



# MAYTOWN VILLAGE SQUARE COURIER

Homeowners Association Newsletter

Summer 2010

## President's Message



*On Our Own.....*

Maytown Village Square Homeowners' Association is once again on its own. As of May 1, 2010, our contract with Homes & Land Property Management was terminated. Our annualized savings just in our management fees will be more than \$42,000. This decision along with that of seeking another lawn care service has already set a different tone within our community. However, self management does come at a cost.

Thus far, your seven member board of directors have assumed these added responsibilities. Each of us takes a turn in responding to your calls and emails, and all of us meet more often to support one another in the decision making process and the business of the association. We will continue to work to meet your demands, but we ask your patience and understanding if we are not always able to respond in the time frame that you desire. Remember, we are all volunteers and carry these responsibilities in addition to that of being wage earners, parents and spouses.

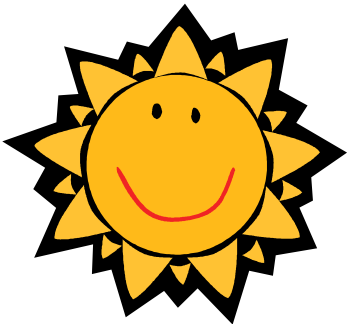
On another note, you will be hearing more from your board of directors in the next few months about the importance of deed restrictions, their enforcement and an increased focus on collecting delinquent dues/fees. As you can imagine, none of us on the board of directors looks forward to having to address any of these topics. ***However, as we have met with certain officials, we have now come to the conclusion that we have no other alternative since this directly affects our property value and the ability of prospective buyers to secure loans.***

Each resident will be receiving a letter within the near future to invite you to a special meeting to discuss these concerns further. I encourage each of you to attend these meetings to learn more about the importance of following the deed restrictions and the urgency that we now have in collecting delinquent fees. Further, I implore each of you to do a self review of your property and your compliance with the deed restrictions as well as your status with regard to your association dues/fees. It is more advantageous for each of us to correct any areas of concern rather than the association.

In closing, I would like to thank each of you for your support and your comments. I believe that each of us on this board of directors has taken every comment and concern into consideration when we have weighed important decision and developed final policy.

Terry White, President  
Maytown Village Square Homeowners Association

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**In Summer, the song  
sings itself.**

*William Carlos Williams  
1883-1963*



## Summer Holidays

### June 2010

Flag Day/June 14

Father's Day/ June 20

Summer Begins/June 21, 7:28 AM

### July 2010

Independence Day/July 4th

### September 2010

Labor Day – September 6

Grandparents Day – September 12

## Residents' Forum

Check out the  
[Residents' Forum](#) on  
our website and  
communicate with  
your neighbors!

## Editorial – The Kids of Summer

It is Summer ~ kids are home from school. They will be playing outside during the day and into the evening. Let's help make sure they can play safely.

Be extra careful when driving through our community. Speed limits are 25. Keep an extra eye for the ball that might bounce into your way... a child may be following it, and watch for an errant little one that might dart out from between parked cars.

Parents, teach your child the safety rules of not playing in the street, and also bicycle safety. All vehicles, even bikes, are subject to the same laws. Look for bike info elsewhere in the newsletter.

Kids, help your little brothers, sisters and friends. Look out for them when you are playing. Show them the safe way to do things. And wave to the grownups. It makes them feel good. 😊

Let's all have a fun, safe season!

Donna Welsh, Editor

## Summer Garden Tips

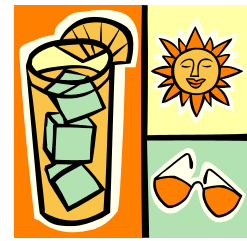
It's time to prune trees and bushes right after they are done blooming and before the new buds set for next year.

If you have mums and you want a nice round shape trim them into shape up till the 4th of July then stop.

A reminder that the Japanese Beetles will be coming at the end of June into July so beware fight back with traps or insecticides but remember to keep the traps as far away from your roses and plants as you can.

Vern Auker,

Landscape Committee Chair



## Help Wanted

Applications are now being accepted for the new Community Center Assistant position. This is a permanent part-time paid position assisting with the rental duties of the Community Center under the direction of the Community Center Coordinator. Most work will consist of a few hours availability on weekends and occasional evenings during the week. Application deadline - postmarked by June 25. Please send letter of interest and resume to:

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PO Box 145

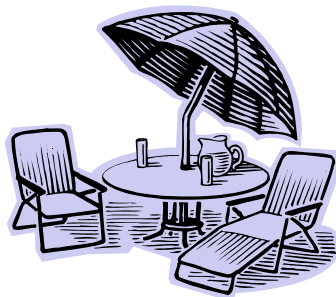
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## Trivia

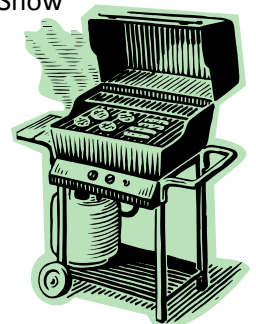
1. What insect provides food for humans?
2. Football fans in 1999 were saddened by the death of the NFL's all-time leading rusher, called "sweetness" for his smooth moves and pleasant nature. Who was he?
3. Which two people signed the U.S. Constitution on September 17, 1787, and later became U.S. Presidents?
4. Which political party were each of these Presidents? a. Abe Lincoln? b. Theodore Roosevelt? c. Herbert Hoover?
5. All these people come from the same state: Henry Ford, Gerald Ford, Madonna, and Diana Ross. Which state is it?
6. What short word can refer to a cooking utensil, a bad movie review, or a search for gold?
7. What type of automobile was named for those 19th century covered wagons that carried passengers from the train station to their hotel?
8. Identify four resort locations mentioned in the chorus of the Beach Boys song, Kokomo?
9. HOW DID WE GET THE 'DOLLAR' SYMBOL? \$
10. In the famous TV series, "I Love Lucy," what was Lucy's married name and maiden name?
11. Can you name the two longest running nighttime dramatic TV series ever? The longest was a Western and ran from 1955-1975, the second longest was set in the western half of the US, but was a modern drama and ran from the 1970's through the 80's.
12. Disneyland in California, and Disney World in Florida, are both located in counties with the same name. What is it?
13. Little League baseball was established in what year? A. 1939 B. 1940 C. 1941 D. 1942
14. What was the highest rated TV show in the 20<sup>th</sup> century? a. final episode of The Cosby Show  
b. final episode of Cheers c. final episode of M\*A\*S\*H d. final episode of Seinfeld
15. Tug of War was an Olympic sport in the early 1900s. True or False?

Answers are  
on the [website](#)



## Summer Home Maintenance

check our website  
[www.maytownvillagesquare.com](http://www.maytownvillagesquare.com)



**One swallow does  
not make a summer**

*~Aristotle  
384-322 BC*

## Volunteer Request

We are looking for volunteers to serve on committees. Serving on a committee can be very rewarding and brings lots of positive energy to our community. We all have something to offer and the more volunteers, the more we can do! Take a look at this list and see if there are any committees that would be of interest to you. You may send us an email or sign up on our website!

### COMMITTEES

**Activities** – events to be held in the community center or on common grounds which may include but not limited to: a Chicken BBQ, Bake Sale, Teen Nights, Dance night, Music by the Pond, Yard maintenance workshop, Community yard sale, Car wash, movie night, etc...

**Welcome** – welcome our new neighbors into our community

**Communications** – Newsletter, Website

**Neighborhood watch**

**Beautification** – Policing our community of litter & and odd jobs to keep our community looking beautiful.

**Landscaping**

**Rules & Regulations**

**Budget**

All volunteers are greatly appreciated and together we CAN make a difference!

Thank you,  
Susan Nicholson



## Community Center Update

Earlier this year we restructured the rental process for the Community Center, as well as increased the fee. As a board we felt it was important to raise the fee in an attempt to improve the building itself and to allow us to offer community activities at little or no cost to our members. If you are interested in renting the Community Center please log onto our website at [www.maytownvillagesquare.com](http://www.maytownvillagesquare.com) for details. If you have ideas for community activities please email them to [villagesquaremail@gmail.com](mailto:villagesquaremail@gmail.com).

Danielle Martin

## Breezy Summer Recipes

Send in your favorites!

RECIPES FOR THE SEASON  
from the kitchen of Susan Nicholson

### Peanut Butter & Apple Pizza

- 1 pkg 18 oz sugar cookie dough
- 1 pkg 8 oz cream cheese
- ½ c brown sugar – firmly packed
- ¼ c creamy peanut butter
- ½ tsp vanilla
- 2 medium granny smith apples
- 1 tsp cinnamon
- ¼ c carmel topping
- ¼ c hot fudge topping
- ½ c chopped peanuts

Preheat oven to 350°

CRUST – spray pan with Pam. Shape cookie dough into a ball. Slice dough into ¼ inch slices and place on pan, use a roller to roll edges together to form one giant cookie. Bake 16 – 18 minutes or until light golden brown. Cool 10 minutes and carefully loosen cookie from baking pan edges.

TOPPING – Combine cream cheese, brown sugar, peanut butter and vanilla in a 1 qt mixing bowl. Mix well, spread mixture evenly over top of cookie. Peel and core apples, slice thin, place apples slices evenly over the peanut butter mixture. Sprinkle with cinnamon, micro wave carmel topping 30 to 45 seconds and drizzle over apples. Repeat this step for the hot fudge. Chop peanuts and sprinkle over apples.

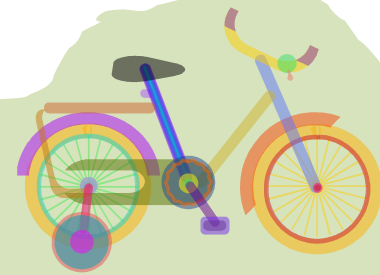
Cut with a pizza cutter. (fun to use a pizza pan but easier to cut in a small cookie sheet)

### Strawberry Salad

- ½ or 1 qt fresh Strawberries – rinsed and sliced
- 1 lb fresh Spinach
- Dressing ingredients

- ½ c sugar
- 2 Tbs sesame seeds
- 1Tbs poppy seeds
- ¼ tsp Worcestershire sauce
- ½ c cooking oil
- ¼ c cider vinegar

Mix in blender all dressing ingredients except the poppy and sesame seeds. Mixture will be slightly thick. Stir in seeds. Mix with Spinach & Strawberries to taste just before serving.



### [Bike Safety](http://www.dot.state.pa.us/BIKE/WEB/safety.htm)

<http://www.dot.state.pa.us/BIKE/WEB/safety.htm>

### [State Bicycle laws](http://www.dot.state.pa.us/BIKE/WEB/bikelaws.htm)

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**There are two ways of spreading light: to be the candle or the mirror that reflects it.**

***Edith Wharton (1862-1937)***

**There shall be eternal  
Summer in the grateful  
heart.**

*~ Celia Baxter*

**The Maytown Village  
Square Association,  
Inc.**

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***About Our Organization***

Our association serves  
Village Square Townhouses,  
Village Square at Maytown,  
Bridle Path at Village  
Square and Village Square  
Commons developments.

We're on the Web!

See us at:

<http://maytownvillagesquare.com>

**Reminders**

**Association Meeting Monday, July 19, 7:00 PM Community  
Building**

4<sup>th</sup> of July Carnival and Fireworks

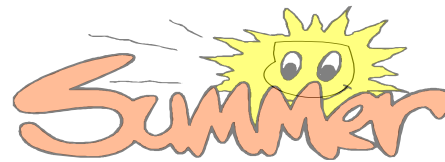
**Good Things**

Busy Summertime...vacation and gardening and day trips and camp and outdoor concerts and boating and picnics and fireworks and on and on. There is so much we can do.

Have fun grilling and swimming and doing things with your family and friends. Enjoy the lazy days when you have nothing to do but relax in a lawn chair. Read a book on your deck or at the beach. Watch the baby splash when he experiences his first little baby pool and smile at all the beauty around you.

Take time to watch nature; how the bees are pollinating the cucumber plants, or the glory of the evening fireflies.

If you run on the sand, or lie on the beach, or even if you don't leave your backyard, have a wondrous summer!



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