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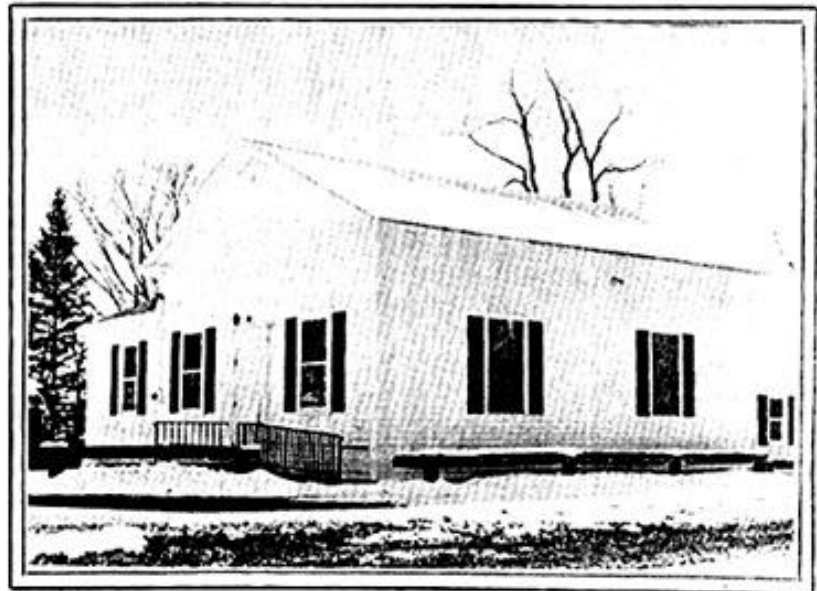
## "OLD TOWN HALL" - BURNS-LINDOW BUILDING

### MORE TOWNSHIP HISTORY . . .



THEN.....(1942)

In 1822, the First Bainbridge Methodist Episcopal Church was established by B. O. Plimpton. At first, services were held in private homes. Sometime around 1834 or 1835 the small church was built, in the Greek Revival Style, on the southwest corner of Bainbridge-Solon Road and Chillicothe Road. The building was constructed with a hand hewn timber frame and featured an arched ceiling and old wainscoating (which remain). It is the oldest public building in Bainbridge Township and possibly the oldest public building in Geauga County. In 1866 or 1867 the building was sold to Bainbridge Township and the congregation built a larger church across the street. The new church was built for \$6,000.00 and is presently the Bainbridge Community Church. The "old church" then became the Bainbridge Town Hall until 1941. It was used for many purposes in those



NOW.....

days, including a school and gym. From 1867 to 1941, it was the only official election polling location in the Township and during all the wars up to and including World War II, it was the official induction center for servicemen. During the depression of the '30's it was used as a headquarters for food and clothing relief and assistance to Bainbridge families. In 1941, the Township acquired the present Town Hall and in 1942 the "old town hall" became headquarters for the newly formed Bainbridge Volunteer Fire Company. There were many changes and additions made to the building to accommodate the fire equipment, but the basic original structure remained.

In June of 1969 the Bainbridge Volunteer Fire Company moved to the new building on Chillicothe Road

where it is presently located. The "old town hall" was then used briefly by the Bainbridge Road Department and then was vacant for a period of time. In the mid 1970's, the Bicentennial Committee and later Bainbridge Action Unlimited, headed by J. Richard Burns, set out to renovate and restore the building. This renovation was done mostly by volunteers with some money being acquired through block grants and from the township general fund.

In May of 1983 the building was officially named the Burns-Lindow Building in honor of two long time Bainbridge residents. J. Richard Burns, who died in 1979, headed the drive to restore the "old town hall" building. Mr. Burns, along with all his volunteer work, was (continued on page 2)

## HISTORY (con't)

also Clerk of the Township for 17 years. He was born in Bainbridge and raised on the family farm on Snyder Road. His family also ran the telephone switchboard for Bainbridge until 1951. He and his wife, Helen, were married in 1951 and moved into the house next door to the "old town hall", where Mrs. Burns still resides.

Much of the actual work on the "old town hall" was coordinated by Fred Lindow. Mr. Lindow moved to Bainbridge Township in 1934 and worked for the Bainbridge School System and on his farm. He also served as Township Zoning Inspector, volunteer fireman and has done much volunteer work for the township throughout the years. Mr. Lindow presently resides, with his wife Bea, on English Drive.

A "big" thank you should be extended to ALL the volunteers who worked so hard to renovate the Burns-Lindow Building and have kept some of Bainbridge History alive. Residents are encouraged to stop and see the building and read the plaque which is on the large rock in front of the building, which also tells a little about the history of the building. This plaque was donated by lifelong resident Lawrence Jaros.

Presently the building is used for small meetings and other small gatherings and is available for residents use. For rate and schedule information, please contact Mr. Taylor at the Bainbridge Town Hall (weekdays).

# THANKS!

### TO THE RESIDENTS:

The Newsletter Staff and Trustees would like to thank the residents of Bainbridge Township for the positive comments and suggestions we received regarding the first issue of the "Bainbridge Township Newsletter". Please remember that your questions, suggestions and comments are appreciated. We look forward to hearing from you!

### TO THE VFW:



A Patriotic thank you to the Solon Veteran's of Foreign Wars, Post 1863 for the American flags and poles that were displayed on Memorial day and the Fourth of July. These flags will continue to be displayed on the utility poles on Chillicothe Rd. at Bainbridge Center on most Government holidays.

## HISTORY QUIZ



Identify the location and intersection shown in the photos. Hint: You are facing North.



### Answer to Last Issue's History Quiz:

The Delos Root family was one of the original settlers of Bainbridge Township and resided in the home pictured in the History Quiz of the last issue. The home is located on the Northeast corner of Chillicothe Road and Taylor May Road.

Just as there must be balance in what a community produces, so there must also be balance in what the community consumes.

- John Kenneth Galbraith

# BAINBRIDGE COMMUNITY PARK

During the fall and winter of 1985 the Bainbridge Township Trustees, Eleanore Mattson, Bill Repke and Bob Schlätzer, initiated a project to develop a Community Park on approximately 20 acres of land already owned by the township. The Trustees set out to create a park that was for all township residents, that would provide a wide variety of both recreational and leisure opportunities for both young and old. It was important to the trustees to try and preserve portions of the park in their natural state, and they set out to develop the project using contributions and volunteer labor from throughout the community, supplementing that with township funds when necessary. The park was to be both the focal point for community activities as well as a place that all residents could call their own.

In order to seek input from all interests in the township, the trustees appointed an advisory committee to assist in the design of the park, solicit contributions of materials, labor, services, and to actually guide in the development of the park. Residents Joe Cinadr, Sue Frohman, Roberta Gast, Gail Kallcock, Fred Krueger, Greg Miller and Henri Preuss were the founding members of the committee, since that time Greg Miller has relented to all his other community involvement and has been replaced by Joyce Richards as a representative of the Kenston Athletic Association. The group was instrumental in developing the design program for the park. They have trudged through deep snows in the

winter in an effort to survey and preserve the wild life in the area, they have cut trees and cleared brush during the hot steamy summers, they have become not only emotionally involved, but also at times physically exhausted. Largely through their efforts, the park has progressed to its present stage.

The park is made up of approximately 20 acres of land that runs along the southern boundary of the new Route 422, presently under construction in the heart of the township. The area is bounded on the west by the Bainbridge Community Church property on Chillicothe Road, on the south by the Cipiti Nursery and Pilgrim Village, and on the east by Haskins Road.

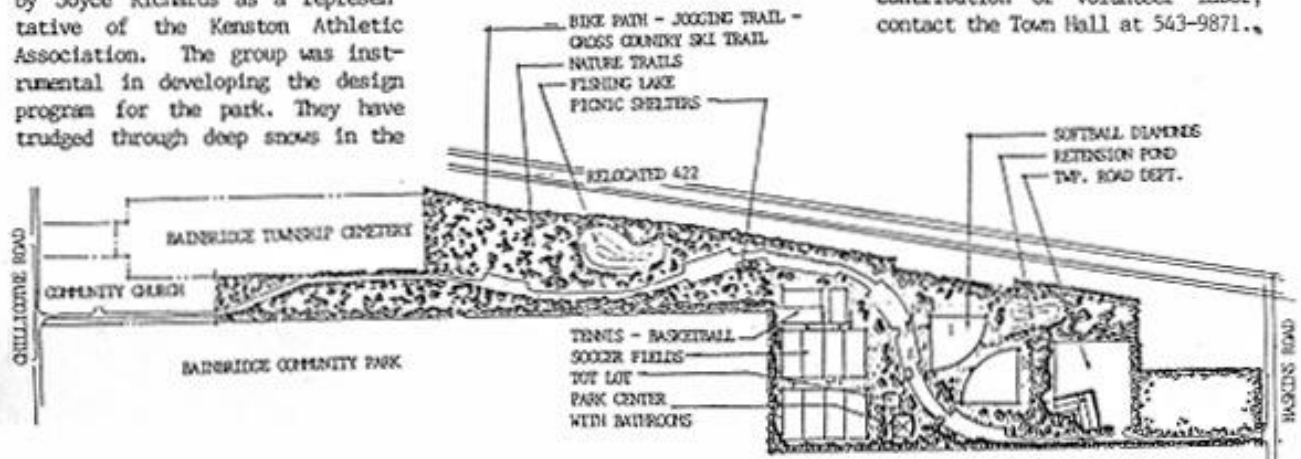
The master plan for the park calls for two soccer fields, two or three baseball diamonds, a tennis court, possible basketball or skating rink, picnic shelters, picnic tables and grills, playgrounds for tots, hiking trails, jogging and fitness trails, and a possible fishing pond. To date, the majority of land to be used for the athletic fields has been logged, cleared, and graded. Hundreds of yards of topsoil were obtained from the contractor building the new highway to finish the area where the soccer fields are planned, this area has been limed and fertilized and is presently waiting for a break from our current drought so that grass can be planted. Approximately 1000

feet of park roadway that will eventually weave throughout the park, has been installed. Additional areas that were cleared are presently waiting for more topsoil and fill material as it is found.

Members of the committee have sought the advice and counsel of landscape and wildlife specialists in order to restore and enhance those areas of the park which are to remain in their natural state, seedlings have been purchased and planted in a small nursery awaiting their final position in the park as it develops. The group is actively seeking contributions of material and labor for a fall planting program at this time.

We are anticipating an official park dedication ceremony either this fall or next spring to introduce to the community their new park and anticipate the availability of the new soccer fields in the fall of 1989 if a good crop of grass can be established this year. The township would like to thank the efforts of the members of the Committee and the following organizations or contractors who have contributed time or money: Kenston Athletic Association, Bainbridge Women's Club, Men's Civic Club, Zisk Excavating, Radic Landscaping, Horvitz Construction (State of Ohio), Area Boy Scout Troops and Geauga County Community Service Workers.

Should you desire to become involved in the park effort with a contribution or volunteer labor, contact the Town Hall at 543-9871..



MAN'S  
BEST FRIEND



The Newsletter Staff hopes that the following information regarding the Dog Warden will be of help to township residents.

By law (Ohio Revised Code), a township is NOT permitted to have its own dog warden. Therefore, the Geauga County Dog Warden is the officer in charge of complaints or assistance regarding dogs and puppies in the entire county.

At the present time the Dog Warden's staff includes: 1 full time Dog Warden, Katherine Delaney, 1 part time Deputy Dog Warden (office only) and 2 part time kennel employees.

The Kennel hours are Monday thru Thursday 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. and Friday and Saturday 9:00 a.m. - noon. The Dog Warden's responsibilities are in the area of dogs and puppies only. She will pickup stray and personally owned dogs, and place dogs and puppies in new homes. She is responsible for the quarantine of dogs that have bitten, investigates livestock killed by dogs, euthanizes personally owned dogs at the owner's request, and finally, serves tickets on violators of dog laws.

The laws state: ORC 955.01 Registration of Dogs - EVERY person who owns, keeps or harbors a dog more than three months of age, shall...file in the office of the county auditor...an application for registration. (This means a dog over three months old must have a Geauga County Dog License.)

ORC 955.22(c) requires that no owner, keeper, or harbinger of any dog shall fail at any time to keep it either physically confined or restrained upon the premises of the owner, keeper or harbinger by a leash, tether, adequate fence, supervision or secure enclosure to prevent escape. (In other words, your dog MUST be under control at all times.)

The Dog Wardens Office does NOT handle barking dog complaints. For assistance, please call the following numbers: Local (County Switchboard) weekdays 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.: 564-7131 or Long Distance (After 4:30 P.M. and on Saturdays): 285-2348.



From the  
Clerk's Desk

The Ohio Revised Code (Sec. 321.34) provides that a local authority, such as Bainbridge Township Board of Trustees, may request an advance on the real estate taxes which have been collected for and in behalf of the township.

These interim funds then come to the township twice a year in tax advances. These monies have been appropriated in various funds to provide for township services. During the time that the money is not needed for current expenses it may be invested by the Clerk's Office.

Short term investments are made by Bainbridge Township in a local financial institution, based on the best rate offered by one of three or more of the banks. The proceeds of the investments are added to the funds of the township, whereby your tax money has worked to save you money.



## A "GRAPHIC" DIFFERENCE

Mr. Borckardt of Bormac Graphics located in the Bainbridge Commons has often helped the township display a more professional look. A crisp appearance of signs and rubber stamps makes a better impression. Mr. Borckardt made extensive rubber stamp symbols that are helping to speed up and clarify floor plans of township businesses for our Fire Department preplanning reference. Our Firemen simulate how to approach specific fire scenarios with different configurations and content variables. Most recently, we were concerned about poor voter turn-out with such an uncontested primary and the importance of knowing how the public felt about the Fire Levy. Mr. Borckardt not only made up 20 signs in 3 days that reminded people to vote, he virtually gave us the signs to show his support of the Fire Department. We also want to thank the voters for their clear support. Next time you see the big galoot with the big heart at Bormac Graphics, say "Hi" to a great neighbor!

## BURNING PERMIT UPDATE

Due to recent requirements from the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) the Bainbridge Township Fire Department has found it necessary to conform and change the requirements for open burning permits in Bainbridge Township. Anyone who wishes to burn agricultural waste, leaves, branches etc. must first obtain a permit to do so from the Ohio EPA by contacting the Lake County General Health District at 357-2543. This EPA permit must be presented to the Fire Department before any Township burning permit will be issued.

Should any Township resident wish to complain about open burning, call the Fire Department emergency line at 543-9494. The person conducting the burning will be requested to extinguish the fire, if he/she does not, the Fire Department will extinguish the fire, and a copy of the fire report will be forwarded to the Ohio EPA for possible legal action.



Questions to the Editor



Q: Why has the township allowed so many gas and oil wells to be drilled in the community?

- Snyder Road Resident

A: The township DOES NOT have the authority to prohibit Oil and Gas wells, these are regulated by the Ohio Department of Natural Resources. The township IS allowed to provide limited regulations which include minimum distances from structures and roads and fencing requirements. They also provide for certain conditions during the actual drilling which include the use of plastic lined brine pits to minimize potential contamination. All brine which is generated is disposed of at injection well sites, all at some distance from Bainbridge. The restoration of the drilling sites are observed by the Zoning Department and any and all unusual circumstances brought to the attention of State Inspectors.

Q: What happened to the nature area/park that was planned at one time for the area behind the Chagrin Valley Athletic Club?

- Snyder Road Resident

A: The Newsletter Staff was unable to confirm the above mentioned park, however, see the "Bainbridge Community Park" article on page 3.



POLICE OFFICER RECOGNIZED

Sgt. James Lengel, a member of the Bainbridge Township Police Department for the past 12 years, was recently named the top law enforcement officer in Geauga County. The award was presented by the Geauga County Bar Association as part of the Annual Law Day Celebration. Sgt. Lengel received a plaque presented to him by the Bar Association at the Quail Hollow Inn in the presence of lawyers, judges, prosecutors, and other policemen from many Geauga County agencies.

Chief James P. Jimison stated that he was very pleased that Sgt. Lengel has been recognized for his many years of dedicated service to the community, as well as the professionalism he has shown in dealing with all agencies connected with the judicial system. "Jim is a fine law enforcement officer", says Jimison. "He has received commendations not only from the police department but from residents, businessmen, and the county prosecutor's office."

EMPLOYEE NEWS

Congratulations to the following Bainbridge Township employees on their recent promotions:

- 2/10 - Ptl. Weber - Grade "C"
- 2/13 - Ptl. Riley - Grade "B"
- 2/28 - Ptl. Barnett - Grade "D"
- 4/4 - Alan Halko - Road Supt.
- 4/9 - Darryl Sotera - Acting Road Foreman

- 4/25 - Ptl. Arnold - Grade "B"
- 6/15 - Ptl. Clague - Grade "A"

The following employees were recognized for continued service to Bainbridge Township:

- 6/21 - Angela Vlk - 10 years
- 7/16 - Charles Denson - 20 years

EDITOR'S NOTES

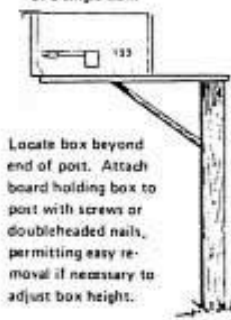


Quite often residents have asked "where is the Goodwill trailer that was parked in the Town Hall parking lot?" Due to the inability to retain workers to man the trailer, Goodwill found it necessary to discontinue the service here in Bainbridge. The nearest Goodwill site is on the street behind Southgate Shopping Center (Southgate Blvd.)

The paper trailer continues to be available to residents. It is asked that only papers and magazines be placed in the trailer. The money that is earned from the paper trailer is used to benefit Boy Scout Troop #102.

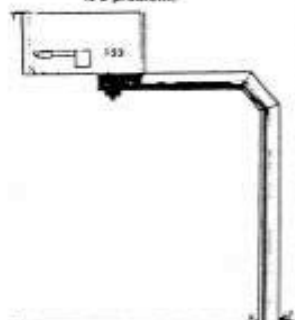
HELPFUL MAILBOX HINTS

Suggested installation of a single box.



Locate box beyond end of post. Attach board holding box to post with screws or doubleheaded nails, permitting easy removal if necessary to adjust box height.

Suggested installation where snow removal is a problem.



Bainbridge Township is served by both the Chagrin Falls Post Office and the Aurora Post Office. There are certain guidelines that the post office requires for installation of mailboxes.

Whenever possible, boxes should be positioned so that the carrier's vehicle is off the pavement when servicing them. Box numbers must be on the mailbox in numerals not less than 1" high. This is also VERY important in emergency situations. The numbers should be clearly visible from both directions so that emergency vehicles can easily locate the address in order to respond and assist the resident. The post must be neat and adequate in strength and size. A 4" x 4" post, set in cement would be considered very adequate. The approach to the mailbox should be a hard level surface, such as gravel, cinders, or stone. Shown is an example of proper installation of mailboxes. Please note the proper way to install the box in areas where snow plowing is done, this is important because the post must be strong enough to withstand snow being pushed at it by a snow plow. Mailbox repair and upkeep is the responsibility of the resident.