



Village of Roaming Shores

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You Are Cordially Invited To An Event

Dedicating
The Village of Roaming Shores'
New Village Hall

&

Honoring
The Village's Former
Mayors And Solicitor

Saturday, June 25, 2011

Program - 10:00 a.m.
Luncheon - 11:30 a.m.

2500 Hayford Road, Roaming Shores, Ohio

Reservations Are Required By June 17

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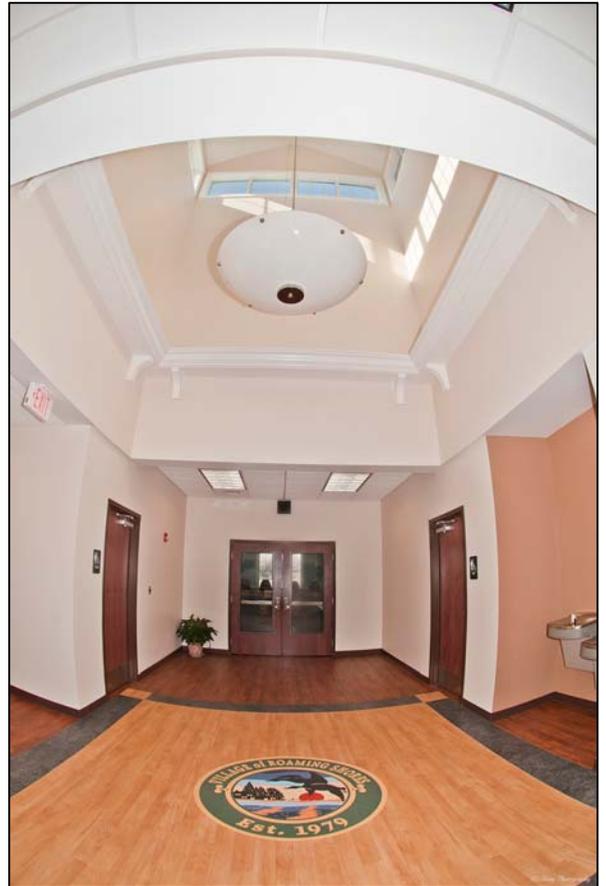
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New Village Hall Dedication Saturday, June 25, 2011 10:00 a.m.

Agenda

Welcome

Mayor John Ball
(Master of Ceremonies)

Acknowledge attending elected officials

Project details

-- History, specifications, etc...

Thank you's

-- Building committee, vendors, donors

Village VIP's

-- Jon Winer to honor Mayor Norm Atchison and Mayor Delores Lavelle

-- Bill Kingzett to honor Mayor Rev. Art Hess

-- Pat Long to honor Mayor Jim Bentley

-- Larry Seymour to honor Mayor B. Joe Strong

-- Jim Bentley to honor Mayor Carl Biats and Solicitor Bill Bobulsky

Close

Ribbon cutting/photographs

Light luncheon, cookies, punch (11:30 a.m.)

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The Village of Roaming Shores V.I.P.'s



Norman Atchison, Mayor, 1979-84

By JON WINER

Norm Atchison was born on November 22, 1919 in East Cleveland, Ohio, where he grew up and graduated from Shaw High School. In 1938, Norm was hired by the National Steel Castings Co. (later known as Midland Ross Corp.), where he worked until his retirement in 1976, interrupted only by his enlistment and four-year tour of duty in the United States Army. From 1941-1945 Norm served in the European and African theaters, earning four Bronze Stars.

Norm was one of the first summer home residents of Roaming Rock Shores, building a house on Marina Drive in 1967. A few years later, he became a permanent resident. In 1980, when Norm took office as the first mayor of Roaming Shores, the new village had no village hall, no Clerk, no staff, no ordinances, no police department, no operating procedures and no money. The Village literally started with nothing.

One of the first items on Norm's agenda, as the mayor of Ohio's newest municipality, was to generate revenue. Without levying new taxes, Norm took the necessary steps to make certain the Village would get its share of local, state and federal tax monies. Slowly but surely, the fiscal capacity of the municipality began to grow.

Norm appointed the members of the first Roaming Shores Village Planning Commission. Its biggest project was drafting the first Codified Zoning Regulations for the Village. Norm's administration also drafted the first building codes for the Village.

In the early 1980s, Mayor Atchison, along with Delores Lavelle, Don Williams and others, worked tirelessly, to negotiate an agreement, and obtain financing, for our village to buy the water and sewer facilities from Lakeside Utilities Corporation. Those efforts ultimately proved to be successful, and ensured the long-term stability and viability of our water and sewer system.

Norm was a 15-year member of the Rotary Club of Rock Creek / Grand Valley, and served as President for the 1982/83 Rotary year. He served on the Board of Directors from 1981-1990.

Norm resides today in Leesburg, Florida, where he still enjoys planning his frequent cruise ship excursions that have taken him to all corners of the globe.

Delores Lavelle, Mayor, 1984-85
By JON WINER

Delores Lavelle was born Delores Marie Menk on November 14, 1917, and grew up in Cleveland Heights and Shaker Heights, Ohio, attending Hathaway Brown School. She matriculated at the University of Arizona, Georgetown Visitation Convent and Fenn College. Delores studied law, among other academic disciplines.



In 1942, Delores married Anthony Lavelle, and together they raised seven children. Before constructing their family home on Calabria Drive, overlooking Lake Roaming Rock, the Lavelles identified and plotted the location of every tree on the site, designing the house to allow preservation of as many trees as possible. This was second-nature to Delores, who had organized groups committed to the preservation of green spaces in Cleveland Heights.

Delores was instrumental in the Incorporation of the Village of Roaming Shores, chaired the first Planning Commission (drafting the first Zoning Code), and served on Village Council in the early years. As Mayor, Delores was a true advocate for democracy, and encouraged all citizens to participate and let their voices be heard. She awarded ceremonial Keys to the Village to community leaders, and strengthened relations between the Village and Rome-Rock Association. Mayor Lavelle continued Mayor Atchison's work in building and collecting revenues for the Village, without levying new taxes. Delores and her family enjoyed their home on the Calabria Point from 1975 until she passed away in 2002.



Rev. Arthur Hess, Mayor, 1985-96
By BILL KINGZETT

Art Hess was a stabilizing and consistent leader who dedicated more than ten years of service to the village. A master at consensus building; the village benefitted from his clerical training. He was a strong communicator who stayed the course and was successful in encouraging others to do the right thing. During his tenure the police department was established in 1989 and the first village administrator, Rowley Ross, was hired in 1991. Art was known for often presiding over weddings in the village and for holding ecumenical services at the clubhouse on Thanksgiving. His longevity in office allowed for much needed continuity during an awkward time of extreme growth.

Jim Bentley, 1996-97

By PAT LONG

As president of council, Jim Bentley agreed to serve as mayor when Art Hess was forced to resign due to failing health. As a seasoned business and management executive Mayor Bentley provided the village with direction, focus and a sense of urgency. He was instrumental in concluding negotiations to purchase the village's water company. And, as a visionary leader, he led the effort to fund a major water line along Forman Road, which is directly responsible for providing "city" water to homes in Roaming Shores. Jim's term as mayor was short, but immensely productive. His valued service to the village government as an elected official spanned more than 25 years from 1984 to 2009. After retirement from council, Jim continued to serve the community as a member of the building committee for the new village hall, utility study group, chairman of the board of zoning appeals, and also authored an exhaustive study of the waste water system.



B. Joe Strong, 1998-01

By LARRY SEYMOUR

As an entrepreneur and former law enforcement officer and firefighter, Mayor Joe Strong brought a new perspective to running village government. He worked diligently on behalf of residents and created a free and open compost site. Joe also successfully oversaw the construction of the Forman Road water line.

Carl Biats, 2002-08

By JIM BENTLEY

Engaging, charming, handsome are accolades often used to describe Mayor Carl Biats. He worked well with village council and trusted in his employees. During his relatively lengthy term a major upgrade to the waste water treatment plant was accomplished as well as putting the final touches on the Forman Road water line. Also, during the same time period, the Village of Roaming Shores became known as one of the fastest growing municipalities in northeast Ohio.



William Bobulsky, Solicitor 1979-2011

By JIM BENTLEY

Bill is responsible for legally creating the Village of Roaming Shores. As the first solicitor, he created the original articles of incorporation as well as every ordinance ever enacted in the Village for over 32 years.



As a new and thriving municipality, Bill carefully and quietly guided Roaming Shores through growing pains. He was masterful at working his craft behind the scenes while making others look good. Methodical, dependable, thorough and highly responsive where just some of the platitudes used to describe his service to the village.

A few of his outstanding accomplishments included:

- Winning a landmark judgment from the State of Ohio on behalf of the village regarding the distribution of inside millage;
- Never losing in court when representing the village;
- Validating the village as a legal entity from its very inception until present day.

Bill provided more than superb legal counsel to the Village; he was a true friend and our guardian angel.