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Issue 3

The President's Message

Our first Music in the Park was absolutely great. We had a huge turnout and great donations supporting the musicians playing for us. I hope that our next event is just as packed. Come on over to Carl Frye Park for a free concert.

I would also like to send out a big "Thank You" to all of the volunteers that came out to help us with the Easter Egg Hunt. Anyone that would like to help set up for our July 4th picnic I will be in the Park at 8:30 to get things ready. All help will be greatly appreciated. I am looking forward to see everyone at the picnic.

We also have another attempt at setting up a website for the LVRA. The web address is www.neighborhoodlink.com/Lincoln_Village_-_Prairie_Twp . If you have sometime visit the site and check it out. We are hopefully going to have the Railsplitter published on there.

Terry Allen
President, LVRA

Up Coming Events

July 4th Picnic

Music in the Park ~ July 12 & August 9



Where We Live

July 4th

The residents association will be holding our annual picnic on the 4th at noon in Carl Frye Park. The LVRA will provide the meat, chips, drinks and paper products. We are asking those attending to bring a side dish to share with everyone. It can be a vegetable, casserole, fruit or dessert. Please keep track of your containers or bring it in something disposable.

There are many activities planned for the day including a scavenger hunt, corn hole and other games with a lot of prizes. A 50/50 raffle will be going on and the winner does not need be present to win. This year instead of trophies we will be giving cash prizes to the winners of the Pet and Bike parade.

There will be a table to pay your LVRA dues. You can fill out the form in this issue of the Railsplitter.

Schedule of Events

Pet Parade 11:30 am

- Best Dressed
- Cutest
- Best of Show

Bike Parade 11:30am

- Most Colorful
- Most Original
- Best of Show

Lunch Noon

Kids games and Dunk Tank 1:00 pm

- Tug of War
- Frisbee Toss
- Family Chalk Drawing
- Obstacle Course
- Scavenger Hunt

Please be sure and thank our sponsors for this event.
Without them we would not be able to have this picnic every year.

Summer Storms

Summer storm season is upon us and here are some tips that you hopefully will not have to use.

Before a storm

- Make a list of important phone numbers
- Fill your car's gas tank if a heavy storm is predicted
- Know how to manually operate an electric garage door
- Unplug sensitive electronic equipment
- Get some Cash
- Set your refrigerator and freezer to their coldest settings. It's a good idea to place plastic containers filled with water in your freezer - ice helps maintain the cold.

Buy Emergency Supplies

Don't wait for a power outage to buy emergency supplies. If your power goes out, it's likely other home owners in your area will be affected as well. and emergency supplies will be hard to find.. Many power outages are short-lived, but some may last days. Stock up on:

- Candles, minimum four to five dozen.
- Candle stick holders.
- Matches and disposable lighters.
- Battery-powered space heater.
- Flashlights and extra batteries.
- Battery-operated radio and clock
- Canned, freeze-dried or dehydrated food, powdered milk, baby supplies for infants
- Non-electric can opener
- Sterno or similar fuel (NEVER burn charcoal indoors)
- Water and juices.
- Extension cords, long enough to reach your neighbor's house.
- Hand tools such as hammer, screwdriver and wood saw.
- Water repellent tarps.
- Extra blankets.
- Paper plates, cups and plastic utensils.
- First-aid kit
- Fire Extinguisher

Pack an Emergency Bag

If a power outage strikes at 4 AM, you do not want to stumble around in the dark with a flashlight trying to pack a bag. You may not know how long a power outage will last, so pack for at least a couple days. Remember, to pack personal hygiene items such as soap, shampoo, a toothbrush and toothpaste. Include medicines and vitamins. Don't forget underwear and socks!

Refrigerated Food Safety

- Refrigerated food must be kept at temperatures of 40 degrees to avoid spoiling. Do not taste food to figure out if it's safe to eat.
- A closed refrigerator will keep food safe for about four hours.
- A closed freezer will maintain food quality for about 48 hours if full, 24 hours if half full.
- If your power outage lasts longer than four to eight hours, discard the following items:
 - Eggs
 - Mayonnaise
 - Leftovers
 - Milk products (except butter)
 - Fresh meats, poultry and seafood
 - Soft cheeses, low-fat cheese and shredded cheese
 - Creamy-based dressings, gravy and spaghetti sauce

During a storm

- **Open the freezer and refrigerator door only when necessary.** If the unit's door is unopened, food stays in a full refrigerator for up to 24 hours and in a freezer up to 48 hours if it's well packed; 24 hours if it's half packed. You might load up a cooler with ice and store food you'll need during the first day or so after an outage.
- Unplug major appliance
- Do not refreeze melted ice cream or yogurt, seafood, food that has thawed completely and been held above 40 degrees for two hours or longer, anything with custard fillings, or any foods with a questionable texture or odor. Breads, nuts, hard cheeses and fruit juices should be okay. A general rule on food spoilage is, "If in doubt, throw it out."

If you have any questions about the safety of defrosted foods, you can call the U.S. Department of Agriculture's toll-free "Meat and Poultry Line" at 1-800-535-4555 weekdays, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m



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Other Preparations

- Keep your electric, gas and water company's emergency number on or near your phone.
- Know ahead of time when and how to safely turnoff your electric, gas and water supplies. Have the tools available to turn these services off if it becomes necessary to do so.
- Contact your utility company if anyone in your household uses life-sustaining equipment, such as a kidney dialysis machine or a respirator. Your utility company can advise you on how to prepare for power outages.
- Have at least one telephone in your home that does not need electricity (wall plug style or cellular). Cordless phones do not work when power is out.
- Check to be sure that you have an adequate supply of your family's prescription medication if a heavy storm is predicted. Keep a current list of family prescription medications, their dosages, schedules and prescribing doctor.
- Make a written record of household possessions for insurance purposes. Record model and serial numbers. Be sure to include expensive items such as sofas, chairs, tables, beds, chests, wall units and other furniture too heavy to carry. Store the list somewhere away from home, such as in a safe-

deposit box.

- Make arrangements for your pets. Most shelters do not allow pets. Prior to the emergency, call your County Emergency Management Office and ask them where you can leave your pet. Have ID, collar, leash and proof of vaccinations for all pets.
- Have current photos of your pets in case they get lost.
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ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Our annual membership drive is underway. You can mail the form below along with you annual dues of \$12.00 per household. (\$10.00 for Golden Buckeye members.) By joining the association you help support many activities in the Village. For example, it enables us to continue the publication of the Railsplitter, our Easter Egg Hunt, the July 4th celebration and several other events and contest throughout the year. One Lucky paid member will win a Home Depot gift card.

To: L.V.R.A.

PO Box 282101

Columbus OH 43228

Name_____

Address_____Phone_____

Easter Egg Hunt April 12, 2014



The annual Easter Egg Hunt was a huge Success. There were over 1,700 colored eggs filled with candy and prizes. This was one of the largest turnouts we have ever had. A big "Thank You" to all of the volunteers, Jarod Collins, our Easter Bunny and the following businesses who donated prizes or coupons.

W.G, Grinders	Dairy Queen
Villager Flowers	Wendy's
PNC Bank	Flyer's Pizza
Joseppi's Pizza	Frisch's
Angel Animal Hospital	Giant Eagle
Domino Pizza	Little Caesar's Pizza
Bob Evans	Kroger

and Your LVRA

Please take time to patronize these business and if you can thank them for their support of our community. A special Thank You to Jim and Mary Meyer for organizing the hunt, gathering the prizes and filling all of those eggs.

Street Representatives

Amesbury Way, Taunton Way, Pepperidge Ct & Schoolhouse Lane.....	Julie Allen	878-3424
Hamden Way, Powder Mill & Malden Way.....	Jeff and Bev Ray	870-6692
Annhurst 4588-4856	Mary Meyer	878-4381
Annhurst 4864-5000	Phil Escolas	
Musket Way & Revere Ct.....	Sherma Ferguson	878-5705
Danhurst Road	Jason Dunlap	878-4916
Darbyhurst.....	Mark and Meredith Ervin	
Carilla Lane.....	Virginia Allen	309-3698
Deerfield Road.....	Tom and Dottie Wickersham	230-1109
Old Village Road & Lodge Ct...	Pam & Pat Means	
Topsfield Road.....	Will Mills	
North Murray Hill Road.....	Rob Carder	878-1534
Sturbridge Road.....	Vernon & Edith Hall	
Weymouth	Tim Burno	804-0883
Yarmouth.....	Terry Allen	619-8209

PLEASE PAY YOUR MEMBERSHIP DUES

