



# Homeowners Association Update

Spring 2008

[www.villageatalumcreek.org](http://www.villageatalumcreek.org)

## VAC Trustees

**President** ..... JD Barlow  
..... [jd@villageatalumcreek.org](mailto:jd@villageatalumcreek.org)  
**VP Administration** ..... Andrew Lynch  
..... [andrew@villageatalumcreek.org](mailto:andrew@villageatalumcreek.org)  
**VP Membership** ..... Raveesh Dewan  
..... [raveesh@villageatalumcreek.org](mailto:raveesh@villageatalumcreek.org)  
**Secretary** ..... Neil Wheeler  
..... [neil@villageatalumcreek.org](mailto:neil@villageatalumcreek.org)  
**Treasurer** ..... Marty Luxeder  
..... [marty@villageatalumcreek.org](mailto:marty@villageatalumcreek.org)

*You can contact us all at  
[trustees@villageatalumcreek.org](mailto:trustees@villageatalumcreek.org)*

## Committees

**Architectural Review**  
*Ken Hagen, Bob Mullen, Joe Leone*  
**Budget Review**  
*Andrew Lynch*  
**Communications**  
*JD Barlow, Andy Hartzell, Adam Mc-Crea, Margarita Crow*  
**Community Service**  
*Open*  
**Fund Raising/Member Benefits**  
*Dianne Holibaugh*  
**Insurance/Legal**  
*Len Fisher*  
**Maintenance/Landscape**  
*Mark Miner, Marty Luxeder, Jim Snopik*  
**New Member/Welcoming**  
*Luann Dove, Karen Marsman*  
**Ponds**  
*Open*  
**Property Use & Upkeep**  
*Natalie Ross, Michael Orndorf, Aaron Dominey*  
**Recreation/Social**  
*Shannon Norman*  
**Reg. Review, Elections & Surveys**  
*Raveesh Dewan*  
  
*Committee Chairs listed in italics.  
If you would like to volunteer for a  
committee, please e-mail us at  
[vachoa@villageatalumcreek.org](mailto:vachoa@villageatalumcreek.org)*

## 9-Acre Survey in Process

It's not too late to make your opinion count! The survey has been sent to all households to which we have an e-mail address on file and we have already received a large number of responses. If you have not received the survey and you would like your voice to be heard, please contact us at [vachoa@villageatalumcreek.org](mailto:vachoa@villageatalumcreek.org) and we will e-mail you one.

***The survey ends May 10!***

The survey is designed to collect homeowners' input on the seven ideas presented in the report and also provides an opportunity for comments and feedback. These comments will be compiled and then posted to the web site anonymously for homeowners to read. The Trustees will review the results of the survey and then use them to help decide on the next step(s) to be taken.

**Background Information:** The VAC HOA was approached by the Delaware County Library in 2007 about the availability of the 9-acre parcel located south of the (southernmost) Parklawn entrance to the neighborhood. As a result, the Trustees asked the VAC community through meetings, newsletters, and emails for volunteers to form a committee to research several options for the possible use of this land. A group of individuals volunteered and the committee was formed in the Fall of 2007 to research a number of ideas that were submitted by homeowners.

The committee spent several months researching costs, startup investments, ongoing maintenance, pros, cons, etc., for each option. It also hosted open forums that addressed the library and pool where homeowners were invited to ask questions to outside parties with direct knowledge and experience with these two options. The committee's 13-page report, which can be found on the VAC web site, was presented to the Trustees in March.

## Update your Information for the Next Neighborhood Phone Directory!!

Has your information changed since the 2007 VAC Directory was printed? Are you not listed in the directory? Was there a mistake? Now is the time to update your information! We are in the process of gathering updated data for the next neighborhood phone directory. Please take a few moments and send us the following information via email at [directory@villageatalumcreek.org](mailto:directory@villageatalumcreek.org):

- Name(s) to be listed
- Address
- Phone Number\*
- Email Address\*
- Any services you'd like listed (babysitting, pet sitting, etc...)

*\*please indicate if you DO NOT want some of this information printed in the directory. If no preference is indicated, then the information will be printed.*

## Upcoming Events

More details can be found about each on the VAC web site.

- May 23-24 - Community Garage Sale
- June 8 - Community Picnic  
(rain date is June 29)
- Sept. 13 - Community Golf Outing

## Want to Advertise?

If you are interested in placing an ad in either the new directory or on the web site, please contact us. We offer different rates for various sizes and ad placements.

[directory@villageatalumcreek.org](mailto:directory@villageatalumcreek.org)

Subscribe to our VAC Announcement listserv at [subscribe@villageatalumcreek.org](mailto:subscribe@villageatalumcreek.org)

## Mailbox Repair and Staining

With the weather finally warming up, take a look at your mailbox and see if it needs repaired or simply a fresh coat of stain. The stain not only helps in the appearance, but it also helps preserve the wood. Please note that all mailboxes must match the following standard:

- Cedar Construction by Cedar Craft Wood Products
- Stain Color: Natural Cedar #716 (available from Cedar Craft, (614) 759-1600, or Creative Paints, (614) 873-2750, on 161 in Dublin)
- Numbers must be black, 4" in height and attached to both sides of the mailbox
- Mailbox must be in good repair

We ask that all mailboxes be brought into compliance by **June 1, 2008**. If you need to replace your mailbox, Cedar Craft will remove and install a new, stained, numbered mailbox for \$234 (uninstalled for \$172). If you are unable to bring your mailbox up to the standard, or cannot afford to purchase or have Cedar Craft install a new mailbox, please contact the Property Upkeep and Use Committee at [propertyupkeep@villageatalumcreek.org](mailto:propertyupkeep@villageatalumcreek.org).

## Planning a Deck? Patio? Fence? Addition?

Please remember that all decks, patios, fences, and additions to your house must be approved by the Architectural Review Committee prior to the beginning of construction/installation. An Application for Exterior Improvements must be completed and submitted with the required documents at least 20 days in advance. The form can be found on the VAC web site. If you have any questions as to what is required, or whether your project would fall within the deed restrictions, please e-mail us at [architecturalreview@villageatalumcreek.org](mailto:architecturalreview@villageatalumcreek.org).

## Spring Clean-Up Day May 10

The Landscape and Maintenance Committee will be organizing another Spring Clean-Up Day May 10. The first one, held April 26, focused on cleaning up the ponds and fixing/replacing benches around pond 2. This time, we will be focusing on cleaning up the area around the south entrance and also trimming low limbs along the property line by pond 1 near the north entrance. *If you have a chainsaw or tree trimmers, we could definitely use them.* We will be gathering at 9 a.m. at the south entrance on Parklawn. If you have any questions, please contact Neil Wheeler at [neil@villageatalumcreek.org](mailto:neil@villageatalumcreek.org).

Orange Township will also be holding its annual Township Clean Up Day from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. that same day. Volunteers can meet at the Township Hall at 8:30 a.m.

## Recent Major HOA Expenses

A list of major expenses (min. \$200) incurred by the VAC HOA since Jan. 1, 2008...

- Jan. '08 - Storage shed annual cost, \$410.00
- Jan. '08 - Pond Maintenance, \$2,492.50
- Jan. '08 - Real Estate taxes, \$2,039.24
- Feb. '08 - Landscape Maintenance, \$5,663.09 (final 2007 bill)
- Mar. '08 - Landscape Maintenance, \$1,087.52

## Have a Baby? Child Graduate from College?

Do you have some exciting news you would like to share with the neighborhood? Have a baby? Get married? Son or daughter graduate from college or achieve an important milestone in school or with an organization? We'd like to hear from you and share your exciting news with the neighborhood in our next quarterly newsletter.

Please send any information to [newsletter@villageatalumcreek.org](mailto:newsletter@villageatalumcreek.org) and we'll add it in the next issue. You can also submit a photo as well if you'd like, although we cannot guarantee that it will be used. Please note that all submissions may be edited for brevity.

## Community Garage Sale May 23-24

The 2008 VAC community garage sale will be held May 23 and 24 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. (both days). The cost is \$3 per household, which covers advertising, balloons, and printing costs.

If you have any questions, please contact Melanie at 549-4723 or Jenni at 549-1857. The Registration form can be found on the VAC web site and is due by May 19.

*Please note that the dates had been previously reported incorrectly as May 24-25.*

## Pet Care

With the warmer weather and the abundance of green space in the subdivision, we are seeing more of our neighbors enjoying the fresh air with their pets. For the enjoyment and safety of all, please do not allow your dog to roam free or out of your direct control in the subdivision or in the green spaces. Also, please be considerate and pick up and properly dispose of all droppings that your dog might leave behind in the green space or in your neighbors' yards.

## Trash "Etiquette"

There have been some recent complaints from neighbors about some homeowners placing their trash at the curb several days prior to our normal Friday trash pick-up. We know sometimes it is unavoidable to set your trash out early due to other circumstances, but if at all possible please wait until Thursday evening to roll your cans out to the curb.

## Alum Creek Preschool Opening in Fall

Alum Creek Preschool, located at the Alum Creek Church at the front of the neighborhood, will be opening this September. It will be a part-time program that will follow the Olentangy school calendar, with the first day of school being held Sept. 2. The school will be open Monday thru Thursday from 9 a.m. to noon.

Children can be enrolled for 2, 3, or all 4 mornings. Enrollment is open now for children ages two and a half to five years. Please contact Mary Beth Metz for more information at (740) 548-0715 or [acpreschool@alumcreek.org](mailto:acpreschool@alumcreek.org).

## Community Picnic

The VAC Community Picnic is scheduled for Sunday, June 8. Watch your email and the VAC web site for more information. If you would like to help organize the event, please e-mail Shannon Norman at [shannonnorman@verizon.net](mailto:shannonnorman@verizon.net).

**Next HOA General Meeting: Thursday, June 19, 7 p.m., Alum Creek Church**

Subscribe to our VAC Announcement listserv at [subscribe@villageatalumcreek.org](mailto:subscribe@villageatalumcreek.org)