of his work. So, if you happen to see an officer go by on a bike, it's not

## 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 First/Third Tuesday

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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