

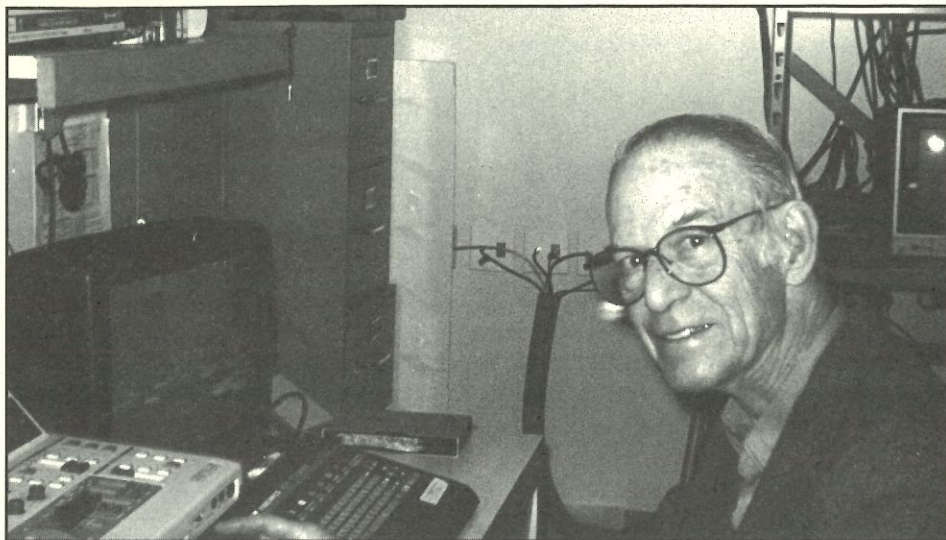


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The Village Grapevine

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Ken Tregillus spends endless hours right here at the Channel 13 workstation. Such dedication from volunteers like Ken make the local cable access channel the successful product that it is today.

Cable Advisory Panel

The Cable Advisory Panel is one of several advisory boards that serve Village Council. Its stated purpose is to define the level of public interest in public access cable, to advise Village Council on ways to serve that interest, and generally oversee the operations of the local cable access channel (Channel 13 here in the Village).

The panel consists of five members headed by Ed Rice. The panel came into being when Warner Cable contracted with the Village to provide cable service about five years ago. The Council formed this panel to oversee the cable franchise.

Presently, Channel 13 programming decisions are the result of an attempt to provide coverage about government, education, and general public subjects. Regular coverage for viewing on Channel 13 includes the live broadcast of Village Council meetings on the first and third Mondays of the month with each meeting

being replayed throughout the following week. The Yellow Springs School Board meetings are also televised regularly on the channel. Other relatively regular programs televised include "Focus," which highlights individuals in the community and includes programs from the library and the historical society. Guest speakers and other similar presentations occurring at Antioch College are also televised on Channel 13.

The bulletin board that appears on Channel 13 serves as a community message center and is another regular service provided by the station. Non-profit and community service organizations may use the bulletin board for announcements concerning special events, activities, or just general information.

It is interesting to note that Yellow Springs is the only totally volunteer-run cable station operating in the Miami Valley region. All other stations have hired staff to manage the ongoing

operations. Although certainly a point of pride, being fully dependent on volunteers can be tricky. There are constant operational demands that are presently met by dedicated people like Ken Tregillus, who has taken responsibility for the day-to-day operations. The panel is very thankful for the dedication that Mr. Tregillus has given to the cause and recognizes that, without his commitment and expertise, the station would not operate as smoothly as it does.

The station receives financial support through a percentage of the monthly franchise fees that are charged by Warner Cable. To date, the panel has purchased about \$30,000 worth of equipment, including five cameras, an editing bay, and other cablecast equipment.

Anyone interested in getting involved with the local cable access must complete a two-hour training session to learn how to operate the camera and associated equipment. Once that is done, you can use the recording equipment to cover events you want aired on Channel 13. It is important to note that anyone interested in using the equipment must be a resident of the Village or sponsored by a resident. Also, all taping must be aired on the access channel and anyone using the equipment must sign a "release of responsibility" form prior to equipment use. You are also welcome to submit any other recorded tapes you would like to see included in the Channel 13 programming.

Please consider volunteering some time for Channel 13. It belongs to all of us and is the product of our interest and willingness to participate. Call Ken Tregillus at 767-4301 or Ed Rice at 767-7702 for more information.



A New Face at the Utility Window

Jacqueline (Susie) Yount joined the Utility Department late last December. Many of you have probably met her since she began her work and lots of you may even recognize her. Susie grew up in Yellow Springs and feels very much at home here. Currently, she lives in Xenia with her husband and 11-year old stepson. She graduated from Greene Vocational school in 1981 and has completed some college at Clark Technical College and Wright State University.

Her background is in accounting, which make some of her new work very familiar. There are other tasks which she feels quite challenged by. As someone who answers incoming telephone calls, Susie was uncertain about how to respond to what she says is the most unusual question yet: Seems someone was interested in knowing who feeds the geese at Ellis Pond. At least Susie knows there will be some variety in her job.

Susie has already come to appreciate her new workplace as one that is more predictable and relaxed than her previous job. She hopes to take advantage of the positive work environment by taking the time to learn more on the job and also outside of work. With the predictability of her work schedule, Susie would like to continue her advanced education as a part-time student. She is still learning lots about her new job every day and is looking forward to reaching the comfort level of her workmates, who rarely flinch at what she thinks are unusual requests.

On her own time, Susie likes to do arts and crafts and enjoys being with her family and pets. Her husband is a Retention Non-commissioned Officer in the Army National Guard and works in Kettering.

Susie is happy to reconnect with past friends here in the Village and is continuing to work on finding her place in the organization. Next time you're in paying your utility bill, take a second look at the newest employee — you may recognize her from the past!

The Village Mediation Program Working it Out Together

Neighbors, families, landlords and tenants, customers, and businesses — all the various relationships we have — can sometimes result in conflicts. When these conflicts have got you stuck, there is a resource available to you.

The Village Mediation Program provides a free alternative for resolving disputes for people in Yellow Springs and Miami Township. A confidential phone call to our office might help you work things out. The Village Mediation Program provides the following services:

- Consultation and Referrals
- Mediation
- Group Facilitation Training
- Group Presentations

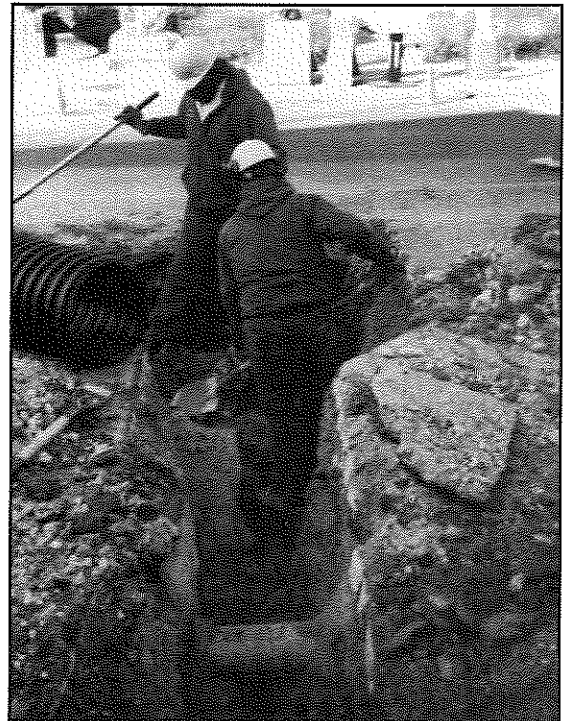
Our trained volunteers work with children, adults, individuals, and groups in a variety of settings to assist people in developing their own solutions to problems. If you have a concern or just want to find out more about the program, call the Program Coordinator, Marianne MacQueen, at 767-7701.

♻ Recycling Update ♻

Here's the latest on where to take your corrugated cardboard for recycling: There are now two cardboard dumpsters at the Corry Street municipal lot and another dumpster in the

Bryan Center parking lot. Also note that the dumpster placed at Gaunt Park has been removed. It had minimal use and did not appear to be serving a useful purpose at that location.

In 1992, when the Village Council began a curbside recycling program, they also adopted an ordinance requiring private businesses, landlords, etc. using private haulers for their garbage service to incorporate a recycling component into that service. This was done to assure that everyone is provided the opportunity to recycle. If you are associated with a business, a rental unit that does not use the Village garbage services, or any other entity that hires its own garbage hauler, please note that you too should be part of the community's recycling effort.



Village Public Works Crew

Mike Applin and Dave Conley, along with four other members of the Village Public Works crew assisted the Senior Citizens Center last November with a water tap made in Xenia Avenue. As part of the meeting room addition to the Center, a new water line into the building was required. In response to an unanticipated project, the Village assisted local contractor Todd Van lehn in making the tap. Xenia Avenue was closed to through traffic for part of the day but the coordinated effort helped minimize the inconvenience.

Swimming Pool Passes — The Best Deal in Town

Admission rates for the Gaunt Park swimming pool have been revised as follows:

Single Admissions:	Resident	Non-resident
Persons under 9 yrs.	\$0.75	\$2.00
Persons 9 to 18 yrs.	\$1.50	\$2.00
Persons 18 to 60 yrs.	\$1.50	\$2.00
Season Tickets — Family Pass [☞]	\$60.00	\$75.00
30-swim Coupon Book [☞]	\$10.00	Not Available

[☞] A family is considered to include parents and unmarried children living in the same household.

[☞] Coupons may be shared among members of the same family for pool admission.

Season tickets will be available at a 20% discount of the stated rate when purchased before the pool opens. Also, a monthly payment plan can be set up for purchasing season tickets.

Any resident who is 60 years or age or older shall receive a 20% discount on all admission rates at all times.

From the Police Department



Since the last newsletter, we are happy to report that incidents of thefts from cars have dropped dramatically. Some of this may be due to the change in weather, but people locking their

car doors and not leaving valuables where they can be stolen certainly accounts for much of the decrease. We want to thank everyone for their efforts in helping us protect property.

Now that the winter season is here, please remember to clean the public sidewalk adjacent to your property within 24 hours after snow and ice accumulate. Winter conditions can make our sidewalks treacherous, particularly for the elderly. If you are unable to clean your sidewalk, you might consider hiring a youngster to do the job. They would probably appreciate an opportunity to earn some extra money.

In order to provide improved service, we recently installed the Antioch College

Security and Miami Township Fire and Rescue radio frequencies in our patrol cars. Our officers now have the ability to receive and talk to both agencies via radio. Should our services be needed at the college, we are better equipped to respond promptly and be in constant direct communication with their personnel.

Over the holidays, the Yellow Springs Police Department received many cards and expressions of appreciation for the service we provide throughout the year. We deeply appreciate your kind thoughts and good wishes and will continue our efforts to earn your respect and confidence. We enjoyed providing a safe and secure location for the community's good-bye to 1994 and ushering in 1995. In fact, all of the officers working the downtown festivities on New Year's Eve enjoyed the celebration along with everyone else there.

One final item — we remind residents that the department operates 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Please do not hesitate to contact us at 767-7206 if you see something suspicious or you have other needs for our services. We rely on your eyes and ears to assist us in providing the best service possible. You ARE NOT bothering us if you call about something

that concerns you. We would rather respond to a false alarm than to have no one call when something serious is occurring. We are here to serve you; so again, do not hesitate to call.

We wish you all a SAFE AND HAPPY 1995!

What are Your Housing Needs ?

One of Village Council's goals for 1995 is to Support Affordable Housing Initiatives.

To begin addressing the issue, Village Council would like to hear if you have particular concerns about housing affordability here in the Village. There are many options to consider with regard to this issue and the Council would like to know of any specific housing needs local residents may have.

If you have comments to share or wish to be involved in this effort, please contact the Clerk of Council at 767-7220 or talk with one of the Council members.

WHAT DOES WATER COST ?

WATER COSTS MONEY DON'T WASTE IT!

A continuous leak from a hole this size at an average household water pressure of 60 psi (pounds per square inch) would, over a three month period, result in the waste listed.

diameter of stream in:		waste per quarter at 60 psi water pressure in:			
inches	mm	gallons	liters	cubic feet	cubic meters
1/4	6.5	1,181,500	4,472,000	158,000	4,475
1/8	3.2	296,000	1,120,360	39,400	1,115
1/16	1.6	74,000	280,100	9,850	280
1/32	.8	18,500	70,020	2,465	70

(Thanks to Village resident, John Powers for providing this information.)

Scheduled Public Meetings at the Bryan Community Center

Village Council
7:00 pm First/Third Monday

Village Mayor's Court
7:30 pm First/Third Tuesday

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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