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Your Village Needs You!

Kirk McHugh, Mayor

Margaret Mead once said, “Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it’s the only thing that ever has.” As a citizen of the Village of Riverlea, your service in the continued development and success of our small community is desperately needed.

Council members

Even after the election, we will have open Council seats for the coming year. Council members serve the community for a four-year term and meet once a month at Thomas Worthington High School to make the everyday decisions that keep our Village functioning. As Mayor, I have worked hard to keep these meetings to one hour and unless there are additional significant issues to discuss, we generally meet that mark.

All current members of Council and I have full-time jobs so the time commitment is clearly not too overwhelming. Finally, you will be financially rewarded at the end of each year and although it may not be much, it does help. Please consider joining Council and helping us



keep Riverlea a vital and functional community for all our residents and families.

Planning Commission

In addition to open seats on Council, the Village needs two volunteers to serve on the Planning Commission. Planning Commission members serve a three-year term and meet once a month to review architectural and zoning compliance applications within the Village. This committee is extremely important in helping to maintain the overall integrity of the Village, making sure that homeowners comply with the current Village ordinances. We are pleased to report

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Make new friends, but keep the old Some are silver, others are gold

The silver, Slone Potts

Slone Potts is a true Riverlean. She was born September 4, 2013, and lives with her parents Judd and Erin Potts, and sister Gracyn, at 291 Melbourne Place. Her family has lived in Worthington for 18 years, always in the Evening Street school area. They have been in the neighborhood for two years, when they were leasing a home on Pioneers. Her family has been so happy here that they jumped on the chance to buy a house in Riverlea.

Slone's mother, Erin, is a middle school teacher in the Olentangy district and Judd has his own financial services business. Gracyn is a 5th grader at Evening Street. They have two Havenese dogs that love their new backyard. You may have seen the family outside walking or riding their bikes as they love to spend time outdoors.

Welcome, Slone, may you live happily ever after in Riverlea.

The gold, Sam Morris

Sam Morris may hold the current record for the length of time any current resident has lived in Riverlea. He moved here in



Sam Morris (center) with grandsons Courter Shimeall (left) and Wyatt Shimeall (right).

1964 with his family, wife Jane and children Lisa and Steven, and spent many years with his family on Melbourne Place as a neighbor of Lois Yoakam and Frank and Nancy Stroebel.

When his wife of over sixty years passed away several years ago after a 20-plus year journey with Alzheimer's disease, he sold his house on Melbourne and agreed to live in an in-law suite with his daughter (Lisa Morris Shimeall) and son-in-law (Kent Shimeall) on Southington.

As he approaches his 94th year, he is still living independently and has nothing but a rich and interesting life to share with his two grandsons. He hails from Kansas, is a graduate of Kansas Univ., and spent his first career as a petroleum engineer traveling the entire country piloting himself in the corporate plane. He maintained a pilot's license most of his life, and was a flight instructor during WWII.

His next career took him all over the world for Owens-Corning Fiberglass, first in mineral procurement where he



Slone Potts with her older sister, Gracyn.

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Thoughts on High School

Callie Jones

The stereotypes of high school aged kids are engrained in the minds of everyone; the moody, lazy, tired kids that want nothing to do with their parents. I agreed with this partly up until I actually entered the halls of that daunting building known as Thomas Worthington High School for the first time this August, and was overwhelmed by how wrong those stereotypes turned out to be.

The kids weren't lazy at all; in fact they turned out to be some of the most hard-working people I know, even more so than some adults. Because of the minimal correspondence between some teachers, there was no stopping them from giving the students homework assignment after homework assignment every night, which sometimes made us stay up doing work until long after the sun had gone to bed. Yet instead of slacking off and deciding just to skip out on homework, I was sur-

prised to see everyone in the classroom pulling out completed assignments each day for each class. In addition, most of the kids were very funny and lively. None of them seemed moody and gloomy all the time.

I guess the lesson I'm trying to impress upon you all is not to judge people too quickly. We cannot automatically assume that just because a person happens to be in their teen years means that they are lazy and moody, just as it would be unfair to attribute certain characteristics to any racial or gender group. To stereotype teenagers puts them in a box where their abilities are smothered and unrecognized.

Callie Jones is the 13-year old daughter of Joshua Hawley and Jenny Jones, 5781 Crescent Ct. 



Riverlea Summer Picnic

Lois Yoakam

Although the day started with rain, just before the picnic at 5:00 pm, the sky cleared and the weather was great. The celebration, held July 27 at the Circle, featured burgers and hotdogs from the grill and a variety of potluck picnic food. Resident Tim O'Connor provided live music. The many round tables scattered around the Circle encouraged folks to meet new neighbors and catch up with others. Approximately 50-60 residents attended.

Chairman Sarah Mehling said she thought the picnic was a success. She said, "It was great that we were able to get so many neighbors out to enjoy a great summer evening. Hopefully next year, we can get even more people to show up." New resident Justin Kline, who recently moved to Melbourne Place, said he that the picnic was a lot of fun.

A highlight of the picnic was the pie contest. Kirk McHugh, Eric MacGilvray, and Mike McClintock were the judges who were forced to sample six pies. Third place was Allison Macerollo, chocolate peanut butter pie; second place was Karen McElmurray, cherry pie; and the winner was Josh Mehling, whose Berry Rhubarb pie recipe follows.

Berry Rhubarb Pie, Josh Mehling

1 cup fresh blackberries
1 cup raspberries
2 cups rhubarb, cut into 1/2 inch pieces
3/4 cup sugar
1/4 cup flour
1 tbs butter, melted
1 tsp lemon juice
1-1/2 tbs half and half
Premade crust (2) or see recipe for homemade crust, 9 inch pie

In medium bowl, combine blackberries, raspberries, and rhubarb. In separate bowl,

mix together 3/4 cup sugar and 1/4 cup flour. Sprinkle over fruit mixture and stir gently. Cover and refrigerate overnight.

Mix 1 tbs melted butter and lemon juice into fruit filling. With a slotted spoon, spoon into pie crust. Top with another pie crust and crimp together. Cut vents for steam, and brush lightly with half and half. Sprinkle top with sugar.

Bake at 400 degrees for 10 minutes. Reduce temperature to 350 degrees and bake for 40-50 minutes.

Pie crust

2 1/2 cups flour
1 cup butter, very cold, cut into 1/2 inch cubes
1 tsp salt
1 tsp sugar
8 tsp ice water

- Combine flour, salt, and sugar in food processor. Add butter and pulse until mixture is coarse, like corn meal. Add a little water at a time until mixture just begins to clump together.
- Remove the dough and place on work surface. Shape the mixture into two equal sized disks. Wrap each disk in plastic wrap and chill for at least 1 hour.
- Remove 1 disk from the refrigerator and let it soften for 5-10 minutes. Roll it out with a rolling pin until it is about a 12 inch circle. Place the crust into a 9-inch pie pan and trim the excess, leaving about 1/2 inch around the side.
- Add the filling and repeat the above procedure to roll out the second crust. Place the crust on top of the pie and fold it over and under the first piece of crust, crimping the sides with your hands or a fork. Cut vents for steam. 🍷



Josh Mehling with his blue ribbon at the summer picnic



Grab a Slice in Worthington

Melonia Bennett

Somehow when no one was looking, Worthington, Ohio has suddenly become the pizza hotspot of the Midwest. With over eleven different restaurants, up and down High Street within a mile from Old Worthington, the people of this city must eat more pizza per capita than any other area in town!

North: The Worthington Mall has Amano's Sports Bar and Pies & Pints, a 5-store chain that has received a lot of press in Columbus. Pie & Pints is a craft beer and pizza place with 8 draft choices and over 35 bottled beverages, including a few gluten-free selections. Their pizzas are also craft, with trendy ingredients and sauces, and a few gourmet sandwiches as well.

Central: The main drag has had one little pizza shop for a long time, currently called Pizza Primo, although at one time I believe it was a Minuteman Pizza, which is now located on Morse Rd — both dives, cheap and fast little places. The newest two pizza places are downtown. Jet's Pizza, located in what used to be the old Scottie McBean/Scottie's Coffee & Tea, is a 300-store chain

and growing. In 2012, it became the 12th largest pizza chain in the nation, by sales. It opened recently. It is not a gourmet, local ingredients pizza place, but rather Jet's is "known" for their signature deep-dish square pizza. Looks like a place that will be popular with the high school kids and local sports teams. Dewey's Pizza, replacing an old Worthington gas station, is also a chain, but with only 17 stores in 5 local cities. Their Worthington store is already as popular as their store in Grandview. Billing itself as a hip pizzeria, Dewey's offers seasonal pizzas and a rotating selection of local craft brews—obviously catering to a different crowd. Let's hope they both survive.

South: Headed toward Graceland is long-time favorite and host to local sports teams, Villa Nova Ristorante and Pizza Bar, although now the crowd seems to be much older. Opened in 1978, it is a family-run, one-off Italian pizza spot. A newer spot, Natalie's Coal-Fired Pizza and Live Music, has become really THE new pizza spot, thanks largely to their decent musical talent that appears almost nightly. Natalie's bills itself as an intimate venue dedicated to providing a dynamic

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Drivers: Please watch out for our children

Now that winter is coming and mornings and evenings are darker, I'd like to urge fellow residents to take special care when driving. We do not have sidewalks, street lights or stop signs at many intersections. Although our elementary school children are bused to Evening Street and most are accompanied to bus stops by a parent, our Middle School and High School children walk to school. Middle Schoolers must cross High to get to Kilbourne Middle School.

My only child, a 13 year-old son, recently relayed to me how when crossing High Street at the Southington signal he has frequently seen cars on High Street running the red

light. I've come to expect this as I've observed it myself as a driver. I have warned him many times to watch for this when he crosses High. Imagine my horror when he also told me that **he was nearly hit by a driver coming out of Riverlea** making a turn as the signal turned for him to cross. He noticed that the driver was talking on a cell phone. If the driver had not stopped at the last second, my son would have been hit because he was unable to get out of the path of the car.

What call is worth that price? 

Marlene Borschel and Fred Steck are residents who live at 115 West Southington.

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atmosphere with a combination of live music, Old world New York style pizza, classic cocktails made with fresh juices, fine wines, and the best local and regional craft beers. It has received a lot of local press and many recommendations. I really enjoy both their pizzas and that they bring in a lot of under-sold talent. But since this place is about atmosphere, be prepared for slower service. Also just south of Worthington are the more time-honored pizza chains we have all come to know and love. If you want something quick, you can still visit the old hometown favorites Donatos, Papa Johns, Little Caesar's and Pizza Hut.

There are more pizza choices east and west of Worthington as well. Whichever direction you go, you can enjoy pizza in Worthington, Ohio, the pizza hotspot of the Midwest.

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frequently visited Turkey, and then as chief glass technologist troubleshooting major glass furnace issues, whether in Belgium, England or Texas. In his spare time he shied away from no adventure. In his 70s he took a sight-seeing safari to Africa, and later traveled down the Amazon, camping in the rain forest. In his 80s he revisited China and also took a round-the-world trip hitting those sights such as the Taj Mahal and Katmandu.

There are few places from the Amazon to Australia that he has not visited, but Sam has always returned to Riverlea, his home.

Five degrees of separation

Pattie Charles

What a great accumulation of diverse professions we represent in this lovely little village of 598 people. Parents—certainly the number one job in any community, plus visual and performing artists, educators, medical and mental health experts, arborists, engineers, designers, caretakers, volunteers, bakers, non-profit representatives, scientists, carpenters, plumbers, librarians, homemakers, landscapers, art historians, printers, contractors, builders, realtors, retailers, administrators, marketers, historians, copywriters, journalists, art directors, publicists, technologists, web designers, retirees, accountants, lawyers and...more.

I recently realized how many Riverleans I have crossed paths with, and received help from, during some part of my own diverse career. There are two neighbors that I know of whom I had the pleasure of working with very early in my career: Jon Ankrom, who helped to teach me what I should have already known about printing; and Barbara Zollinger Sweeney, who directed the public relations department at what is now SBC advertising. SBC was my first employer in Columbus. I loved it. And I especially enjoyed working on The Limited account.

And at my next location, The Limited, I met Tammy Coe, who worked in merchandising while I worked in marketing.

I was there for a number of years working on Limited Stores, Express, Victoria's Secret and finally Abercrombie & Fitch. I loved it, too.

And later, while at Ohio State, I met Pattie Strobe, who at that time was the only other Pattie I knew who spelled her name the same way I do. She was at the College of the Arts, working directly for the Dean when I joined that college. That was also an amazing opportunity, considering my love of the arts. A special faculty member in the Department of Dance, choreographer and dancer Susan Hadley, was a delight to meet and then come to know that she is a Riverlean as well.

So that's five people that I am aware of, who have been both a part of my professional life and my Riverlea neighborhood. Bill and I are not yet planning on moving, and I am fortunate to be working, so the number may rise. And if I have five, it's likely that you may have even more. It's good to know our neighbors. 📍

Pattie Charles lives at 5825 Dover Court. She and husband Bill are long-time residents.





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Good to Know

Council Meeting
Third Monday, monthly
Thomas Worthington
High School
7:00 pm, Room 127

Trash Pickup
Mondays, weekly

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that after almost two years of work, Council and the Committee on Ordinances chaired by Jenny Jones have just about finished a complete overhaul of the ordinances. This overhaul was designed to simplify and reorganize them in an effort to make them more Village appropriate. So, please consider joining the Planning Commission and helping them implement the new changes to our Village ordinances in the coming years.

I know that I agree with Gandhi's statement "the best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others." As a Village Council member, President of Council and now your Mayor, I have found great joy in my service to the Village. Please help me keep your Village "alive" by joining us in the service of Riverlea. Feel free to contact me or Pam

Colwell, the Clerk-Treasurer, if you are interested. We look forward to hearing from you.

Kirk McHugh and his wife Mary live at 275 West Southington; they are parents of Kelsey and Maggie.

Babysitting

Regan Marcerollo, age 11
Starting 6th grade at Evening Street
Red Cross certified
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Camryn Patton, age 13
Starting 8th grade at
Kilbourne Middle School
Certified from Nationwide Children's
Hospital
(614) 781-6660

Erica Unrue, age 13
Red Cross Certified
(614) 607-0606

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