

# Walker says city could help keep park clean

To the Editor:  
This is in reply to the column, "Litterbugs abuse Sappa Park," in the Jan. 5 issue of *The Oberlin Herald*. I wish to inform you why conditions at Sappa Park are what they are.

For several years, my wife and I made several trips a week to Sappa Park, and each time when we entered the park, we picked up trash from the roadway all the way to the shelter house and then put it in the dumpster. Most of the time, the dumpster was so full of non-park trash, there was no room for the trash we had collected and no room for trash people had to dispose of when they used the park.

On April 9, 1999, I sent a letter to the city administrator about the trash problem at Sappa Park. We were expecting help from the city in controlling non park trash being dumped at Sappa Park. We received none. Enclosed you will find a copy of my letter sent to the city administrator and a copy of the reply.

Sappa Park became a place to dispose of anything you wanted to get rid of without paying a dumping fee.

Two years ago, I made a drive to pick up trash thrown over the fences along the Sappa Park roadway. When the drive was completed, the dumpster was half full of trash plus I had four automobile tires.

Receiving no help from the city in controlling the non-park trash being dumped there, I made a sign which read "SAPPA PARK TRASH ONLY" and taped it to the side of the dumpster. This worked for about two weeks, then the sign disappeared. I found the sign in the dumpster, so I re-taped the sign to

the side of the dumpster only to have it disappear again.

I made several requests at the city office for help on this problem. The people of Oberlin who are paying a trash service pickup fee are supporting the trash pickup service. If you put trash in the dumpster at Sappa Park or other dumpsters in the city of Oberlin and are paying no trash service pickup fee, you are using the trash service for free. It appears some of this trash not only comes from outside the city limits of Oberlin, but from other counties.

The low point in the time we spent at Sappa Park came when a squirrel became rather friendly to us. I put a plastic container on a three-foot tree stump northeast of the shelter house and put bird seed in it. The squirrel would climb up the tree stump and pose as it ate the bird seed.

People began coming to the park and would by chance see the squirrel eating the bird seed. One day, the squirrel was shot dead by a pellet gun or guns. By the number of holes in the plastic container, it was apparent to me the squirrel was blasted off the tree stump Chicago style.

Last summer, after picking up trash at Sappa Park for several years, receiving little help from the city on the trash problem, having donated hours of our time to the park and with the squirrel incident, my wife and I conceded defeat in our effort in solving the trash problem at Sappa Park. We discontinued picking up trash at the park.

## Letters to the Editor

Steve Haynes, this is why you found the park roadway in the trashy condition you did. Can you solve the trash problem at Sappa Park?

Gerold Kolsky  
306 E. Ash St., Oberlin

*Below is Mr. Kolsky's letter to former city administrator Victoria Gordon, dated April 7, 1999:*

Attention: Victoria Gordon  
My wife has diabetes, her doctor has instructed her to walk a mile a day. Most of our walking is done at Sappa Park.

For the past year, we have volunteered our services of picking up cans, bottles and trash from the roadway, from the entrance to the shelter house. Arriving at the shelter house, we dispose of them in the dumpster.

For the past, week the dumpster has been over filled. In the recent windstorm, trash was blown out of the dumpster all over the place. We don't mind picking up the trash once, but having to pick it up twice is too much.

Your city employees travel to the shelter house several times a week. Would it be too much to ask them to report when the dumpster needs to be emptied?

If the city is not interested in the appearance of Sappa Park, why should we be?

Gerold Kolsky

*...and her reply, dated April 9, 1999.*

# Girls Scouts get life training, budget cash from cookie sales

To the Editor:  
Remember being young when each new activity opened up a whole new world of friends, information and wonder?

Some seemed exciting, some scary and others left you wanting to know more. First you wanted to be a doctor, and then you woke up one day with visions of becoming a lawyer. Girls throughout northwest Kansas are dreaming of their future, and you can help make their dreams come true by purchasing a box of Girl Scout cookies.

For 92 years, Girl Scouts of America has dedicated itself to helping girls navigate the sometimes rocky, often funny, and at times bewildering world of growing up. With family support and under the supervision of dedicated volunteers and staff, through carefully designed activities, the organization cultivates values, social conscience and self-esteem in girls while teaching them skills they will need to succeed as adults. In Girl Scouting, girls discover the fun, friendship, and power of girls together.

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In addition to developing and strengthening skills, cookie revenue helps Girl Scouts of Sunflower Council serve troops, groups, and individual girls, providing program resources and communication support, training adult volunteers and conducting special events.

Proceeds from last year's cookie program enabled the council to get training and certification in archery and in challenge course facilitation, to provide troops with safety resources and volunteers with first aid and CPR training, and to provide programs on the arts, science, technology, travel and the outdoors. The money helped troops to go

camping in the Rocky Mountains, spend a weekend in Kansas City at the Great Wolf Lodge, to make pillows and blankets for hospital patients and babies, to give donations to friends in need of medical attention, to explore museums and much more.

For information on the cookie sale, which starts on Friday, and runs through Monday, Feb. 7, or other ways you can help girls navigate the up-and-down path to adulthood, contact Girl Scouts of Sunflower Council, 2707 Vine, Suite 8, Hays, Kansas 67601 or call (785) 625-5671.

Linda Mills, chief executive  
Girl Scouts of Sunflower Council

# Relatives wowed by Oberlin's events

To the Editor:  
We entertained many family members during Thanksgiving vacation and brought them to Oberlin for the Christmas opening and light parade, and again that Saturday for the Craft Fair.

I want to share an excerpt from a thank you note we received from our step-granddaughter, Kim Kuntz, from Junction City:

"I still cannot get over what a wonderful afternoon and evening we had together on Friday. That was so nice to go to a beautiful downtown setting and just stroll Main Street, shopping, visiting and enjoying each others' company. You are lucky to have that so close to home."

Thank you all, and we hope everyone has a prosperous new year!

Doyle and Kay Brown  
Jennings

# Writer swears off career as humorist

To the Editor:  
John Stanley's response to my recent letter has convinced me to relinquish any aspirations I may have had to be a humor writer.

Although I offered a self-deprecatory reference to my wife's opinion of me, a veiled parallel to Swift's "A Modest Proposal" and a Soupy

Sales reference, for crying out loud, apparently nothing amusing was discovered by Mr. Stanley.

From now on, I pledge I will stick to painting and will not offer any more feeble stabs at wit.

Apologetically,

Steve Stacy  
Oberlin

## Write

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Letters will not be censored, but will be read and edited for form and style, clarity, length and legality.

Dear Mr. Kolsky:  
Thank you for your recent letter about trash concerns at Sappa Park. The city is very interested in the cleanliness at the park, and greatly appreciates you bringing this deficiency to our attention. My family

and I also enjoy walking at Sappa Park, and normally I am there frequently. However, due to a recent bout of the flu, I have not been out there in several days. We will try to do a better job of keeping an eye on the trash situation at

the park, and hope that you and your wife continue to enjoy the park and the opportunities for exercise it offers. Thank you for your comments.

Victoria Gordon  
City Administrator

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