

The MERION VILLAGER

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19th Annual Crafters Market and Bazaar

Joe Stefanko

The Merion Village Association will hold their 19th Annual Crafters Market and Bazaar on Saturday, October 8th, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Gates-Fourth United Methodist Church, located at 92 E. Gates St. Although the name has changed the event remains very much the same.


The Merion Village Association voted to change the name this year to allow for a larger variety of vendors to be able to participate and to be more appealing to people in the community. The hopes is with the new name, more interest will be generated to participate both as vendors and buyers.

As always, there will be a wide variety of vendors (some new ones and some returning again this year), and of course, the silent auction. Why not start your Christmas shopping now?

Some of the vendors at this years event include: St Leo's Preservation Society (gift baskets and house plants), The Library Gals (jewelry), Green Handle Designs (hand crafted jewelry), Morgan Art Works (kinetic sculptures and mobiles), and Long Mountain Art (organic cotton baby clothes and accessories).

The committee is busy collecting items for the Silent Auction, but we can always use more. If you would like to donate to the auction, or you know of a person/business who would like to donate an item, please contact Joe Stefanko at jstefanko@merionvillage.org.

As you all know, this event is one of the major fundraisers for the Association. It funds the upkeep of the storefront, as well as the publishing costs of the newsletter. It takes all of us to make the event a success. So, if you can contribute to the event in any way (volunteering for two hours), or if you have any questions, please contact Joe Stefanko.




19TH ANNUAL
MERION VILLAGE
CRAFTERS MARKET
& *bazaar*

Saturday,
October 8, 2011
9 am to 3 pm

Gates-Fourth
United Methodist Church
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All proceeds benefit the Merion Village Association.

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Bob Leighty, President

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The Merion Village Association conducts monthly meetings involving neighborhood and city issues. For information about the meetings, call 614-444-3144. Meetings are open to the public

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Board members and committees can be contacted by visiting www.merionvillage.org. Also visit us on Facebook, and Twitter.

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Gateways Project

Tony Roell

Based on public input from the special meeting held last summer and with consideration of the Neighborhood Design Center recommendations, the Merion Village Association is holding a special meeting to show the progress made and to solicit additional input from residents. For those unfamiliar with the Gateways project, the intention is to better foster Merion Village as a physical place. This project hopes to make Merion Village more visible to those outside of the community. The meeting is to be held on October 12th at 7pm, at the Merion Village Information Center. Please spread the word.



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Social Club News

Tony Roell

The 3rd Annual Merion Village Block Party was a great success. I wanted to thank the neighbors on Welch for working with us to bring the party to their street. The highlights were the local music, delicious dishes, face painting and kid's crafts. I got to meet neighbors that I have not had a chance to meet before as well as several



police officers and CCP personnel that stopped by for a bite to eat. I am proud to announce that we already have a host street for next year, Reinhard. Please tell our sponsors for the event how much you appreciate their support: Kroger, Thurn's Meats, Hal and Al's, Red Brick, Luna



Burger, SWACO, and the Law Firm of Mowery, Youell, & Galeano, Ltd.

The third movie this year, 'Raiders of the Lost Ark', went well despite concerns of precipitation. Our final movie will be held on October 8th at dusk.

Halloween is the theme for this movie night and we will be featuring Ghostbusters. As with our past movies Hal and Al's will be providing popcorn and St. Paul's Lutheran will be providing bottled water. Bring a blanket, depending the weather, it may be chilly.



See you at movie night!

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Word on the Street

Sherry Rae

Summer is on its way out along with the record heat and it left me with record electric bill. OUCH! The price you have to pay to keep the Boo dog comfortable. I think I could have filled and Olympic sized pool several times this summer with the water from the dehumidifier. Who needs a rain barrel with the basement I have?

We had another great garden tour. Thanks to all our garden hosts who opened their yards to us on what always seems to be the hottest day of the year. Mark Ponchak, Tony Roell, Kris Killian, Pam Bentley and Brad Beer all helped put the event together this year, as well as some other usual suspects and you know who you are.

A plug in here for Lassie dog Boo, who led the guy down the street directly to the gas leak by the meeting house on tour day. Pretty good for a dog who basically can't see or hear. After a quick call to the Gas Company, they were digging away within the hour. This will all be reflected in our gas bill this winter you can be sure.

When mentioning the Garden Tour, we must wish Jan Heinlein, the tours "founder", good luck in her new move. Jan and Peggy have bought a new home just a few miles south of Merion Village, by Smith Farms, on almost an acre of land. I saw the new place and it looks adorable. It will be made even more so with Jan's magic touch.

Another Merion Village pioneer, Ken Fultz, also bought a home closer to his work in Gahanna. He hasn't move yet and hopefully he will drag his feet in doing so. Ken always adds a touch of class to all of our meetings with his love of opera and zoning knowledge.

And there is that Nittany Lions stuff too, whatever that is.

In restaurant news, you may have noticed that Coyote Jane's isn't on High Street anymore. Mary Ann still talks about how great that hamburger was that she had there last winter. Tracy Studer, from Mithoff Street, informed me that he would soon be taking over the space. The new name of the restaurant will be the Explorer's Club and the opening is expected to be in October. I can't wait to try it.

I did try Harvest Pizzeria in German Village for lunch with Mary Ann. Servings were small and prices are not. The pizza was fresh and delicious though. If your wallet allows you, try the dessert. We shared the butterscotch budino which tastes like something your grandma would make only funnier looking and served in a thimble. More Please!

The tax appraisal finally came as promised. If the value of your home came down then you are not alone. But every silver lining has a cloud so don't think your taxes will go proportionately down. After listening to Clarence Mingo on WOSU radio, it sounds fishy to me. It pretty much sounds like a lose/lose situation.

If your property value went down, you probably will not see much of a decrease in your taxes. If it went up then good for you...but bad for you as well. The county says good job on fixing up our house and making it nicer, but now we're going to penalize you for doing it. Isn't there a better solution?

Speaking of getting things fixed up, the old Blue Sky Gallery had been getting a

face lift. For a while it looked like it had been forgotten. Not anymore. There's an architect sign up now so it looks like they mean business.

Another work in progress is the Victorian house next to KFC. Word is it's going to be a Medical Practice. So you can get your prescriptions for your cholesterol meds then head on over and get some KFC mashed potato bowl. Basically, one stop shopping.

One last thing, I thought the City of Columbus was stopping in to keep the lights on and the doors open at the South Side Settlement House. Their free lunch program served over 60 meals a day. St Ladislav has now taken over as the place for the meals. Apparently there is quite a need for these services on the South Side.

Linda Donnelly, on Hanford, reported that the food pantry at St. Paul's United Church of Christ has seen a large increase of those in need. Most of the patrons aren't unemployed, they are underemployed. Contact Linda or the church if you are interested in helping.

That's all for now. If you have any news let me know by emailing me at slrsherry@yahoo.com.

For more information about your new property value please visit Franklin County Auditors website at www.franklincountyauditor.com/reappraisal-faq.

For informal value review dates and locations visit www.franklincountyauditor.com/informal-value-reviews

Changing Times May Mean Changing Careers

Bob Leighty

A couple years ago I wrote about my career change, after 26 years with AT&T, after surviving eight years of "downsizing" to finally join dozens of my AT&T friends and colleagues who were already "outsourced" and declared "surplus." I was very fortunate to be able to develop a new career with a wonderful local nonprofit, the Economic and Community Development Institute. I have spent the last couple years working with entrepreneurs, helping them develop their business plans.

Well, change is happening again. I'm doing what many people in our community and our country are doing to find a new path ... I'm starting my own business. In the last few years I've worked with a couple hundred entrepreneurs, and now I'm becoming one too.

What in the world does that have to do with Merion Village? Why am I boring you with my job status? Who cares?

Well, I have never seen a time like this, when so many of my friends and neighbors are changing careers. I'm sharing my story because so many neighbors have shared their stories with me. In Merion Village, in Columbus, and throughout our country, people are

figuring out new ways to support their families and contribute to the planet.

For those who are going through such a change, or who may be heading for such a change soon, I encourage you to share your stories. I've seen so many entrepreneurs help each other in recent years. And I've seen so many entrepreneurs help to rebuild their neighborhoods and communities. We need to support them. We need to encourage them.

Tracy Studer, Orlando Martinez, Pam Bentley, and their chef Ricky Barnes are about to open a new restaurant at High and Morrill, at the old Crater's Restaurant site. If they are successful, this should be a wonderful addition to our neighborhood. Robin Emrick is moving Coyote Jane's to her Banana Bean location on Greenlawn, and merging the menus, this sounds like a good addition to our local restaurant scene.

The days of big factories moving in and creating zillions of jobs are over. Companies like Bob Evans get millions of dollars just to move across town to the affluent suburbs. Most new jobs being created today are created by entrepreneurs with small companies. Let's support those

folks. People like Jeff and Eddie at Graphic Touch print shop. The good folks at Hal and Al's on Parsons. Great people like dentist Deb Hurtt and dentist Harvey Vesha and his crew. Putting money in the local economy makes sense, and is a trend that is catching on. To see more info about how to support your local economy, check out <http://solenow.org>.

Interested in starting a new business in Merion Village? Just drop me a note, at rleighty@merionvillage.org, and I'll email you some information which hopefully will be helpful. To get started, check out <http://centralohioentrepreneurs.org/> and <http://themetropreneur.com> and <http://ebranch-prod.columbuslibrary.org/ebranch/index.cfm?pageid=52&parentid=483>.

When you revitalize a neighborhood, you fix up churches and parks and schools and houses. You can also help the people who bring their families to these churches and parks and schools and live in these houses. More and more people are pursuing self-employment, becoming entrepreneurs. Let's work together to make Merion Village and South Columbus a welcoming place for entrepreneurs to live and work and support their families.

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Next meeting dates:
October 25 and November 22

Calendar of Events

MVA Meeting

October 5, Wednesday, 7pm
Information Center 1330 S 4th St.

MV Crafter's Market and Bazaar

October 8, Saturday, 9am-3pm.
Gates Fourth United Methodist Church
92 E. Gates St

Movie in Moler Park

October 8, Saturday
Dusk

Newsletter Ads and Articles Deadline

October 28, Friday, 5pm

MVA Meeting

November 2, Wednesday, 7pm
Information Center 1330 S 4th St.

MVA Safety Committee Meeting

November 16, Wednesday, 5:30pm
Information Center 1330 S 4th St.

MVA Holiday Cookie Sale

Saturday, Dec 10 10am-2pm
Information Center 1330 S 4th St.

MVA Village of Lights Tour

Saturday, Dec 10 6pm-8pm
Information Center 1330 S 4th St.

MVA Holiday Potluck

Wednesday, Dec 14, 7pm
TBA



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Merion Village Association

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Uncle Nathaniel (Merion) Wants You!

You can help yourself and your neighbors in making Merion Village an even better place to live. All you have to do is volunteer. Please check any of the events that interest you, and return this form to the Merion Village Information Center, 1330 S. Fourth Street, Columbus, Ohio 43207. If you prefer you can email jstefanko@merionvillage.org for more information. Planning committees are being formed now!

Upcoming events that need volunteers

- Crafters Market and Bazaar, October 8th
- Holiday Cookie Sale, December 10
- Holiday Light Tour, December 10

Your name: _____

Your phone: _____ Your e-mail: _____

Your skills and interests: _____
