



# The Village of Gates Mills

*Gates Mills is still a little village with a big tradition,  
but it is the tradition of neighborliness and  
community spirit that makes it unique.*



The Gates Mills Calliope is the Fourth of July Parade's Caboose.



# VILLAGE VIGNETTE

## DEDICATION PLAQUE FOR BOB FELLER FIELD

On Friday, July 8, 2011, Tom Liederbach, President of The Gates Mills Improvement Society, presided at the unveiling and dedication ceremony of a bronze commemorative plaque naming Bob Feller Field. The plaque is mounted on a new boulder at the entrance to Feller Field at the north end of Gates Mills Boulevard, on the southwest-bound side. The marker is surrounded by periwinkle, astilbe and Shasta daisies - Bob's favorite flower. The commemorative plaque is a gift to the Village from The Improvement Society.



Compliments of The Gates Mills Improvement Society  
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## Village Vignette

### THE ARBORETUM AND THE OLD LIVERY TAVERN

The Village Arboretum's entrance is near the north end of the Walking Bridge by the Old Livery Tavern and is marked by a black shield marker. The Arboretum is one of The Gates Mills Garden Club's community undertakings. The project aims to document the club's efforts to replant additional native specimens, label trees, control the growth of invasive undergrowth, and maintain paths and markers.



The Old Livery Tavern has served the Village in many forms over the years. It was a stable and feed store, housed a grocery, tavern, beverage and sundries store, and served as a post office for a time. Now it is a space for offices and small businesses.



## Welcome From Mayor Karen Schneider



Welcome to our Village.

For over 180 years, residents have found Gates Mills—with its unique blend of Western Reserve architecture, civic engagement and convenient location—to be one of the most desirable locations in Northeast Ohio. With dozens of community organizations and multiple ways for residents to become involved in Village activities, our residents pride themselves on their strong sense of community. Similarly, our employees and our various government officials recognize that they are public servants, dedicated to maintaining our Village's unique character and improving the lives of our residents.

Karen Schneider  
Mayor

Town Hall: 440.423.4405  
Village Website: [www.gatesmillsvillage.com](http://www.gatesmillsvillage.com)



Booklet by Positively Gates Mills Committee

## Gates Mills Police Department Special Services



The Gates Mills Police Department conducts a variety of Special Service Programs that address specific concerns and thereby increase the Department's ability to better serve the residents of Gates Mills.

**ALARM MONITORING** The GMPD provides no-cost police and fire alarm monitoring services to residents who have a security system and connect directly to the Police dispatch center.

**VACATION HOUSE LIST** When homeowners notify the GMPD of extended absences, periodic security checks of the property are made.

**T.E.D. (Traffic Enforcement Details)** As specific traffic safety needs are identified by the GMPD, special Traffic Enforcement Details are conducted to increase safety through concentrated enforcement. T.E.D. operations supplement normal traffic safety functions.

**JUVENILE DIVERSION** This program is administered in conjunction with a local Magistrate and the Cuyahoga County Juvenile Court. The goal of the program is to keep certain juvenile offenders out of the criminal justice system and to adjudicate their actions in an informal setting.

**D.A.R.E (Drug Abuse Resistance and Education)** This interactive class is taught at all three elementary schools within the Village. The D.A.R.E. curriculum provides students with the skills necessary to resist the dangers of drugs, alcohol and tobacco. The program also helps develop self-esteem and communication skills while instructing students in techniques to deal with peer pressure issues.

**KEY FILE** The GMPD maintains a key file for Village residents who wish to store an extra residence key at the Police Department for emergency situations. The keys are maintained under strict security.

**VIALS OF LIFE** Upon request, the GMPD provides residents with Vial of Life packets. The Vials are plastic containers that list individual emergency medical data and family contact information for police and medical personnel responding to a residence in emergency situations.

**P.I.C.S. (Public Information Communication System)** The GMPD provides residents with up-to-date general and emergency information via e-mail and cellular phone text messages.

**CHILD PASSENGER SEAT INSPECTIONS** Upon request, a trained Gates Mills Police Officer will inspect and assist in the proper installation of child passenger seats.

**SCHEDULED WELFARE CHECKS** The GMPD conducts daily scheduled welfare checks on Village residents who due to illness, age, disability or other special needs request this service.

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## Gates Mills Fire Department Non-Emergency Services and Programs



**HOME FIRE SAFETY SURVEY PROGRAM** The survey is conducted by one of Fire Department's State certified fire safety inspectors and helps to identify fire and/or safety hazards in the home. Placement of smoke detectors, carbon monoxide detectors, fire extinguishers, fire alarm system components, and home fire escape plans are covered. The survey is completed with the homeowner and a list of suggestions will be provided. These are suggestions, not violations or orders to repair.

**HOME FIRE ALARM SYSTEM MONITORING AND KEY PROGRAM** Gates Mills is one of the few communities that will monitor home fire alarm systems at no charge. The fire department recommends all homeowners have a monitored fire alarm system for maximum protection. Residents can supply a house key, that is kept secure in the police department, and available for use by the fire department to check the home when a fire alarm is activated and no one is home.

**HOME SMOKE DETECTOR INSTALLATION PROGRAM** The fire department installs smoke detectors for any resident who is unable to do so. One photo-electric type smoke detector should be installed on every floor of a home (including the basement) and in each bedroom.

**SMOKE DETECTOR LOANER PROGRAM** If a home fire detection/ alarm system fails, the fire department will loan multiple smoke detectors to the resident until the alarm system is repaired.

**CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTOR INSTALLATION PROGRAM** The fire department installs carbon monoxide detectors for any resident who is unable to do so. The fire department recommends purchasing a carbon monoxide detector with a digital readout.

**IDENTIFICATION AND OPERATION OF UTILITIES** The fire department will meet residents at the home to locate and demonstrate how to turn off water, natural gas, and electricity in an emergency.

**HOME AND FAMILY EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS** The fire department can help residents prepare for fires, severe weather, power outages, and public health emergencies. Knowing what to do, having a plan and the proper supplies prior to an emergency is critical.

**COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM (CERT)** Residents may join our CERT program which trains volunteers to assist local professional emergency responders. Under the direction of the Fire Chief, team members are contacted and perform multiple critical services as needed.

**MASS INOCULATION - POINT OF DISPENSING (MIPOD)** Members of the local MIPOD team (communities in our school district) assist the Board of Health during public health emergencies. Typical duties include staffing a POD where prophylactic medication is distributed.

**FIRE CADET PROGRAM** Teens from the age of 14 through 18 can join the fire department Cadet program. Fire department cadets, attend our training evolutions and learn about the fire service. With some restrictions, Cadets assist the fire department during emergencies. Many current firefighters started in the Cadet program.

**PUBLIC EDUCATION** Fire department members are available to speak to individuals or groups on a wide variety of topics including fire safety, emergency preparedness, first-aid, CPR, and emergency planning.

**AN "ALL HAZARDS" AGENCY** Fire departments and the fire services have evolved into all hazards service providers. The fire department provides services that include hazardous material response and mitigation, large area search capability, technical rescues for swift water, dive, ice rescue, trench rescue, structural collapse, confined space, high angle rope rescue, and many other responsibilities. One of the strengths of the GMFD is that in addition to the emergency services it provides, the department prides itself on what it does for residents. *No matter what your needs are, you can contact the fire department, and we will do everything in our power to assist you and your family.*

440.423.1580 office

[firechief@gatesmillsvillage.com](mailto:firechief@gatesmillsvillage.com)

## Gates Mills Service Department

The Service Department provides a wide variety of services including the repair and maintenance of all Village roadways and bridges, maintenance of public properties, snow removal on Village roads, and tree maintenance within the Village right-of-way. The Service Department and Village Engineer can provide information and recommendations on stormwater management, septic maintenance, and property topography.

The snow and ice removal service on Village roadways is dictated by weather conditions with the main roads given first priority for plowing and salting to insure emergency accessibility and traffic flow. Secondary residential streets are plowed as soon as possible thereafter. The Village currently uses a combination of salt and # 8 slag on the roadways to prevent ice forming and to improve traction. Snow removal and salting for Mayfield Road within the Village of Gates Mills is the responsibility of the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT).

440.423.4405 ext. 127



## Mayfield City School District At a Glance

Details may be found: [www.mayfieldschools.org](http://www.mayfieldschools.org)

- ★ Named one of the best high schools in the U.S. by *Newsweek*.
- ★ Ninth lowest tax rate of the 32 school districts in Cuyahoga County.
- ★ 76% of respondents to a recent community survey agreed that the voters get good value for the tax money spent on Mayfield Schools
- ★ Advanced Placement courses are offered in 22 subject areas.
- ★ Special curriculum features include: academic enrichment, advanced placement, hearing impaired program, honors classes, independent study, intervention assistance, learning disabilities program, mentorship, pass/fail option, post-secondary options, senior search program, special education, and technical programs.
- ★ Students participate in the Science Olympiad in the following subject areas: airplanes, amphibians and reptiles, astronomy, bridges, bugs, catapults, chemistry, circuits, computations, diseases, ecology, food chemistry, forensics, genetics, health science, metrics, physics, robots, rocks and minerals, weather, and more.
- ★ Eligible students participate in Special Olympics - Volleyball.
- ★ Foreign languages include Spanish, Italian, German and French.
- ★ Athletics include swimming, basketball, football, wrestling, cross-country, volleyball, soccer, tennis, golf, bowling, ice hockey, swimming, gymnastics, baseball, track, and softball.
- ★ Awarded the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for the 14<sup>th</sup> consecutive year.
- ★ Superintendent named 'Superintendent of the Year' for Ohio by the Buckeye Association of School Administrators.
- ★ Building improvements continue through the district's construction program approved by voters in 2008 and financed by bonds. The project remains on time and on budget.

## Board of Education

Mayfield Board of Education meetings are on the fourth Wednesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. in the Irene P. Kay Board Room at the Board of Education Building, 1101 SOM Center Road, Mayfield Heights. Visit the Mayfield Schools website Meeting Page for minutes and meeting dates.

## Parent Comments

"Mayfield Schools has maintained excellence in the 18 years we have been in the community. Gates Mills Elementary is a gem. The dedicated staff, the AP Program at the High School, and the diversity and support of the larger community have made Mayfield the clear choice for our sons' K-12 education."

Dr. and Mrs. Marc Snelson

"Overall, our educational experience with Mayfield Schools has been a good one. The intimate setting at little Gates Mills School is hard to find in public school districts these days. We are so fortunate to have it within our community!"

Mr. and Mrs. Stephen

Muskara

"We are very pleased with the individualized, accelerated programs offered to our two sons by Mayfield Schools. The teacher support and assistance provided for college search is excellent."

Nancy Haling



## Gates Mills Elementary School



Gates Mills Elementary School is part of the Mayfield City School District which has earned an **excellent** rating, the highest level in Ohio. The school serves 125 students, grades Kindergarten through fifth, from Gates Mills Village, Mayfield Village and Mayfield Heights. Students enjoy a traditional, intimate environment with all the top-notch amenities the Mayfield City School District has to offer. Since 1927, this school's exemplary teachers and staff have fostered a lasting tradition of learning for generations of students. With a proud past, Gates Mills Elementary School consistently prepares our students for excellence.

### Opportunities for Parents to be Involved

- ★ Halloween parade
- ★ Dads and Donuts
- ★ Moms and Muffins
- ★ Year End Family Picnic
- ★ Formal 5<sup>th</sup> grade graduation ceremony
  
- ★ Walk to library, post office and Historical Society's Museum
- ★ Make ornaments for Community House Holiday Tree
- ★ Walk through ravine/waterfall
- ★ Teachers incorporate Village history in the classroom.
- ★ Volunteer hours supporting children's and community activities are available for high school students.

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44040

The Gates Mills Elementary School is a community asset. It is available for scheduled events in the evening such as adult basketball, exercise classes, rehearsals or club meetings.

## The Cuyahoga County Library Gates Mills Branch



The 3,500 square foot Gates Mills branch of Cuyahoga County Public Library opened on April 23, 2006, and was the first completed phase of the downtown renewal project. The library was built with private funds solicited from Village residents by The Friends of Gates Mills Library. The new library is a symbol of the residents' continuing commitment to the future of the Village.

The library offers a selection of fiction and non-fiction books for Adults and Children and a small collection of material for Teens. Classical and popular music for Adults and Teens and music for children is available on CD. The library maintains a small, yet full service Children's Department. A professional librarian is on duty during all open hours.

The library maintains a large collection of books on CD, particularly the unabridged versions and is increasing its collection of Playaways. The DVD collection is also very popular. Additionally, one can request a toy online just as one may request books, CD's, and movies. Adults and children may browse through the toy notebook to choose toys to borrow. The library also has a large collection of eBooks to borrow by anyone with a library card.

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

## Village Vignette

### THE CHAGRIN RIVER



River views draw visitors from far and wide. Village residents may enjoy the peaceful scenes from the North and South Bridges as well as The Walking Bridge. Autumn foliage, winter river ice, spring flowering trees and summer greenery are sources of inspiration all year long.

## ORGANIZATIONS AND CLUBS

### The Gates Mills Improvement Society

Originally founded in 1905 “to promote the health, safety and happiness of the members and to improve and protect property” in the Village, The Gates Mills Improvement Society was the governing body of the hamlet until the Village of Gates Mills was incorporated in 1920. The society’s early committees reflected the community’s interests of the time: Parks, Good Roads, Forestry, and School and Dam improvement. “*The Gates Mills Bee*” was published by the society on September 29, 1906, and once again in 1956, the bicentennial year.

Today, The Gates Mills Improvement Society organizes the Fourth of July Parade, facilitates the annual village employee year-end bonus program, and supports various village activities including the Gates Mills tennis program, the Village Stray Animal program, and the annual Christmas Tree Gathering at the Polo Field on Epping Road.



4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade Activities

## The Friends of the Gates Mills Library

Founded in 1974, The Friends of the Gates Mills Public Library is a non-profit group that provides vital support to the library. The organization contributes volunteers for library functions, provides funds for special programs, raises money through book sales at the library and oversees the traditional holiday cookie buffet all month long in December. The Annual Library Dinner in February at the Chagrin Valley Hunt Club is quite popular and features noted local authors as guest speakers.



The Toy Library is a special part of The Children’s section of the Library.



## The Gates Mills Historical Society

Since 1947 the Historical Society has collected furniture, historical documents and pictures from long time village residents. These items are on display at the Gates Mills Museum in The Southwick House on Old Mill Road. Originally located on North River Road, The Southwick House was acquired and moved to its present site next to the Chagrin Valley Hunt Club in 1947. This location by the old water pump is also the previous site of the interurban station in Gates Mills—Stop #21.

The Society oversees The Legacy Home Program for notable houses in the Village and has published three books available at the library: *George Brown of Gates Mills* (1969), *Gates Mills, 1920-1970*, *My Forty-Three Years With It*, and *Pictorial History of Gates Mills* (1976). The Museum is open by appointment. The terrace garden and first floor rooms are available for small group meetings. For details and availability: 440.423.1040.

The Society welcomes new members and takes an active interest in preserving the history of Gates Mills. Further information may be found on The Gates Mills Historical Society's Facebook page or The Cleveland Memory Project: [www.clevelandmemoryproject.org](http://www.clevelandmemoryproject.org).



## The Gates Mills Land Conservancy



The Conservancy is a private, non-profit, tax-exempt organization *whose mission is to preserve the natural, recreational, and scenic resources of the Village and the Chagrin River Valley.*

Founded in 1988, The Gates Mills Land Conservancy has to date preserved 553 acres of land in the Village through donations, direct purchases, conservation easements and deed restrictions. **Every acre of this preserved land will be kept in its natural state and protected for future generations.**

The direct purchase of land is uniquely funded by a 1-mill tax levy, voted by the Village citizens. This levy was established in 1991, and has been renewed 4 times, each for five year periods. These dollars are used only for land acquisition and land stewardship. Operating costs are funded by annual membership dues and private donations.

To learn more about the Gates Mills Land Conservancy's overall preservation strategy and to take a virtual tour of the Village, visit the website:

[www.gatesmillslandconservancy.org](http://www.gatesmillslandconservancy.org) or call 440.423.0135. The Gates Mills Land Conservancy can also be found on Facebook and Twitter as well as in the monthly *Pink Sheet*.

The annual *Race for the Green* and the annual dinner in September are excellent opportunities to meet members.



## The Community Club

In 1930 several young women in the Village formed the Gates Mills School Mothers' Club whose stated purpose was to foster "strong support for the school, interest in and support for civic affairs, great community pride and help for those in need". Five years later the Club retained these same goals and became The Gates Mills Community Club. Today the Club hosts luncheons with guest speakers on the fourth Thursday of every month, September to May. An evening series, "Ladies Nite Out," is held quarterly for members who are unable to attend the daytime events. The Club raises money for scholarships for local students, prints *The Pink Sheet* and the Village Telephone Directory, provides grants for worthy projects, and assists with holiday functions. As stated in the by-laws, all its good works center on the Village of Gates Mills and its residents.

The Club is open to all residents of the Village (women and men) and provides a wonderful opportunity to get to know area residents while supporting the local community. The Club has an average membership of one hundred with a Board of twenty-five. The Board meets on the third Thursday of every month, September to May.



The Community Club sponsored the restoration and lighting of the walking bridge over the Chagrin River in 2004.



## The Pink Sheet

The Village newsletter, *The Pink Sheet*, is published ten times a year by The Community Club. In 1947, the first issues of *The Pink Sheet* were printed on white paper. Members complained that a more eye-catching color was needed since all too often the newsletter was thrown out with the junk mail. Pink was chosen simply because it was the least expensive color. In years gone by, members would walk around a table to collate and staple the pages of *The Pink Sheet* by hand - an old fashioned approach called "pulling *The Pink Sheet*".

Today pages of *The Pink Sheet* are created mainly on the computer and emailed to *The Pink Sheet* editors who organize the Village news and advertising sections. All content is then emailed to the printer who delivers the traditional hard copy which is mailed to all Villagers free of charge. An on-line color version of the newsletter and advertising information may be found on the website: [www.gatesmillspinksheet.com](http://www.gatesmillspinksheet.com). The modern *The Pink Sheet* is a source of information to all Villagers with monthly letters from Village officials and departments, club and organization news, and photographs of special events. *The Pink Sheet* serves as a digitally archived record of Village history.

440.423.1245

[www.gatesmillspinksheet.com](http://www.gatesmillspinksheet.com)



THE PINK SHEET



## The Gates Mills Garden Club



Artist's Rendering of Esquire's Cottage

Since its founding in 1931, The Gates Mills Garden Club has had a significant impact on the traditions and beautification of the Village. In May the club decorates street corners and community buildings with May Day flower baskets. In summer members plant and maintain the flower boxes on the North and South bridges over the Chagrin River. Throughout the year, members volunteer to provide the weekly fresh flower arrangements seen as one enters the library. The Club organizes special events including biennial Flower Shows that consistently earn top awards from The Garden Club of Ohio and the National Garden Club, and fundraisers such as the Garden Walk tours that raise scholarship money for students attending the Gates Mills Environmental Center. The Club engages in educational outreach to local schools, sponsors monthly luncheon programs, and arranges outings for members and their guests.

In 2011 the club took possession of Esquire's Cottage, a property on Chagrin River Road north of the nursery. A bequest of a former Garden Club president and her husband, the house is the oldest home in the Village still on its original foundation, and the barn is an expanded version of the original structure. The Club holds meetings at the property and is in the process of adapting the barn for social gatherings. Landscaping plans for the six acres are in progress.

In recognition of its 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary, the Club undertook the restoration of the Gates Mills Arboretum on Chagrin River Road. The Arboretum project is ongoing and aims to replant additional native specimens, label trees, control the growth of invasive undergrowth, and maintain paths and markers. This beautiful park nestled along the river at the foot of the iron walking bridge is an attractive oasis for nature lovers to enjoy. Two benches, a stone marker, and a grove of dogwood trees mark club milestones and honor members who have passed on.

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## The Gates Mills Players

The Players is an amateur theater group that was started in 1948 for friends and neighbors to have fun creating plays and producing drama for local audiences. Each Player volunteers his or her craft to every production--be it acting, singing, dancing, make-up, lighting, sound, set construction, painting, costumes, props, business management or administration. If someone has a passion for theater or the willingness to learn, there is a role within the Players.

In addition to its performances, The Players has a summer picnic, funds scholarships for Gates Mills and Mayfield School students, and supports the Near West Theater and Village organizations. The Players presently has 85 members and welcomes newcomers.



440.97.ENJOY or 440.973.6569

[www.gatesmillsplayers.com](http://www.gatesmillsplayers.com)

## VILLAGE EVENTS

### The Annual Easter Egg Hunt

The Saturday before Easter at 11:30 a.m. rain or shine there is an Easter Egg Hunt for Village residents. Hunt times are staggered by age group. After the hunt, refreshments are served while the children visit with the Easter Bunny. The hunt takes place on the Village green.



### May Day



For decades now, the first of May is greeted in the Village with baskets of flowers hanging from street signs and doorways. Don Vanderbrook and Tony Badelementi began the tradition when they operated a flower and gift shop in the Village called The Grey Squirrel. When the shop closed, the Garden Club began making the May Baskets, and the Service Department hangs them around the Village. All Villagers are welcome to bring clippers and participate in this rite of spring.

### The Art Show



Each year talented residents and art connoisseurs of the Chagrin Valley area look forward to the Gates Mills annual spring Art Show at the Community House. The Art Show was founded in 1971 to encourage and promote the diverse aesthetics and ideals reflected in the artistic works of Gates Mills and the Chagrin River Valley. All artists submitting work must be present or former residents of Gates Mills or the surrounding communities of Bainbridge, Chagrin Falls, Chardon, Chesterland, Hunting Valley, Kirtland, Kirtland Hills, Mayfield Heights, Mayfield Village, Moreland Hills, Newbury, Novelty, Orange Village, Pepper Pike, Russell, Waite Hill or Willoughby Hills.

Over the years, the Art Show has built an impressive reputation based on the professional caliber of the panel judging the competition and the distinguished area artists who compete. Entries must be original works completed by the artist within the past year and may include paintings, drawings, graphic prints, photographs and sculpture. The Art Show opens with a Patron Preview Reception and runs for two weeks in April.

## The Fourth of July Parade

All Villagers are welcome to participate in the parade. The full parade route begins in front of Town Hall with the fire engines and floats joining in from the service drive, the convertibles and antique cars rolling down from the school's parking lots, and the decorated bikes, trikes and little red wagons tooling out from the school's lower lot. The parade winds up on the Polo Field on Epping Road for ceremonies and games.



## The Chagrin Valley Hunt and The Blessing of the Hunt

The Chagrin Valley Hunt began in 1909 thanks to a group of Cleveland hunting enthusiasts. Windsor T. White brought over several hunting hounds from England and began hunting across the large properties in the Chagrin River Valley. Needing a base for the considerable trappings of this sport, the original organizers purchased the Maple Leaf Inn in Gates Mills, added a stable and kennels to the grounds, and renamed it the Chagrin Valley Hunt Club. The countryside east of Gates Mills provided excellent hunting up through World War II. Today, the Chagrin Valley Hunt holds its outings in the areas east of Middlefield.

The first Blessing of the Hunt was on October 1, 1927, under the auspices of Mrs. Walter C. White of Circle W Farm and the Reverend Frank Jackson, Vicar of St. Christopher's-by-the-River Episcopal Church. The ceremony is modeled on the St. Hubert's Day services of the late 1800s in France when hunting dogs were brought to church on the opening day of the hunting season. Following a low Mass, the hounds received a blessing and a piece of the sacred cake as an antidote for rabies. Today the ceremony on the lawn of St. Christopher's-by-the-River blesses the riders, horses and hounds and prays that with the Lord's protection they all will return safely at the close of the day.

Hunt Office and Kennel 440.423.4414 [www.thecvh.org](http://www.thecvh.org)



## The Summer Band Concert

In July a summer band concert is provided free for the residents. A live orchestra performs between 5:30 and 8:00 p.m. on the Town Hall lawn. Tables and chairs are available, and picnic suppers are encouraged.



## The Halloween Party

Before Halloween, all Village children, Gates Mills Elementary School children and their families are invited to a free Halloween Party at the Community House between 6:00 and 8:30 p.m. There is something for everyone including games, prizes, food, haunted hayrides, and entertainment.



## The Traditional Christmas Eve Bonfire

All Villagers are invited to gather around the bonfire on the Polo Field and await Santa's arrival. Hot cider and chocolate, hot dogs and doughnuts warm the body and soul.



## PLACES IN THE VILLAGE

### The Community House

Next to Town Hall, The Community House offers two large gathering spaces, a full kitchen, a parlor for small meetings, and a stage for theatrical productions. It is available to residents and Village clubs and organizations on a first-come first-serve basis and should be reserved at least 30 days prior to the use of the facility. A security deposit of \$350 is required when returning the signed agreement to the Town Hall. The deposit, less a usage fee, will be returned following the activity (subject to additional charges for excessive or unusual damage). For Community Building availability or to make reservations, contact the Community Building: 440.423.4633.

Security services are required for private parties. Applicants are responsible for arranging and paying for security personnel who must be approved by the Village of Gates Mills. For further information contact the Village of Gates Mills Police Department: 440.423.4456.



A Shower at The Community House

### Burton Court

Burton Court is located in the building between the Gates Mills Library and Sara's Place restaurant. The room and patio are available to residents, Village organizations, the library and Sara's Place restaurant. There is a rental fee and a refundable security deposit. The room can accommodate up to 55 people; however, there are no kitchen facilities or restrooms. To reserve the space, call Mary Gromelski at Sara's Place.



### Sara's Place Restaurant

Nestled in the heart of the village, Sara's Place offers succulent combinations of Italian and comfort foods. The dining room is charming, and the bar upstairs features a handsome fireplace. Sara's Place is owned and managed by Dave and Mary Gromelski, who also own Gavi's Party Center & Catering. Sara's menu offers some favorites from Gavi's, like the Caramelle pasta, but also boasts a chicken pot pie that is food for the soul. Sara's Place is open for lunch and dinner Mondays thru Saturdays. Private rooms are available for special occasions or business dinners. Come for the outstanding Happy Hours.

The service is impeccable, and the food is delectable.  
Great Food, Great People, Great Prices.

440-423-1000

[www.Saras-Place.com](http://www.Saras-Place.com)

## Churches in Gates Mills

Our Lady Chapel, Gilmour Academy  
34001 Cedar Road  
Roman Catholic 440.449.7091

St. Christopher's-By-The-River  
7601 Old Mill Road  
Episcopal 440.423.4451

St. Francis of Assisi Church  
6850 Mayfield Road  
Roman Catholic 440.461.0066

The Little Church in the Vale  
610 Chagrin River Road  
Christ Centered Church 440.423.4845



ST. CHRISTOPHER'S-BY-THE-RIVER

## INFORMATION FOR RESIDENTS

### North Chagrin Reservation

On the northern border of Gates Mills, the North Chagrin Reservation provides year-round recreation for residents offering paved walking and biking paths, multiple picnic areas and fields, and a Nature Center. Part of Cleveland Metroparks, the reservation has 2,140 acres and is a wildlife sanctuary with Sanctuary Marsh and Sunset Pond, both popular areas for observing waterfowl.

North Chagrin Nature Center 440.473.3370  
[www.clemetparks.com](http://www.clemetparks.com)

### Mayfield Village Parks and Recreation

All residents in the Mayfield City School District may apply for pool passes at The Parkview Pool, 425 North Commons Boulevard, Mayfield Village. Proof of residency is required: photo ID and utility bill.

440.446.1688 (main pool number) [www.mayfieldvillage.com](http://www.mayfieldvillage.com)

## Fishing in The Chagrin River

*When you purchase a fishing license, you're helping to protect, preserve and enhance the sport of fishing for today and for generations to come.*

License fees help pay for fishery and hatchery management, habitat development and protection, endangered species programs, fishing and conservation education, lake maps and other publications, and many other valuable programs. Ohio fishing licenses may be purchased online, through a participating vendor or by downloading and mailing in the license application: [www.takemefishing.org](http://www.takemefishing.org)



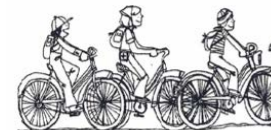
### Nature Camp in the Village of Gates Mills

THE NATURE CAMP in The Village is an educational and motivational summer camp that incorporates the popular format of using hands-on and discovery learning methods to explore the many phenomena in nature, science, math, art and physical education while building self esteem and positive character in each camper. THE NATURE CAMP in The Village is located in the heart of the Village of Gates Mills, a perfect setting for exploring Nature's wonderful creations.

THE NATURE CAMP in The Village offers two 3-week sessions in June and July. Children may enroll in session one, session two, or both sessions. Sessions hours are 8:30 AM to 3:00 PM. Aftercare from 3:00 to 5:00 PM is available at an additional hourly fee.

440.953.1524

[thenaturecamp@gmail.com](mailto:thenaturecamp@gmail.com).



## Fieldstone Farm Therapeutic Riding Center



Fieldstone Farm is a nonprofit organization dedicated to serving people with disabilities through equine programming. Recognized as one of the largest and oldest therapeutic riding centers in North America, the program was founded in 1978 to improve the lives of those with special needs through therapeutic riding. Today, the organization is a leader in the field of equine therapy and serves nearly 800 students each year with the help of more than 600 volunteers and 35 horses.

Located on 45 acres in Bainbridge, Ohio, Fieldstone Farm serves clients from all over Northeast Ohio. Students range from age two to those in their senior years. The focus of the program is on improving the emotional and physical wellness of the students, all of whom have special needs. Riders with cognitive impairments such as Down Syndrome or Autism Spectrum Disorder, physical disabilities including Cerebral Palsy and Spinal Cord Injuries, and psychosocial disorders including behavioral issues and sensory impairments, learn riding skills while they improve their balance, strengthen muscles, work on educational goals, learn communication skills, and increase self-esteem.

Fieldstone Farm offers curricula that align with the Ohio academic content standards. Science, Math and Reading goals are set based on teacher input. The value of this program is so great that for the past 15 years the **Mayfield City School District** has allocated funding, staff time and transportation to allow students to participate.

440.708.0013      [www.fieldstonefarmtrc.com](http://www.fieldstonefarmtrc.com).

Fieldstone Farm TRC, 16497 Snyder Road, Chagrin Falls, OH 44023



## Hillcrest Hospital: A Cleveland Clinic Hospital

An 11-time 100 Top Hospital winner, Hillcrest is a full-service, 496-bed hospital accredited by Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations (JCAHO). The hospital is a certified Level II Trauma Center, a certified Chest Pain Center, and a certified Stroke Center.

In fall 2010, Hillcrest completed a \$163 million expansion and renovation project that included state-of-the-art facilities with major infrastructure and technology improvements.

Hillcrest continues to earn national honors for its excellence in cardiac care and offers comprehensive cardiovascular services. The Cleveland Clinic Cancer Center at Hillcrest Hospital is accredited as a Comprehensive Cancer Center. Hillcrest delivers more babies than any other east side community hospital. Babies with special needs are cared for in the Cleveland Clinic Children's Hospital Level III Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU).

Hillcrest has a newly renovated Pediatric Emergency Department located next to the Adult Emergency Room. For more information about Hillcrest Hospital's Pediatric Emergency Department, please call **440.312.PEDS (7337)**.

440.312.4500

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

## Trash Collection

Rumpke provides service for trash collection in the village. Trash Collection may be ordered weekly or biweekly, and billed by the month or the year. One can temporarily suspend trash pick-up service for an extended time and avoid charges by calling Rumpke in advance.

888.786.7531

[www.rumpke.com](http://www.rumpke.com)

## Recycling in the Village

**RECYCLING GLASS, ALUMINUM AND PLASTIC** Place these items together in one blue plastic bag. The blue bags will be picked up on trash collection day. The items must be in a blue bag to be recycled.

**NEWSPAPERS, MAGAZINES, CATALOGS & JUNK MAIL** Please bring these items to our Abitibi Paper Retriever bins next to the tennis courts. Any proceeds will be contributed to the Gates Mills Land Conservancy. You may also bag these items for pick-up by Rumpke, our trash company, but this will not earn any money for the Land Conservancy.

**HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE** Any product that is toxic, flammable, corrosive or explosive is hazardous waste. (Examples include mercury, oil-based paint, gasoline, motor oil, drain cleaner and pool chemicals.) Gates Mills will sponsor a pick-up at the Service Department once a year to dispose of these items safely.

**PAPER SHREDDING** The Village of Gates Mills sponsors a semi-annual Shredding Day. Residents may bring sensitive items such as tax documents, credit card statements, checks, utility bills and any other personal information to The Community House to be shredded.

**BOOKS** Our Gates Mills Library is happy to accept gently used books for Book Sales, raising money for the Friends of the Gates Mills Library.

**FURNITURE, CLOTHING AND OTHER USABLE ITEMS** We recommend donating items to charity rather than having them end up in landfill. A booklet, *PASS IT ON*, is available from the Cuyahoga Solid Waste District and lists the many organizations that accept unwanted items, including everything from eyeglasses to computers.

For additional information contact Cuyahoga County Solid Waste District: 216.443.3749 or [www.cuyahogaswd.org](http://www.cuyahogaswd.org)

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### GOVERNMENT: LOCAL

Town Council meets at 6 pm on the second Tuesday of the month at the Gates Mills Town Hall.  
1470 Chagrin River Road 440.423.4405

Clerk: Beth DeCapite	440.423.4405
Treasurer: Timothy Reynolds	440.423.4405
Finance Administrator: Janet Mulh	440.423.4405
Chief of Police: Gregg Minichello	440.423.4405 x112
Fire Chief: Tom Robinson	440.423.4405 x106
Service Director: Dave Biggert	440.423.4405 x127
Service Manager: William Murfello	440.423.4405 x127

### COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Mayor: Karen Schneider	440.423.4405 x122
Mary Reynolds, President	
Jay "Chip" AuWerter	
Lawrence Frankel	
Nancy Sogg	
Sandra Turner	
Edward Welsh	
Ann Whitney	

## VILLAGE VIGNETTE

### THE WALKING BRIDGE



From 1899 to 1925 The Cleveland and Eastern Interurban Railway ferried passengers from Cleveland to Gates Mills and on into Chesterland, Middlefield and Chardon. The Maple Leaf Route ran east following Mayfield Road until it turned south where St. Francis Catholic Church now stands. The track wound down Berkshire Road veering back toward the village to cross The Chagrin River just east of St. Christopher's Church. After many years of neglect The Community Club sponsored the restoration and lighting of The Interurban Bridge in 2004. Today The Walking Bridge unites the Village and offers residents sylvan views of the river.

## HISTORIC VILLAGE TIMELINE

1820	North Cemetery created
1822	South Cemetery created
1905	The Gates Mills Improvement Society founded
1906	Gates Mills Dam reconstructed
1909	Chagrin Valley Hunt began
1909	Old Livery Tavern housed a stable and feed store
1920	Village incorporated
1927	Gates Mills School opened
1927	Gates Mills Fire Department established
1930	Town Hall completed
1930	Gates Mills Mothers Club (pre-Community Club)
1931	Gates Mills Garden Club organized
1935	Arboretum founded
1947	Historical Society founded
1947	The Pink Sheet started
1948	The Players formed
1959	Old Mill Road bridge rebuilt
1962	New fire truck purchased by donation
1969	Community House completed
1971	Art Show started
1976	Post Office completed
1988	Gates Mills Land Conservancy founded
1994	Chagrin Valley Hunt Club fire
1994	Wash House moved and restored
1996	Chagrin Valley Hunt Club reopened
1998	Water lines installed for 770 parcels
1998	Minimum acreage changed from 2.5 to 5 acres
2003	Knollwood open space project
2004	Walking bridge refurbished
2006	Library and Burton Court opened
2007	Sara's Place and Office Building completed
2011	Esquire's Cottage becomes Garden Club property
2011	Gates Mills Dam collapses
2012	Old Mill Road bridge rebuilt