

Mt. Blanchard Journal

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Mt. Blanchard News

Gavin and his crew has been busy this season with cleaning up after all the storms. They are also preparing for a very busy summer. Right now they are working in Island Park finishing the replacement of the pit toilets with flush ones. It will be great to have that project completed.

They are also working on upgrades to Hurricane Park. The crew is building restrooms, a concession stand, a shelter house, and a storage building. These additions will really be good for the State Hammer Throw Meet which is occurring in June.

Also this summer they will be replacing sewer lines and catch basins as well as some water lines on Main Street before the state comes through and repaves it.

The Village received a grant to improve our pool, so after the season they will be replacing the pool bottom and repairing the mushroom. Also in the near future they will be replacing the surround and adding tables with umbrellas. These improvements will help to extend the life of our pool and make it much more enjoyable for all of us.

I hope you will all take advantage of our pool and our parks.



Communication is an important part of Our community. This newsletter is Being produced to improve our spread Of knowledge. It will be released quarterly With articles about the people and events not only in Mt. Blanchard but also at Riverdale. If you know of any events that Are occurring in the future that you would Like to see in this newsletter, please contact Liz Myers at 514-315-1209 or myers1225@yahoo.com.

Reminder:

Both Delaware Township and The Village of Mt. Blanchard have zoning ordinances. If you are going to make any renovations to your property, please check with the Village office or the township office to make sure your work meets zoning standards.

Village of
MOUNT BLANCHARD
COMMUNITY
GARAGE SALE!



MAY 16TH SATURDAY 9 AM - 5 PM

MAY 17TH SUNDAY 9 AM - 5 PM

SALES AT HOMES THROUGHOUT THE VILLAGE!

Great Deals!
Great Finds!
Great Fun!



Island Park

Have you ever wondered how long Mt. Blanchard has had a swimming pool? Or how did we get the swimming pool and Island Park?

What is now known as Island Park and the bottom were owned by Dean and Opal Cunningham. In early 1932 they felt that Mt. Blanchard needed a public gathering place, so they donated the area west of the Blanchard River. At the time the river did not run in its current bed. It ran on the outer edge of the bottom.

Work was immediately begun on digging a new channel for the river west of park thus making it an island. The old channel was not closed until much later. During the summer of 1932 local farmers using teams of horses dug out and shaped up the pool. In 1933 farmers took rocks out of the new river channel to place on the bottom and slanted sides of the pool. Sand was tamped into cracks in the rocks to seal them. A well was drilled at the southeast corner of the pool to provide water.

This was the first public pool in Hancock County and was used by everyone in the area. Swimming was free and there were no fences or lifeguards.

Not only did Mt. Blanchard have a swimming pool but also a park. A shelter house was built. There was a ball field, croquet courts and tennis courts. Quite a place for families to gather.

In 1938 the pool had a concrete bottom put in, but the sides were not cemented until 1946. In 1955 the filter system and filter house were built and the whole was fenced in. This is when the pool started charging. Season tickets were \$3 for students, \$5 for adults, and \$8 for families.

A new pool was built in 1996 with stainless steel sides and a concrete bottom.

Meanwhile in the rest of the park, a second shelter house was built, croquet lost its popularity and tennis courts were built. Land south of the park was purchased around 1975 where a ball diamond, a third shelter house and restrooms were built.

Island Park has been a vital part of life in Mt. Blanchard. It has provided a place for fun activities, happy gatherings, and wonderful memories. We hope it can continue for many more years.



Safety Reminder

When there are events in Mt. Blanchard, Main Street and some side streets may be closed. Please move any parked vehicles in the closed area and do not try to drive in those areas during the event. Thank you for your assistance.

Riverdale Sports & School Events

May, 1	5:00 PM	HS Track vs Benjamin Logan Invitational at Benjamin Logan
May, 2	11:00 PM	HS Softball vs Gibsonburg at Gibsonburg
May, 4	5:00 PM	HS Baseball & Softball vs Liberty Benton at Liberty Benton
May, 4	4:30 PM	JHS Track vs Waynesfield-Goshen/Arcadia at Ada
May, 6	5:00 PM	HS Baseball & Softball vs McComb at Riverdale
May, 6	4:00 PM	JHS Track vs Elmwood at Elmwood
May, 7	5:00 PM	HS Baseball & Softball vs North Baltimore at North Baltimore
May, 8	4:30 PM	JHS Track vs Hardin Northern Invitational at Hardin Northern
May, 9	11:00 AM	HS Baseball vs Ridgedale at Riverdale
May, 9	9:00 AM	HS Track vs Ada Invitational at Ada
May, 12	5:00 PM	HS Baseball vs Mohawk at Riverdale
May, 15	4:00 PM	HS Track vs BVC at Ada
May, 11-15	All Day	Forest Jackson Library summer reading program visit
May, 12	7:00 PM	Arts Extravaganza
May, 14	5:00 PM	FFA Chicken BBQ
May, 17	2:00 PM	GRADUATION
May, 21	2 HOUR EARLY RELEASE	LAST DAY OF SCHOOL



Ohio High School State Hammer Throw Championship

Mark your calendars, because on June 9th, the top 64 high school hammer throwers (32 girls and 32 boys) in the state of Ohio along with their coaches' family, friends and spectators will descend on Mt. Blanchard's Hurricane Park for the 2026 Ohio High School State Hammer Throw Championships.

The throws facility in Hurricane Park has caught the attention of many athletes and coaches from all over Ohio and surrounding states; enough so that we have been asked to host this year's High School Hammer Championships! This event is being hosted together with Justin Carvalho's youth organization, the Northwest Ohio Throws Academy (NOTA) and Mt. Blanchard with community and council support.

This meet is the pinnacle of meets to host and is a huge honor and opportunity for NOTA and Mt. Blanchard. Hosting this meet is the culmination of the vision we had at the beginning of this partnership. Even better news; it was discussed that we could take over this competition and host this meet for the foreseeable future.

Our goal is to put on the best event possible, with the community's help I know we can host an amazing competition and experience. We will be holding a planning meeting at Town Hall on May 7 at 7:00pm to discuss the event. You are encouraged to come and join in the planning and support of this event.

Thank you!

Justin Carvalho, North West Ohio Throws Academy

Village Annual SPRING CLEANUP DAY!

MAY 9TH

9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

HURRICANE PARK
TWO DUMPSTERS AVAILABLE

**TRASH
DUMPSTER**

**METAL
DUMPSTER**

• GREEN WASTE AREA OPEN

• BRUSH PICKUP ASSISTANCE

• DIRT DELIVERY AVAILABLE

• BACKHOE & BOBCAT SERVICES

**VOLUNTEERS & VILLAGE STAFF
WORKING THROUGHOUT THE TOWN!**

NEED HELP?

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FOR ASSISTANCE & TO SCHEDULE!



Beautification Report

The Beautification Committee would like to thank the following sponsors for their donations to Christmas in the Village 2025:

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Thank you to everyone who purchased pies at Easter. The proceeds will be used for flowers downtown in the large planters. We sold a record number of pies for the Easter season.

Upcoming events include cleanup day on May 9th. The Beautification Committee organizes lunch and projects.

November - Pie sales for Thanksgiving

December 5, 2026, Christmas in the Village.

There will be an Outdoor Home Decorating Contest (to replace the Home Tours we've had in the past since we lacked enough participation) Details to follow.

If anyone wants to join the Beautification Committee, we'd love to have you!
Contact Karen Beard at 330-283-7111 for information about the group.

