



The Village Grapevine

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All Aboard: What's happening with the train station?

In the Fall of 1996, the Village was awarded a grant of \$19,000 from the Greene County Commissioners for the construction of a public restroom facility in Rahn Park (the triangle between Xenia Avenue and Dayton Street) adjacent to the bike path. A local match of \$6,500 was provided by the Yellow Springs Chamber of Commerce and the Yellow Springs Foundation. At that time the intention was to build an enclosed gazebo.

Soon after the grant was awarded, Hugh Livingston, a lifetime resident of the Village, suggested building a rendition of the original train station. The station was constructed sometime in the 1850s and has had several locations (as part of the nearby grain elevator and where the present cabooses house the Skate Shop). Although it was dismantled in 1967, many pieces of the station were stored in local barns and attics and, fortunately, still exist today.

A group of people, representing the Chamber, the County Historical Society, Friends of the Trail, the Village government and local citizens with an interest in seeing the train station reappear, met several times to discuss the possibilities of Huey's idea. Old photographs of the station were studied and an inventory of remaining items was generated. Based on the interest and momentum, the group formalized the concept. Their efforts have resulted in the identification of potential funding sources and the following commitments:

- ☛ the donation of services from Alt + Donnell, local architects, for the preliminary design work
- ☛ a significant financial commitment/donation from three of the local industries
- ☛ donations of various original building components.

Since the proposed train station is significantly larger than the original gazebo, the Chamber of Commerce intends to have their office in the station; additional space will also be available for displays of local history and art, thus creating a multi-use and interest facility.

The total cost of the station construction is estimated at \$155,000. The 1996 Greene County Grant of \$19,000 will be applied toward this cost and, in February, the Village Council authorized a grant application for \$49,900 from the National Recreational Trail Fund to help fund the effort. We are awaiting word on the success of that application. The Train Station Committee will soon be spearheading a major fund-raising effort to meet the remaining balance.

The Committee has finalized a site plan for location of the station in the park and have included, in addition to the building, amenities such as park benches and tables. The site plan is currently on display in the second floor lobby of the Bryan Community Center; to learn more about the project, call Jo Scott or David Heckler at 767-7202.

What About the Downtown?

Every year, the Village Council adopts goals/projects they would like to accomplish. This year, one of the goals is to: Develop a Comprehensive Plan for Upgrading the Central Business District. Following some general discussion among the Council members about what might be involved in that effort, they have invited the Planning Commission's assistance. The Planning Commission intends to develop a proposed scope with which to frame the effort and will work with the Chamber of Commerce and other interested parties to create it. This definition will then be presented to Village Council as a guide to proceed toward creation of the intended "comprehensive plan." Although still in the very early stages, input will eventually be solicited from anyone interested in defining the pieces of downtown they feel should be reviewed and/or considered in this effort. If you are curious and/or interested in future plans for the downtown, please contact Margaret Silliman, Clerk of Council at 767-7202.

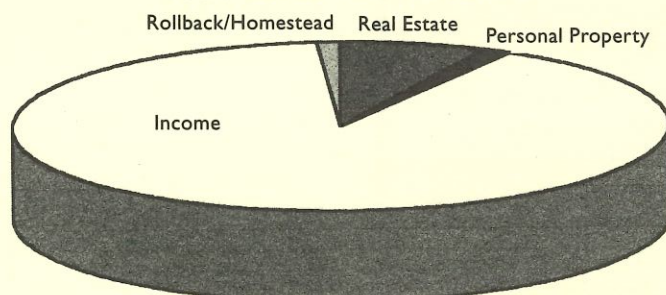
Yard Waste

Please be reminded that the Yard Waste bags are available for use through **November 1**. After that date the Village will no longer provide the yard waste pick-up service. The Greene County Solid Waste District operates yard waste drop-off sites throughout the County. The designated site nearest Yellow Springs is the Bath Township Garage on Fairfield Pike, just before the 675 overpass. They are open for drop-off on Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Tuesday and Wednesday evenings from 5:30 to 8:30.

A "New" Park for the Village

The Village Council recently considered a request from a group of interested citizens regarding a "Women's Park." All but one park in the Village is named for a man and, other than a few streets, no buildings or other monuments recognize the women of the community. The proposal for a "Women's Park" is based on an interest in enhancing knowledge of women's contributions to our community's development through their strength, compassion, and courage. Council gave preliminary approval to the concept and endorsed further pursuit by the interested parties. The area identified for the park is along the Bike Path between the Antioch Theatre and Grinnell Road. A main area for small group gatherings, benches, statues, stepping stones and similar amenities are being considered. As the site plan is further refined, the group will return to Village Council for further discussion and approval for final development.

1996 Local Tax Revenue



The chart above depicts local tax revenues collected in 1996. The actual dollar amounts were: \$1,275,530 in income tax, \$100,612 in property tax, \$22,991 in personal property tax and \$13,864 in homestead tax for a total revenue of \$1,412,997.

Trash Pickup

Rumpke customers are asked to refrain from placing hypodermic needles in the curbside trash. The haulers have encountered these needles and stress the importance of proper disposal of such items. *Please exercise proper disposal methods of needles for everyone's continued safety.*

Remember ...

Your solid waste collection service is based on the amount of garbage – 30, 60, or 90 gallons – you have arranged (through the Village utility office) to be picked up weekly. Please post your "1," "2," or "3" sticker clearly and be sure to put out only the amount of garbage you are paying to have collected. If your number is not posted or you put out garbage exceeding the level posted, Rumpke will not pick it up.

The Pool is Open

Just a reminder that the Gaunt Park pool is open and ready for fun-in-the-sun.

POOL HOURS

1:00-9:00 p.m. weekdays

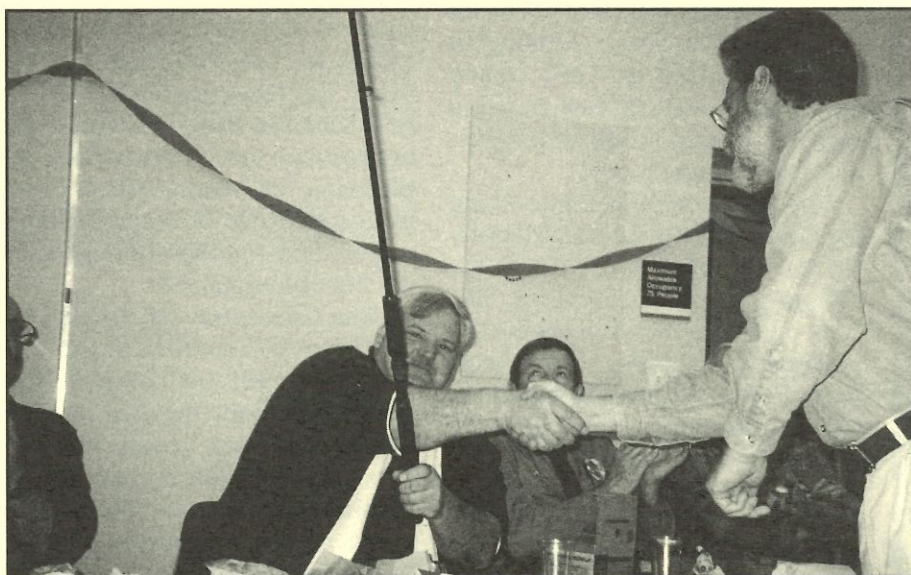
11 a.m.-9:00 p.m.
weekends and holidays

ADMISSION

8 years and under	Free
9-18 years old	.75
18 and over	\$1.50
Non-residents	\$2.00
20% discount on admission rates for residents 60 years and older	
30 swim coupon	\$10.00
Family pass	\$60.00

Changes at Ellis Park

The Village Public Works and Parks crews recently dismantled the old pump house at Ellis Park. The building housed the water wells when Ellis was the Village's public water supply but had been decaying over many years. Now that the structure is gone, a new picnic shelter will be erected in its place. New picnic tables and a drinking fountain will be included in the renovation, which is scheduled to be completed this year.



Village employees gathered to recognize and celebrate co-workers who have been with the village for terms of multiples of five (5, 10, 15, 20) years. Pictured is Sergeant Dennis Nipper accepting a fishing pole from Village Manager, David Heckler. Dennis, along with Terry Cox, Ted Dunevant, John Emery, Troy Slone and John Winks were honored at the end of March.

Police Department News



NEW PATROL VEHICLES

We recently received delivery of three new patrol cars. By press time, these new vehicles should be on patrol. The cars that were replaced had over 100,000 miles logged on them; there is always significant wear and tear on patrol vehicles, since they are often operating 24-hours a day. A big *thanks* to you, the community, for supporting the purchase of this essential equipment.

TRAINING

Training is an ongoing process here in the Police Department, helping us

provide better service to the community and minimizing potential danger for officers and any associated liability for the Village. Courts have held for many years that officers must receive training in judgmental shooting or, simply stated, "shoot/don't shoot" scenarios. Our department participated recently in a cooperative purchase of state-of-the-art firearms training equipment between several communities. With this equipment, our officers will be presented with video scenarios that will provide an opportunity for judgmental training.

BICYCLE SAFETY

With the arrival of warm weather and the end of school, drivers are reminded to be alert for more young people on bicycles. The schools provide a forum for instructing young rid-

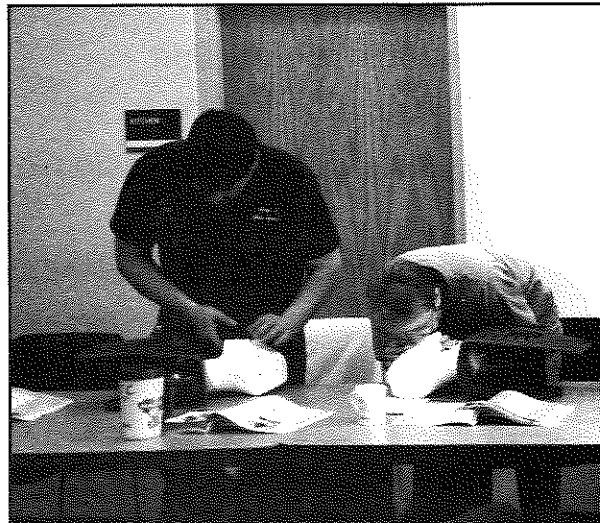
ers about bicycle safety but drivers also need to use caution with so many bike riders in the community. We also ask parents to remind family members that riding bikes and skateboards on the sidewalks in the downtown area is prohibited.

RESIDENTIAL LANDSCAPING

The warm weather also brings the growth of vegetation. The Police Department urges everyone to mow their vegetation according to the Village ordinance that commences on July 1. Grass and other seasonal growth must not exceed 12 inches in height and shall be mowed back a minimum of ten feet from the front of the property and five feet from the sides and back. If anyone has questions regarding this ordinance, please contact the Police Department at 767-7206.

THE YELLOW SPRINGS LIBRARY

The library will be closed on Sundays starting May 25. The Library will resume Sunday hours during the school year, starting September 7.



Village employees recently attended CPR training provided by a fellow employee, Lori Nipper. The training was held during two morning sessions and EVERYBODY PASSED!

1997 Capital Improvements

As part of the 1997 budget, Village Council approved the following capital improvements/items:

- ❖ An entry-level Utility I worker to be shared by four Public Works Departments
- ❖ Sanitary sewer line improvements along Dayton Street from the Bryan Center to Stafford Street
- ❖ Upgraded computer system to include a file server and geographic mapping capability
- ❖ A medium-duty dump truck
- ❖ New electric line construction
- ❖ A bar code scanner for utility bills
- ❖ A diving board at the swimming pool
- ❖ Sanitary sewer line improvements at Omar Circle and at Rice Road
- ❖ Soccer nets and a ballfield backstop

A total of \$470,600 has been allocated for these and other capital expenditures this year. The item with the highest price tag is the Dayton Street sanitary sewer improvement, at an estimated cost of \$176,000. The Village has secured a grant of \$56,000 from the Greene County Commission to help fund this improvement. Keep your eye out for this and the other new items to appear throughout the community.

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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