

Mayor's Message, Summer 2008

And the walls came tumbling down. I'm happy to report that the arson house at 6334 Dietz Drive has been sold and is now under complete renovation after two plus years of disagreement between the property's insurance and mortgage companies. The village began sending letters in April and calling almost daily, pressuring the mortgage company to resolve its issues with this property so it could be sold and brought back to the standards the village and its residents want and expect. The new owner plans to have the house renovated this summer and then put it back on the market for sale.

First it was record snow and then it was record rain. With one of the wettest springs and early summers in recent memory, this year has been very busy for our mowing crews trying to keep up with weeds and grass, especially that of vacant property within our village. If you have tall grass or weed control problems in your neighborhood, call the village's zoning office at 834-5101.

Have it your way. Burger King opened its doors on June 30 and the King himself made an appearance - the Burger King that is, not Elvis. Two days earlier Roman's Pizza celebrated 30 years of business with \$8 pizzas and a live band in the alley.

Other recent celebrations, grand openings and ribbon cuttings in the village include the Dollar Tree relocation (Winchester Square on Gender Road), Safety Occupational Testing Service (Howe Industrial Parkway), Miss Marci's Sweet Treats (High Street), Anytime Fitness (Winchester Square), Tobin Merritt Associates (Howe Parkway) and Dr. Tobin Chiropractic (Howe Parkway). Congratulations and welcome to Canal Winchester.

Summer concert series continues. In May we saw Elvis and Frank Sinatra along with a caricature artist and a roaming magician. June featured Swing's The Thing, a 16 piece big band ensemble, and a classic car cruise-in. July included a performance by the Christy Angeletti Band as well as a country line dance tutorial. Each event also incorporated a display area by the Canal Winchester Art Guild showcasing the talents of local artists. If you missed the first three Music & Art in the Park events don't worry, you still have time to experience the last one before the summer ends. The final 2008 Music & Art in the Park event will take place on August 15 and will feature the Tropics Island Quartet and Spirit of the Pacific Islands Hula Dancers. Join in the fun.

Sincerely,

Michael Ebert
Mayor of Canal Winchester