



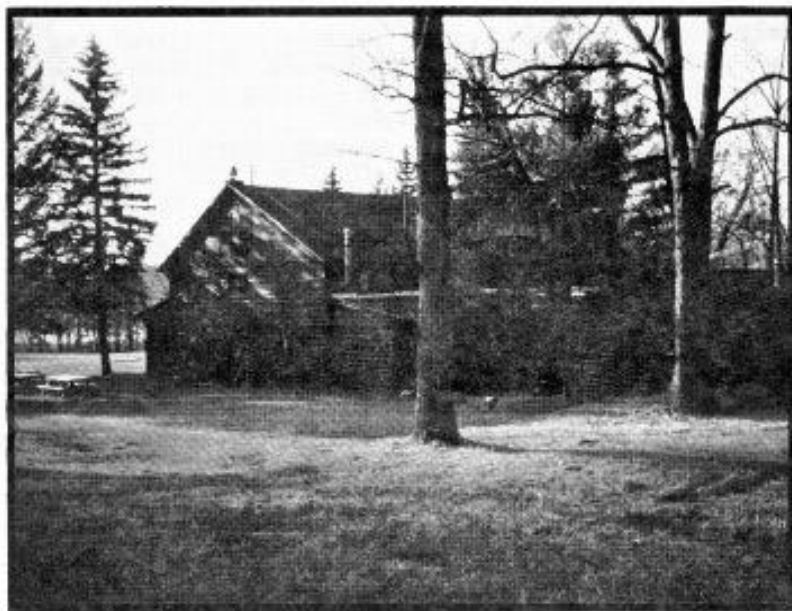
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BAINBRIDGE HISTORY . . . WHY THE "Y"??



CENTERVILLE MILLS YMCA CAMP

The history of the YMCA Camp is a story in itself. It all began with a chestnut hunt in the autumn of 1901. Dr. L.K. Baker, chairman of the Boys' Work Committee, took a group on an early morning train to Geauga Lake from where they hiked across country searching for chestnuts.

The YMCA Board had decided previously to establish a permanent site for summer camping. When Dr. Baker's group arrived at the present camp site they forgot all about chestnuts. Here was the spot that fulfilled all their hopes for a permanent camp.

Located at the northeast corner of Chillicothe and Crackel Roads, the property had everything they wanted. The woods were still colorful in the fall foliage.

There were fish and large turtles in the six acre lake. The old mill, rustic dam, the twenty-foot waterfall and scenic glens added their beauty to the idyllic scene.

According to a history by one of the founders, the camp was opened in the spring of 1902. First named "Ta-wa-sen-tha" for Hiawatha's "green and silent valley" the Indian influence was strong in the early years.

In 1904 campers moved out of their pup tents into a country dance hall near the old mill on the A.M. Eggleston farm. Mr. Eggleston always met the campers at Case's Crossing where the Erie Railroad train stopped by special arrangement. All the luggage was loaded on a hayrack and the boys followed it on foot. Some groups

took the interurban to Chagrin Falls and walked the six miles to camp.

Mrs. Eggleston agreed to feed the boys for \$3.00 each per week. The agreement stated that "beans were not to be served more than twice weekly and chicken was to be the fare on Sundays."

When the camp outgrew the dance hall, it took over the old red barn and transformed it into a bunkhouse which doubled the camp capacity. The dance hall became the kitchen and dining hall known as the Wigwam.

By 1911, the YMCA, having purchased the fifty acre Eggleston farm, was beginning to make camping educational as well as fun. The Wigwam became a school for teaching handicrafts. This was the first of a long series of expansions of camping, recreational and educational facilities.

During the time since Dr. Baker's group discovered the site in 1901, the camp has grown into a modern complex covering 200 acres, about half of it in Bainbridge. There are numerous buildings including sleeping accommodations for campers. There are baseball diamonds, tennis courts, basketball courts, swimming pool, craft shop and riding and hiking trails. The Y Camp continues to be a strong, wholesome, character-building influence on the youth of Cuyahoga and Geauga Counties.

Centerville Mills now boasts many programs. There are year round day-care and child-care programs. The child-care programs offers

YMCA CAMP (cont'd)

before and after school education and entertainment. The day-care program is open to 3, 4 and 5 year olds. Both programs are year round and have open enrollment. This year the Women's Fitness Camp is the second week in June, and the Senior Camp, for those who are more mature, will be held the last week in July. In 1989 the Piotrowski Conference Center was built and offers a beautiful building which can sleep 30, has a kitchenette, Commons Room with a fireplace and all the comforts of home. This Conference Center was dedicated to Anthony and Dorothy Piotrowski, longtime residents of Bainbridge Township and longtime employees of the YMCA. If any resident or group would like more information on this beautiful area of Bainbridge Township, please call 543-8184.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW!!

The Bainbridge Township Volunteer Fire Company will hold its 48th Annual Fireman's Ball on September 15, 1990. This year a clam bake is being planned for your enjoyment. Along with dinner there will be dancing, raffles and door prizes. Tickets will go on sale after the July 4th Holiday and proceeds will benefit the "Aluminum Cans For Burned Children Foundation, Inc." If you would like more information on this year's clam bake or would like to make a donation, please call the Fire Department.

VOLUNTEERS COMMENDED

Recently the Bainbridge Volunteer Fire Company commended two members. Both firemen were honored and awarded retirement plaques. Robert Ecyen, Jr. served as a volunteer for 20 years and Charles H. Taylor served for 30 years.

We would like to thank these two gentlemen for their total of 50 years of "giving" to the residents of Bainbridge.

1989 ANNUAL REPORTS

The following are excerpts from the Fire Department and Police Department Annual Reports for 1989. Of course we are unable to reproduce the complete reports, therefore, we have chosen statistics which we feel are generally of interest to the majority of residents. The complete reports are available for review at the Townhall offices.

Fire Department Rescue Report:

Sudden Illness	198
Highway Accidents	81
Accidental Injuries	89
Assaults	5
Mutual Aid	5
No Transportation (squad responded)	72

Two rescue squads were used on 19 occasions. Total number of rescue calls for 1989 was 400.

Fire Department Fire Report:

Structure Fires	62
Rubbish/Brush Fires	67
Smell of Smoke	17
False Fire Alarms	23
Vehicle Fires	11
Mutual Aid	29

Total number of fire calls in 1989 was 250.

Police Department Calls/Complaints:

Alarm Drops	679
Assist other Dept.	526
Auto Thefts	18
Burglary	32
Disturbances/Domestics	249
DWUI	58
Robbery	1
Suspicious Persons/Vehicles	234
Thefts (Grand/Petty)	264
Traffic Accidents	439
Traffic Complaints	1288
Trespassing	44
Vandalism	156

Total Number of Calls/Complaints for 1989-5,856; 1988-5,055; and 1987-5,326.

Total number of miles driven by Police Officers: 230,000.

Total Arrest/charges for 1989: Adults 236 and Juveniles 97.

SETTLER'S PARK NEWS

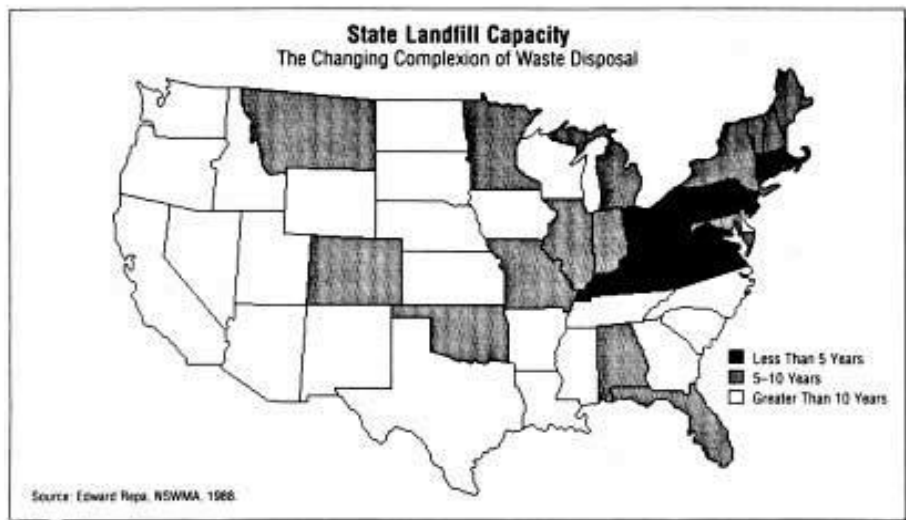
This summer the Bainbridge Township Park located on Haskins Road behind the Bainbridge Road Department garage, will most certainly be used by many and enjoyed by all. The Park is something to be proud of and anyone using the park should remember to use it conscientiously and take care of it. With this in mind, on October 2, 1989, the Bainbridge Township Board of Trustees adopted the following rules and regulations for Settler's Park.

1. Park opens at sunrise
2. Park closes at sunset
3. No alcoholic beverages permitted
4. No bicycles or motorized vehicles off roadway
5. No horses off roadway
6. No littering
7. Fires only for cooking in approved containers
8. It is unlawful to remove or damage plant life
9. No hunting
10. No firearms
11. Parking in designated areas only

Enjoy the park and the great outdoors and please observe the above rules. Thank you.

THINK GLOBALLY - ACT LOCALLY

Once again residents are encouraged to recycle whenever possible. The importance of recycling is becoming more and more apparent. Residents should ask their trash haulers if and when they will be collecting separated trash. Not only is recycling important, but the conservative use of water and fossil fuels is important in the continuing effort to clean the environment. Keep informed and remember "every little bit helps".



Declining Landfill Capacity

The "capacity crisis" has become a significant concern around the country, particularly in the Northeast (see map). According to EPA, for example, more than half of our existing landfills will reach their capacity within eight years:

Capacity (years*)	Number of Landfills	Percent
0	535	9
1-5	2,167	36
6-10	612	10
11-15	1,126	19
16-20	360	6
more than 20	1,235	20
Total	6,034	100

*Data were calculated as of 1986.

To waste, to destroy, our natural resources, to skin and exhaust the land instead of using it so as to increase it's usefulness, will result in undermining in the days of our children the very prosperity which we ought by right to hand down to them amplified and enveloped.

A message to Congress, December 3, 1907

ALUMINUM CANS AID

FIRE VICTIMS

The Bainbridge Township Fire Department currently has receptacles for the collection of aluminum cans. These receptacles are located behind the fire station at 17822 Chillicothe Rd. The proceeds from the collection of the aluminum cans are donated to the Northeast Ohio Aluminum Cans for Burned Children Program. This program provides burn victims with beds, cosmetic make-up and many other items not covered by medical insurance. A summer camp for burn victims is also sponsored by this program. Residents are asked to drop off their aluminum cans in the proper containers and recycle as well as help a needed program.

USED MOTOR OIL . . .

THE SILENT SPILL

Do-it-yourselfers, or people who change their automotive oil at home, generate approximately 230 million gallons of used oil annually. Ohioans alone are estimated to generate 19 million gallons. With 90 percent of this oil being disposed of improperly, the environment is at risk.

Disposal practices range from throwing the oil in the trash to dumping it down the sewer. Most of these practices can be harmful impacts on the environment, as outlined below.

By recycling used oil, the negative environmental impacts associated with many disposal practices can be minimized. Used oil can be refined or reprocessed, thereby recovering a valuable resource. Some area service stations or recycling centers may accept used oil. Please contact the recycling center or service station nearest you for handling or packaging requirements.



"PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT"

Throughout the year the Bainbridge Township Trustees authorize payment for the continuing education and/or training of Township employees. This training is an ongoing effort by the trustees and the employees of the township to insure quality in all departments. The following employees have attended classes or training in the past several months. This is just an example of the training township employees continue to achieve.

In December of 1989: Fire Chief Ed Plomske and Fire Capt. Fred Krueger attended Emergency Response Training at the University of Akron. Ptl. Andrew Kelley attended a Drug Interdiction Course. Chief Plomske, Asst. Chief Joe Cinadr and Capt. Krueger attended the Fire Department Instructor's Conference. **In January of 1990:** Ptl. Raymond Arnold, Ptl. Robert Weir and Ptl. James Weber attended the Ohio Peace Officers Training Academy. Fireman/EMT John Berlinski is attending an Advanced EMT-A course. Assistant Zoning Inspector Hodge Hissam attended a Land Use Seminar. Ptl. Robert Weir and Ptl. Ray Arnold attended a Narcotics Seminar and Ptl. Caren Walsh attended a Hostage Negotiations Seminar. **In February 1990:** Ptl. Robert Byrne attended training at Stow Police Department. Trustees authorized payment for continuing education for Fred Krueger Firefighter/Paramedic at Cuyahoga Heights Fire Department, Ohio Fire Academy and Cleveland State University. Dispatcher Danya Morgan attended training at Shaker Heights Police Department. Ptl. Robert Byrne and Ptl. Caren Walsh attended Basic Operator Intoxilyzer School at Fairlawn Police Department. **In March 1990:** Dispatcher Danya Morgan and Dispatcher/Clerk Donna Harrell received Professional Training at Copley Community Center. Jane Randall attended a POSSE VT National Training Seminar. Firefighter C.W. Hudson is attending an Advanced EMT-A course at Geauga Hospital.

BEHIND THE SCENES



Sgt. Allen Linn was one of the original members of the Bainbridge Police Department when it was formed in 1975, and has served the citizens of Bainbridge ever since. He is the senior sergeant, and has served in that capacity for over ten years.

Sgt. Linn is in charge of the new Bainbridge Dispatch Center, supervising the dispatchers and organizing the facility. He is also the department expert on traffic accident investigation. He

supervises the preparation of all traffic accident reports and helps the other officers broaden their investigative skills. He was recently commended for his handling of an accident that killed a woman passenger and resulted in the conviction of the driver.

Al served in the U.S. Navy as an electrician. He then returned to the Cleveland area and worked for the South Euclid Police Department before coming to Bainbridge.

Al has two children, Allen, a full time student at Kent State University, who hopes to become a military pilot and presently works as a part time dispatcher for Chagrin Falls Police Department. Al's daughter Shannon is a Berkshire High School student. She is a varsity starter in a number of sports, including volleyball, and is a member of the band.

Al's hobbies include automobile racing, military history and observing and studying military aircraft.

EMPLOYEE NEWS

Congratulations to the following Bainbridge Township Employees on their recent **promotions:**

- 11/17 - Ptl. Dale Buckingham to Ptl. Grade "A"
- 11/18 - Ptl. Robert Weir to Ptl. Class "B"
- 12/2 - Ptl. Robert Byrne and Ptl. Andrew Kelley to Ptl. Class "D"
- 12/4 - Ptl. Douglas Sheppard to Ptl. Class "D"
- 3/17 - Records Clerk Dispatcher Donna Harrell to Grade "B"

Welcome to the following new Bainbridge Township Employees:

- 12/4 - Caren J. Walsh Ptl. Class "B" probationary
- 12/4 - Rita Philbrick, Bradley Davis and Diana Barker as part-time communications dispatchers
- 1/13 - Linda Zimmerman as receptionist/clerical help for the Bainbridge Townhall
- 2/10 - Allen LaPrairie, full time communications dispatcher.
- 2/19 - William Lovell, Fire fighter/Paramedic Grade "C".
- 2/26 - Status change of Linda Ecker-Giles from full-time dispatcher to part-time dispatcher.
- 3/12 - Karen Knight full-time communications dispatcher.

POLICE FUNDRAISING DANCE

The 12th Annual Police Fundraising Dance will be held this year at the Sun Valley Party Center on Saturday, May 19th. This year's proceeds will go towards a \$1,000.00 scholarship for a graduating Kenston High School student. Cost is \$46.00 per couple which includes dinner, refreshments and music by "Love Train". Ticket sales are limited to 380 people. For ticket information, call the Police Department at 543-8252. We appreciate your past and continued support of our scholarship and Safety Town projects.

A MESSAGE FROM ALAN HALKO, HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT

Over the past ten years we have steadily upgraded the Bainbridge Township road system. A regular schedule of seal and chip has been implemented to the point that roads requiring this type of maintenance are resurfaced every four years and this is building a strong base for eventual paving. Approximately ten miles of roads have been converted from dirt and gravel base to seal and chip surface leaving less than three miles of dirt and gravel roads in the township. Some major paving projects have been completed including Pettibone Road and parts of Snyder and Haskins Roads. New programs such as cross pipe and guardrail replacement and pavement crack sealing have been undertaken. A significant number of miles of ditch shaping and cleaning has been accomplished. The township currently maintains 68.7 miles of roads, with this number increasing as more developments open up.

Even with all that we have been able to do over the past ten years, there is more we should be doing to protect the residents' investment in township roads. We need to implement a more aggressive pavement program to pave at least two miles of road every year while strengthening the maintenance programs mentioned above. Road drainage work certainly needs to be increased as evidenced by the number of complaints we receive about poor road ditch drainage. There is also a need to construct additional covered storage for ice control materials. The State of Ohio has available to municipalities a State Matching Fund Road Improvement Project Fund for certain road projects. Since these funds are available for local implementation, it is important for the township to be in the position to provide matching funds and take advantage of this State Program.

After working with me to update our 5-year road maintenance and equipment plan, to include these more aggressive programs needed to adequately care for an increasing number of miles of township roads and ditches, the Township Trustees decided to place a 2.0 mill road and bridge levy on the May ballot for voter consideration. This 2.0 mill levy, if approved by the voters, will replace a 1.0 mill 5-year levy which expires at the end of 1990. On a net basis, this levy will provide additional funds of about \$200,000.00 to support these improved efforts to maintain our roads.

About 95% of Bainbridge Township Road Maintenance money comes from local property taxes; the other 5% comes from the state motor vehicle license tax and the state gasoline tax. Of each dollar of local property tax paid, Bainbridge Township receives only about 22 cents (the rest goes to the local schools and Geauga County). Of the 2 cents the township currently receives from each property tax dollar, only about 7.6 cents currently goes into road maintenance funds. Or said another way, for every \$1000.00 of property tax a Bainbridge home owner pays, only \$76.00 currently goes to Bainbridge Road Maintenance.

Support from the residents of Bainbridge township has made it possible to carry out a road maintenance program which has, over the last ten years, significantly increased the quality of township roads. Such support is appreciated by the members of the road department and myself, and we look forward to being able to carry out an even better program over the next ten years.

24-HOUR COMMUNICATIONS CENTER

On March 1, 1990, Bainbridge Township implemented a full service twenty-four hour Communications Center. The Communications Center is located at the Bainbridge Township Police Department and dispatches all emergency police, fire, rescue and road department calls. The communications Center is capable of directly monitoring police and fire alarms. For information regarding this service, please call the Police Department.

All residents and businesses should have received emergency amber stickers for their telephones. The all purpose emergency number is 543-9494. Our non-emergency numbers within the township remain the same: Police - 543-8252;

Fire - 543-9873; Road - 543-9874.

A great amount of effort and time has been put into the planning and implementation of the new Communications Center. Township Trustees, police and fire officials have been involved in discussions for the past couple of years regarding this transition. The process included cost analysis, training and equipment and personnel requirements. Dispatch testing included a written examination, polygraph, psychological, oral interview and medical examinations. After the selection process, the dispatchers began intensive training under the supervision of police and fire officials. As of this date the new

dispatchers have completed several hundred hours in the area of police, fire and rescue operations and procedures. Our staff of full time dispatchers is complimented by a staff of part-time dispatchers, who have been employed in the public safety area for several years.

We are confident that through the establishment of this emergency Communications Center that we will be able to better serve the needs of the residents of Bainbridge Township. If you have any questions pertaining to the communications Center, please contact the Police Chief, Fire Chief or a member of the Bainbridge Township Board of Trustees.

DO YOU REMEMBER??

The Newsletter staff has set out on a quest. Many longtime residents will remember that Bainbridge Township once had a motel. This motel was located on the southwest corner of US 422 and Savage Road. The **Anchor Motel**, as it was known, was torn down (we believe) in the late '50's or early '60's. We are in search of any memorabilia or photographs depicting the Anchor Motel and would like to do an article about it in an upcoming issue. Please call the Townhall at 5439871 if you are able to contribute any information.

OFFICIAL QUESTIONS AND ISSUES BALLOT

1 PROPOSED TAX LEVY BAINBRIDGE TOWNSHIP A Majority Affirmative Vote Is Necessary For Passage. Vote Ballot With An "X"

An additional tax for the benefit of Bainbridge Township for the purpose of THE GENERAL CONSTRUCTION, RECONSTRUCTION, RESURFACING AND REPAIR OF STREETS, ROADS AND BRIDGES IN THE TOWNSHIP at a rate not exceeding 2 mills for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to 20 cents for each one hundred dollars of valuation, for a period of five years.

After working with Highway Superintendent Halko to update the 5-year Township Road and Bridge Maintenance Plan, the Board of Trustees decided it is necessary to place a 2.0 mill levy on the May ballot for voter consideration. If approved, this 2.0 mill levy will replace a 1.0 mill levy which will expire at the end of 1990 and will provide additional funds needed for maintaining an increasing number of miles of township roads.

2 PROPOSED TAX LEVY BAINBRIDGE TOWNSHIP A Majority Affirmative Vote Is Necessary For Passage. Vote Ballot With An "X"

An additional tax for the benefit of Bainbridge Township for the purpose of PROVIDING AND MAINTAINING MOTOR VEHICLES, COMMUNICATIONS, AND OTHER EQUIPMENT USED DIRECTLY IN THE OPERATION OF A POLICE DEPARTMENT, OR THE PAYMENT OF SALARIES OF PERMANENT POLICE PERSONNEL, INCLUDING THE PAYMENT OF THE POLICEMEN EMPLOYERS CONTRIBUTION REQUIRED UNDER SECTION 742.33 OF THE REVISED CODE, OR THE PAYMENT OF THE COSTS INCURRED BY TOWNSHIPS AS A RESULT OF CONTRACTS MADE WITH OTHER POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS IN ORDER TO OBTAIN POLICE PROTECTION at a rate not exceeding 2.5 mills for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to 25 cents for each one hundred dollars of valuation, for a continuing period of time.

Increased staffing and additional equipment needed to keep up with significantly increased public demand for police response has persuaded the Board of Trustees to seek additional funding by putting a new 2.5 mill Police District levy on the May ballot for voter consideration. This decision was made after several extensive planning sessions with Police Chief Jimison regarding community police service needs for the next decade.

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