

IN BRIEF

With miles of bike trails and plenty of parks, there is no shortage of reasons for Powell residents to enjoy summer.

One definite downside of the warmer, often wetter weather, however, is the presence of mosquitoes. Along with being downright annoying, mosquitoes can spread such diseases as West Nile virus and La Crosse Encephalitis, which makes them a public health concern.

Cases of West Nile virus have appeared in Delaware County over the past several years, and the most recent local case of La Crosse Encephalitis was in 2005.

Both diseases can cause long-term neurological difficulties.

In the City of Powell, mosquito control is coordinated by the Delaware General Health District.

"We have changed our fogging policy in recent years and now fog only when a human mosquito-borne disease is detected here," said Jesse Carter, public information officer for the Delaware General Health District. "This move away from the considerable amount of fogging that we undertook a few years ago was prompted in part by concerns from residents of the City of Powell. Our new policy is closer to the steps recommended by the Centers for Disease Control to control human diseases."

In lieu of regular fogging, the health district has set nightly mosquito traps around the county, including within the city limits.

Mosquitoes caught in the traps are shipped to the Ohio Department of Health for West Nile virus testing. Should a mosquito-borne disease be detected, fogging will take place to kill adult mosquitoes in the area.

Carter said fogging plans are announced on the health district's Web site, www.delawarehealth.org and recorded on the health district information line, 740-203-2015.

Residents are encouraged to protect themselves from mosquito bites and take steps to prevent mosquitoes around their homes.

For optimum protection, the health district recommends wearing light-colored pants and a long-sleeved shirt, particularly in the early evening, as well as mosquito repellent containing DEET or Picaridin.

To prevent mosquitoes from breeding, empty standing water out of flower pots, bird baths, gutters and other outdoor containers.

Carter said large areas of standing water can be treated with larvicide, which is sold commercially as "mosquito dunks."

The City of Powell has repaired the traffic signal at Murphy Parkway/Powell Road.

City officials state the signal has malfunctioned recently during hot temperatures. The "loop detectors," or the sensors in the pavement that detect when a car has pulled up to the intersection on Murphy Parkway, had malfunctioned and failed to trigger properly. When it happened, the traffic signal did not change as it should and traffic backed up along Murphy Parkway.

Workers were scheduled to fix the problem Monday, and should be able to repair things to the extent that the loop detectors will not continue to malfunction.

The signal had been changed over the weekend, so that, drivers along Powell Road will approach a flashing yellow light and drivers on Murphy Parkway will approach a flashing red light at the intersection.

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crowd said, "Don't celebrate until it happens."

Then, "it" happened.

The results from precinct 25 came through with 2,274 voters for the income tax increase, and 2,174 against, approximately 51 percent to 49 percent.

Citizens to Promote Recreation committee chairman Tom Hubbell was out of town for the special election.

However, his wife, Pat Hubbell was waiting for the results Tuesday night. After speaking with Tom on the phone, she said he was not doing well in his sailing regatta in Florida, but he said that was the penance he had to pay for the recreation levy to pass.

Hubbell has worked since 1998 to get indoor recreation opportunities to Delaware, his wife said.

"This was the strongest case we've had for a rec center with the National Guard building being associated," she said. "This is a bases loaded home run for the town. It's just a victory for the whole community."

CPR committee member Steve Schissel said he is happy with the outcome.

"Just as Dr. Hubbell said, 'The time is now, and this is right for Delaware,'" Schissel said.

CPR Treasurer Dave Berwanger said he is excited about the outcome. The results will be certified Aug. 20, according to the Delaware County Board of Elections.

Berwanger, a former city council member for eight years, said he has been a strong advocate for an indoor recreation facility in Delaware for a number of years.

"We're here today," Berwanger said. "We're happy. With the collaboration with the three entities, it'll be a fabulous project."

The rec center project's cost is estimated at \$23.8 million for the construction of a 55,000-square-foot recreation center on Houk Road. Then, the facility's operations would be turned over to the Central Ohio YMCA.

The rec center is to include an indoor competition pool, a leisure pool, a multi-purpose gym, child care, group exercise rooms and outdoor athletic fields. The existing Mingo Park will receive upgrades as well, including new lighting, restrooms and concession stands.

Work is expected to begin in 2009, according to CPR committee members.

On Aug. 22, the Ohio National Guard is set to close on the 17 acres of land on Houk Road. The guard will construct an approximately 64,000-square-foot facility next to the rec center. Citizens will have access to much of the space.

Approximately 10 percent of registered voters in the county voted in Tuesday's election.

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Vote breakdown

PRECINCT 1-A	For	186
	Against	97
PRECINCT 1-B	For	136
	Against	93
PRECINCT 1-C	For	94
	Against	77
PRECINCT 1-D	For	70
	Against	97
PRECINCT 1-E	For	78
	Against	113
PRECINCT 1-F	For	74
	Against	60
PRECINCT 1-G	For	132
	Against	136
PRECINCT 2-A	For	218
	Against	101
PRECINCT 2-B	For	138
	Against	129
PRECINCT 2-C	For	80
	Against	92
PRECINCT 2-D	For	41
	Against	71
PRECINCT 2-E	For	21
	Against	24
PRECINCT 2-F	For	10
	Against	25
PRECINCT 2-G	For	101
	Against	82
PRECINCT 3-A	For	47
	Against	49
PRECINCT 3-B	For	35
	Against	47
PRECINCT 3-C	For	41
	Against	48
PRECINCT 3-D	For	158
	Against	97
PRECINCT 3-E	For	82
	Against	98
PRECINCT 4-A	For	145
	Against	152
PRECINCT 4-B	For	133
	Against	99
PRECINCT 4-C	For	123
	Against	105
PRECINCT 4-D	For	25
	Against	80
PRECINCT 4-E	For	84
	Against	99
PRECINCT 4-F	For	22
	Against	103



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Democratic presidential candidate Sen. Barack Obama answers questions during a town hall-style meeting at Baldwin Wallace College in Berea Tuesday.

Republican presidential candidate, Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., speaks to reporters after a tour of the Enrico Fermi Nuclear Plant Tuesday in Newport, Mich.

Obama, McCain diverge on solution for energy woes

By TOM RAUM
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YOUNGSTOWN — Democrat Barack Obama blamed Republican energy policies for some of the nation's economic woes Tuesday as his GOP rival John McCain advocated a large expansion of nuclear power.

Both candidates roamed the economically depressed Rust Belt touting their energy plans as concerns about \$4-a-gallon gasoline and job losses have emerged as the presidential campaign's hottest issues.

Obama told an audience in Youngstown that the Bush energy policy, crafted in large part by Vice President Dick Cheney, an ex-oilman, tilted to provide tax breaks and favorable treatment for Big Oil and that McCain would expand oil industry tax breaks by \$4 billion.

Obama has proposed an

excess profits tax on Big Oil to finance a \$1,000-per-family energy rebate to deal with high fuel costs.

Exxon-Mobil "makes in 30 seconds what the typical Ohio worker makes in a year," Obama said. "We need more jobs and economic development. Why don't we focus on clean energy and reopening factories and putting people back to work? Nobody is benefiting from jobs that are leaving the community," he said.

Outside Detroit, another depressed Rust Belt city, McCain became the first presidential candidate in recent memory to tour a nuclear plant. His energy proposals include building 45 nuclear power plants by 2030 to reduce the nation's reliance on oil imports.

"Sen. Obama has said that expanding our nuclear power plants 'doesn't make sense for America.' He also says no to

nuclear storage and reprocessing. I couldn't disagree more. I have proposed a plan to build additional nuclear plants. That means new jobs, and that means new energy. If we want to enable the technologies of tomorrow like plug-in electric cars, we need electricity to plug into," McCain said at the Enrico Fermi Nuclear Plant.

"Now, nuclear power alone is not enough. Drilling alone is not enough. We need to do all this and more. That is why I am calling for an 'all of the above' approach." Like Obama, McCain has multibillion-dollar, long-term plans to reduce oil imports.

Responding to safety concerns that have long stalled the nuclear industry's growth, McCain boasts that the Navy, in which he served as a fighter pilot, has safely operated nuclear power plants in aircraft carriers and submarines without an accident in 60 years.

Foreclosure video conference set for Friday

The Delaware County Department of Jobs and Family Services will host a free foreclosure video conference at 10 a.m. Friday in the Hayes County Services building, 140 N. Sandusky St., second floor.

The video conference, high-lighting state and local agency resources and efforts to combat

foreclosure, will be broadcast simultaneously to 20 different county job and family services departments across the state. Local hosts will facilitate discussion about the foreclosure issue following the broadcast.

The Ohio Supreme Court reported 83,230 new foreclosure filings in 2007, a record high and an increase of 5 percent over 2006. Ohio's six biggest cities are in the top 46 metropolitan areas in the number of foreclosures nationwide.

Delaware County last year posted the highest percentage increase in foreclosures filed of any county in the state (as a percentage of its growth). The number of foreclosures here jumped from 866 in 2006 to 1099 last year.

For additional information about the video conference or to RSVP to attend the event, call 740-833-2326.

— Staff reports

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"This means no waiting list for five more years," Horrocks said of the levy's approval.

Tuesday's election results

include absentee ballot votes but not votes from locals serving in the military and stationed overseas, election board members said. The results are to be certified by the board Aug. 20.

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ANDREWS

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The AEO tour has made stops in Columbus, Dayton, Sandusky and Xenia for more than 10 years. It is a program of VSA Arts of Ohio, an organization dedicated to empowering people with disabilities, creatively and inclusively, through the arts. VSAO is a

member of the international network of VSA Arts, an affiliate of The John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts.

Andrews House is a nonprofit community center that provides services to low-income persons and is also home to seven small social service agencies. The mission of the house is to provide a place for hospitality, healing and education and to advocate for individuals

and families in the community. The exhibit opened Aug. 1 during Main Street Delaware's First Friday event.

The AEO art show is on display on the first floor of Andrews House, 39 W. Winter St., from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, or by appointment. Call 740-369-4520. The exhibit runs through Aug. 29.

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