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# *The President's Message*

Over the past year we have had some great events and we would like to continue to sponsor events over the coming years. In order for us to do that we need you to pay your membership dues to the LVRA. We also need volunteers to help out. This year our turnouts were bigger than last year and we would like to see the numbers grow. Every resident is invited to come out for every event and we would like to see you there. Our next event will be Santa in the Park. Come on over and have a picture with Santa.

There has been reports of people sleeping in Carl Frye park and it was reported to the Sheriffs department. We will be trying to set up a Block Watch again and the details will be in the next Railsplitter. In the meantime if you see any suspicious activity please notify the Sheriff.

Terry Allen
President, LVRA

# Up Coming Events

## Santa in the Park ~ December 5th
## 1-3 pm

## Holiday Decorating Contest
## December 14th-18th

# Where We Live

## Volunteer

noun

1.a person who voluntarily offers themselves for a service or undertaking.

2.a person who performs a service willingly and without pay.

**Why Volunteer?**

There are many benefits to volunteering in the community! Here are just a few:

**Build Your Skills and Your Resume**

Community work is a great way to build your resume and your skills.

**Develop a Career Network**

Networking is an incredibly important part of searching for jobs and building careers. Community involvement is one of the best ways to make connections and foster relationships that do just that.

**Create Positive Change in Your Community**

Nonprofit organizations are the driving force behind social change. Everything from local, grassroots activism to international politics requires the efforts of nonprofit organizations. And nonprofits cannot function without the energy and input of volunteers like you. Community involvement is one of the best ways to feel connected to your community.

**Your Motivations**

Think about how much you receive when you give and consider why you want to volunteer. You may have several different reasons. Here are just a few of the many possible motivations identified by other volunteers:

- to feel needed
- to share a skill
- to get to know a community
- to gain leadership skills
- to do your civic duty
- satisfaction from accomplishment
- to keep busy
- to donate your professional skills
- to have an impact
- to learn something new
- to help a friend or relative
- to feel proud
- to make new friends
- to help someone
- to do something different from your job
- for fun!
- to feel good
- to be part of a team
- because you were asked
- to build your resume

You will probably have some special reasons of your own.

We need volunteers to deliver the Railsplitter and to help set up for various activities in Carl Frye Park throughout the year. There are many opportunities for you to help out such as the Easter Egg Hunt, July 4th Picnic, Music, Halloween and Santa in the Park. We need help before and after the activities. Any amount of time that you can volunteer would be very appreciated. Without volunteers we will not be able to hold our events. Please consider giving us a little bit of time. Please feel free to call Terry at 614-619-8209 or Sherma at 614-878-5705. Without volunteers we will not be able to hold our events. Please consider giving us a little bit of time.

**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.

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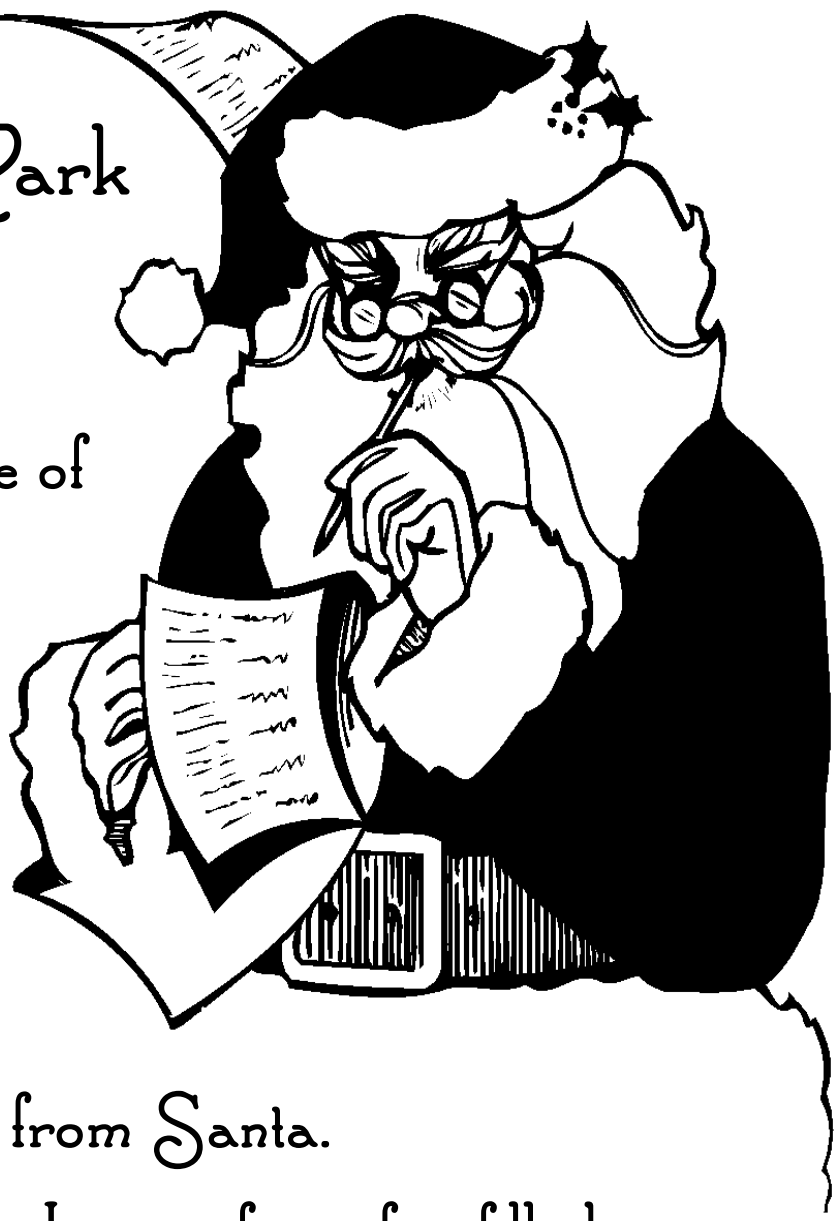
# Santa in the Park



Please join us at the
Darbyhurst entrance of
Carl Frye Park on
Saturday,
December 5th
From 1-3 pm
The LVRA
will be hosting a visit from Santa.
Everyone is invited to Join us for a fun filled afternoon. Stop by and have some hot chocolate and goodies. There will be a box for the children to drop off letters to Santa. Be sure and bring your cameras for photos. Look for our Holiday decorating contest winners in the next issue.

# VFW Post 6065

Under its former name Ladies Auxiliary VFW, membership within the organization was offered exclusively to female spouses and family members of any member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. The gender-specific eligibility requirement remained for more than 100 years until July 20, 2015, when delegates to the VFW's 116th National Convention in Pittsburgh voted to amend the dated by-law to extend the same membership opportunity to eligible males.

Appropriately, the Ladies Auxiliary VFW has changed its official name to the VFW Auxiliary. "It's an exciting time to be a member of the Auxiliary," said National President Francisca Guilford. "Women comprise nearly twenty percent of our nation's military, and this change allows all spouses, fathers, grandfathers, sons, grandsons and brothers to serve others in honor of their veteran."

Currently, the Auxiliary has more than 465,000 members, a number that is now expected to sharply increase over the next year. Its members represent all 50 states, the District of Columbia, several foreign locations including Germany, Guam and Panama, and have made an impact in local communities around the globe.

Last year alone, its members worked to provide $4.6 million dollars in monetary aid to veterans, active duty military and their families, and volunteered nearly 800,000 hours in VA Medical Centers, hospitals, nursing and veterans' homes. Auxiliary members also contributed greatly to cancer research, youth activities, civic patriotism and much more

VFW Auxiliary Members:

Must be citizens of the United States or a United States National, and at least 16 years old.

Those eligible are:

- Husband/Wife
- Widower/Widow
- Father/Mother
- Grandfathers/Grandmothers
- Sons/Daughters
- Grandsons/Granddaughters
- Brothers/Sisters

Of persons who were or are eligible for membership in the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States.

Those eligible for membership in the VFW are those that have received a campaign medal for overseas service; have served 30 consecutive or 60 non-consecutive days in Korea; or have ever received hostile fire or imminent danger pay. Proof of service is required for eligibility and must be obtained by the applicant. Information on a veteran's service record can be obtained by contacting:

National Archives and Records Administration

Phone: 1-866-272-6272

http://www.archives.gov/veterans/military-service-records/ orhttps://vetrecs.archives.gov/VeteranRequest/home.html

The annual Halloween in the park was a howling success. There were a lot of adults and kids in costumes. There were games like a Halloween Scavenger hunt and the kids had to find hidden items ,like a black cat, green spider, scare crow ,Skelton and many others items to finds. Two adults volunteered to become a mummy. Each team took turns wrapping toilet paper around the mummy until they were completely covered like a mummy.

We served apple cider and cookies and candy. We had cupcakes that the kids frosted and decorated then with candy corn and candy pumpkins. A container was filled with candy and people had to guess how many pieces were in it. The closest was Renea Godsey who guessed 160 and the total was 168. We hope everyone enjoyed the party. Hope to see you at Santa in the Park.

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# Winter Pet Care

### *Be Weather Wise*

Know how to respond to dramatic temperature drops that may affect your pet's daily routine during winter season.

**Provide outdoor pets with shelter:** Pets endure cold winters better indoors, although if you have a stubborn indoor/outdoor pet, keeping them inside all season can be a challenge. In that case, set up a shelter protected from wind and rain, with extra blankets and make sure they have access.

**Dress your dog:** Small and shorthaired dogs lose body heat quickly, and prolonged shivering and shaking is not good for their health. Protect them with a sweater when you go on winter walks. Keep an eye on your little buddy, too, and if they looks cold or seems dazed, seek inside warmth ASAP. Also, if you live in a place that uses salt or liquid to melt ice, protect your pet's paws from the abrasives left on sidewalks. Salt and other chemicals not only irritate sensitive paws, they also can harm a pet's digestive system if they lick the substance.

Your pet, like you, will have a happier winter if she stays warm. But this does not mean you should avoid the outdoors altogether. Instead of hibernating, plan some rejuvenating outdoor exercise when days are a bit warmer and free of wind chill.

### *Household Hazards*

Certain things we humans have and use during winter pose dangers for pets.

**Decorate with care:** Holiday decorating and feasting is one of the greatest parts of the season, but do not forget about your pets when you plug in those lights or leave a plate of cookies unattended on the table.

**Know that antifreeze is deadly to pets:** Since it is sweet smelling and tasting, it can be irresistible to both dogs and cats. When you use it, keep it out of pets' reach and clean up spills immediately. Check your car for leaks and your driveway and street for stray puddles.

**Cover radiators and heaters:** Pets who approach a hot radiator or space heater risk getting seriously burned or starting a fire. Protect them by covering those units or positioning them where pets cannot reach or tip them over.

**Ventilate the garage:** If winter means warming up the car in the garage for several minutes before you get in, make sure that the garage is properly ventilated and pets are not present while the car is running. Carbon monoxide exposure is bad news for cats, dogs and people.

**Check for stowaways:** Cats are notorious for curling up where it is warm. In winter they have a particular attraction to car engines and will crawl underneath a car and find a resting spot there.

**Maintain visibility:** Wipe away snow and ice before driving and know where your pet is every time you start the car to avoid potentially fatal accidents.

**Changing the Menu:** Consider whether your pet's nutritional needs should change during the winter months. Outdoor cats and dogs may need more fat in their diets to insulate their bodies from the cold, while indoor pets may become less active and therefore require fewer calories. Discuss with your vet what your pets need in terms of diet and exercise to ensure that they stay healthy all season long

## Home Beautification

The winners are:

- 1st place was 4784 Musket Way
- 2nd Place was 299 Darbyhurst
- 3rd Place was 400 Murray Hill

It was nice to see all of the beautiful work the our residents put into their homes. It was hard to choose the winners. Do not forget that our annual Holiday Decorating contest will be during the of week of December 14th –18th. Do not forget that there is a cash prize involved.

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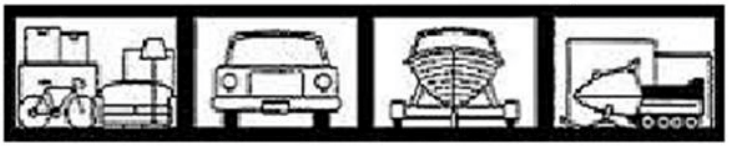

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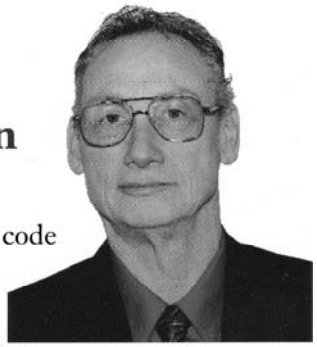

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