



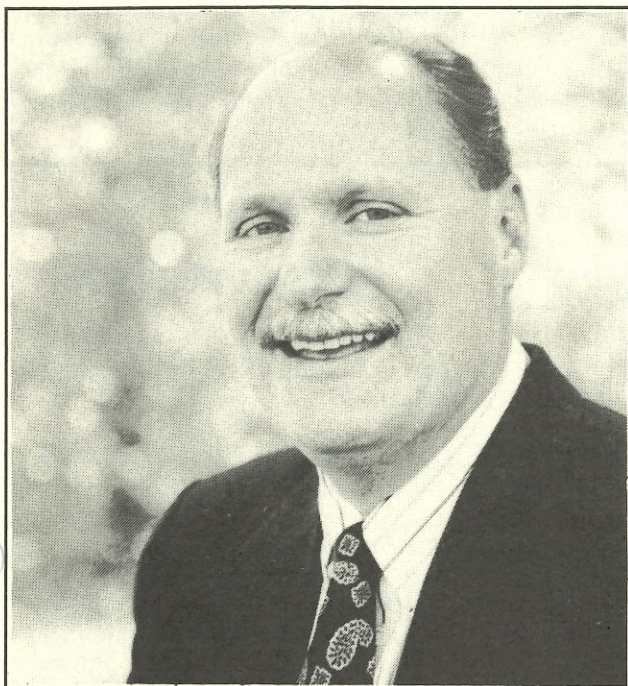
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NEW FACES IN THE POLICE DEPARTMENT



Jim Miller, Chief of Police

On June 1, Jim Miller reported for duty as the Village's newest Chief of Police. According to him, he has been talking with people ever since. Fortunately, that is one component of the job that Jim likes. During his tenure with the Fairborn Police Department, he found that as he moved up through the Department ranks, he became more isolated from the public. Direct contact with those he works for has always been important to Jim and was one reason he welcomed the opportunity to be Chief here in Yellow Springs.

Chief Miller sees his job and that of the Police Department as being service-oriented. The community has an important role in determining the services they want from the Department and at what cost. "The public can expect sensitivity from this Department regarding issues they have identified as important. We will make every effort to be responsive to any concern that is brought to our attention." Jim notes that the facilities and equipment provided to the Department are first class

for a community the size of Yellow Springs. Effective, efficient service to citizens is one way the Department can say thanks for providing such an outstanding work environment.

When asked about "community-oriented" policing, Jim's first reaction is that it is already alive and well here in Yellow Springs. He will focus on continued visibility and accessibility of police personnel, including the outreach programs recently initiated. Activities such as the various school programs and the bicycle patrol will have continued support under Chief Miller.

Jim describes himself as a family-oriented person who takes great pride in the accomplishments of his wife and four children. Together, he and his wife Jan have raised a close-knit family who share common interests in outdoor activities and nature. They have come to value local amenities like Glen Helen and John Bryan State Park. One daughter and a son have graduated from college. The remaining son will be a senior at Fairborn High School and another daughter works and attends school in the Washington, D.C. area.

Please Note . . .

The Yellow Springs Police Department reminds motorists that schools are out for the summer. Drivers should watch closely for young pedestrians and bicyclists on Village streets. Your cooperation and added caution will help assure a safe and enjoyable summer for all.

Kim Monhollen, Dispatcher/Patrol Officer

Kim has been working part-time in the Department since February. Currently, she functions as both a clerk-dispatcher and a road-officer. She works either position on any and all shifts. You could see her behind the Department counter or behind the wheel of a cruiser. She says her interest in police work comes from her ability to function effectively in a crisis situation and a general desire to help people in need. She wanted to work in Yellow Springs because she grew up here and likes the town.

Kim has spent the last six years educating herself in areas that will enhance her policing skills. She has completed crisis intervention training, worked in the medical field, knows sign language and has worked with emotionally handicapped children and adults. She is also a volunteer Township Firefighter and Medical Technician.

In her role as officer, Kim feels that responding appropriately and effectively is more important than maintaining the rigid role of "law enforcer." Helping people and upholding the law must be balanced by good judgment and not dictated from any manual, according to Kim. She has lots of past experience working with kids, is a good listener and has the patience required by this job. She finds her work enjoyable and rewarding and looks forward to helping those in need.



ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION UPDATE

The Environmental Commission is an advisory board on matters of the physical environment for the Village Council. The Commission meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Wednesday after Council's first monthly (Monday evening) meeting.

Environmental Commission members recently visited Rumpke's recycling plant in Dayton. Following a plant tour, they proceeded to the transfer station to inventory a load of regular (non-recyclable) Yellow Springs trash. Based on their observations, Village residents do "extremely well" at recycling with very little material going to the landfill that could have gone into the recycling bins.

New Environmental Commission members are Dale Carlson and Paul Buterbaugh. The new chairperson is Carl Champney, replacing the recently-resigned John Blakelock. Special thanks to John for his dedicated service on the Commission.

Other interesting facts from the Commission:

- A state-wide survey completed in March by the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency indicates that the top-rated environmental problem was the "lack of land-use planning."

- Prospective renters can call DP&L for information on gas utility costs for a particular location regardless of whether or not the service is in your name. For similar information on electric costs, check with the Village Utility Department.

WELLHEAD PROTECTION COMMISSION

The Village Council appointed a Wellhead Protection Advisory Commission in 1992. The Commission has been charged with reviewing the present water supply situation, researching possible threats to water quality, outlining ways to protect the supply from potential threats, and providing advice to the Council on how to assure a continued supply of safe drinking water for the Village. The Ohio Environmental Protection Agency will require the adoption of a wellhead protection program for public drinking water providers such as the Village by 1995.

Since its creation, the Commission has been working with a consultant on

BUSINESS RETENTION EFFORTS

In April, the Village Council adopted a Business Retention Policy in an attempt to respond to identified local business needs. The policy outlines the Council's intention to assist in maintaining a healthy business climate in the Village. The policy recognizes all business entities including industrial, commercial, service, and private/home operations. Specific goals are outlined which include action items to improve communication and outreach from the Village government.

Village representatives will be meeting with local business folks to find out

more about ways to support them. If you are connected with a local business and have specific concerns or problems, we are interested in knowing about them. We are especially interested in home-based businesses that anticipate expansion in the future or have specific needs to support their continued existence.

Any and all are invited to provide input on the Village's efforts to support local business. Contact Jo Scott at the Bryan Center (phone: 767-7202) if you are interested in further information or have input.

developing a wellhead protection program. The primary focus thus far has been on collecting information about the underground aquifer. Using this data, the consultants have generated travel time boundaries which indicate how long it would take a contaminant in the aquifer to reach the production wells. Once the one-year and five-year "time of travel" boundaries are determined, the Commission will discuss ways to monitor and protect the identified areas from potential contamination.

1993 WATER AND WASTEWATER REPORT

The annual report for the Village's water and wastewater service activities was recently presented to the Village Council. As reported, water production for the Village was up by 5% from 1992. An additional production well has been drilled and approved by the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency for public use.

Major renovations were completed on the lift station, located just east of US 68 across from the Bryan Center. New flow meters were installed at the lift station and at the wastewater treatment plant. This will improve the accuracy of flow data. In 1993, the treatment plant processed about 240 million gallons of sewage with an estimated 45% of that being pumped through the lift station.

In addition to their routine duties, the Water Department staff has been working with the Village Wellhead Commission on the wellhead protection program this year and will continue to provide necessary staff assistance to that group.



RECYCLING REMINDER

Please remember that Rumpke is now accepting the following items for recycling:

- ✓ Gable-top cartons such as milk and juice cartons
- ✓ Drink and juice boxes
- ✓ Plastic containers with the numbers 1, 2, or 6 on them
- ✓ Clear, brown, green and blue glass, excluding window and lightbulb glass

Also, please remember to rinse all recyclable items and crush, if possible, to conserve space in your bin. Remove any plastic lids which contaminate the recyclable plastics.

If you have any questions about the recycling program, call the Rumpke Recycling Hotline at 1-800-223-3960.

In addition to the curbside recycling program, please remember that the Village provides for cardboard recycling at the designated dumpster in the municipal parking lot on Corry Street. Used oil is also collected in the igloo next to the dumpster. The igloo is getting lots of use but we are still seeing corrugated cardboard going to the landfill. Please consider taking the extra step to use the dumpster provided for this material and help our recycling efforts.



SPRING CLEAN-UP LEFTOVERS

We have noticed that some folks in town have placed waste material at the curb in front of their homes for collection. This material has not been removed by Rumpke because it can not be disposed of in the landfill. Items which we are not able to collect include the following:

Construction Materials
Rubber Tires on rims

Plastic* Yard Waste Bags
Freezers/Refrigerators/Air Conditioners**

**Special paper yard waste bags are available for curbside pickup of yard waste and organic material. These bags can be purchased at: Weavers, IGA, Deaton Hardware, and the Village Utility Office. The Village will not pick up yard waste or organic material unless it is packed in these bags.*

***Freon must be removed by a professional. For information, please call Rumpke at 1-800-223-3960.*

Compost and wood chips are available to residents at no charge at the Public Works Facility, located on State Route 343. The facility is open 8 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. You may call 767-7205 to verify that someone is there and can direct you to the material.

ELECTRIC PROBLEMS ANYONE ?

Are you having “blips” or interrupted electric at your home or workplace?

The Village electric crew is always trying to improve the service provided to consumers and would be interested in knowing of any ongoing, chronic trouble spots in the Village. If you have experienced an ongoing (not the occasional power outage) problem in electric service, let us know.

Please call 767-7202 to report your problem. Be sure to include your address and a brief explanation of the trouble. This information can prove beneficial to alleviating serious problems in the future.

Thanks for your help.

SOME INTERESTING CENSUS FACTS ABOUT THE VILLAGE

According to the 1990 US Census . . .

- The Village has a reported population of 3,973 and the Miami Township population is 5,162.
- The Village's “over 65 years” population has increased by 4% since 1980 and the “under 18 years” age group has decreased by about 3% during that same time.
- Median age for the Village population is 32.4 years old.
- Seventy percent of all houses in Yellow Springs are single-family units.
- Nearly 60% of all houses are owner-occupied, with a median value of \$78,800.
- Median gross monthly rent for rental units in the Village is \$376.
- Per capita income for Village residents was reported at \$17,019, and median income for Village households was reported at \$32,500.
- About 3% of all families living in Yellow Springs reported an income below the Federally-established poverty level.

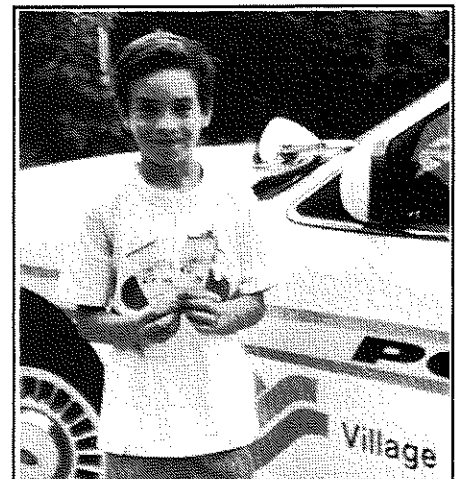
If you are interested in more information about the United States Census Bureau data for our area, contact Jo Scott at the Bryan Center or visit the Yellow Springs library.

NO WATER PROBLEM...YET

The lack of rain this season has taken its toll on all of us. Fortunately, it has not created a serious water availability problem, but we are keeping a very close eye on the possibility.

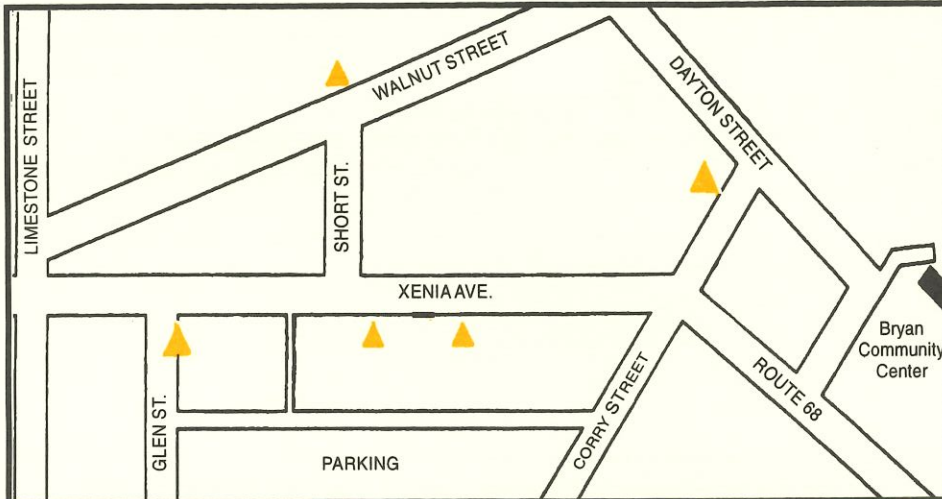
The Water Department is asking that consumers use some discretion on their usage. The water tower work reported in the last newsletter has begun and, consequently, one tank is not being used for storage. This means that if demand suddenly increases, the supply normally provided by two tanks is not available. This is a temporary situation — only until the work is completed and the tank can be put back in service — but, in conjunction with the dry conditions, could create some concern. Again, just pay attention to your consumption.

A side note: The planned painting of the water tower has been put off due to budget limitations. Thanks for your creative ideas about the painting, but the project will have to wait.



David Boyer was the lucky winner of two tickets to a Cincinnati Reds game, given to him by the Yellow Springs Police Department. He was part of a drawing at the Department's booth at the recent Street Fair. The tickets were donated by Bill Hoag of Erb Lumber.

NEW BIKE RACK LOCATIONS



New bicycle racks have been placed downtown at the locations marked by a triangle: at the WEB Building, in front of Dark Star, at Mills Lawn, in front of the Gemini Frame Shop and on Glen Street alongside Erbaugh's. The placement of these racks has provided about 40 additional bike stalls.

EDITOR'S NOTE

Thanks to those of you who took the time to call and comment on the previous newsletter. You had some great ideas and, although you may not see them in this issue, many will be incorporated into future issues of *The Village Grapevine*. Again, thanks for the help—and keep calling to let us know how we're doing.

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