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FOUR NEW COUNCIL MEMBERS ELECTED

Congratulations to our four new Council members, voted in at the November 3rd election. They are Jeff Andrews (District 6), Andy Black (District 3), Joe Miller (District 2) and Cortney Scheeser (District 4). The four new Council members are eager to get started and are already working to improve and update the Village web site. The two remaining Council members are Dennis Wolter (District 1) and Kim Sullivan (District 5).

OFFICER BRIAN SIEFKE RETIRES – NEW OFFICER HIRED

On October 17, 2009, Police Officer Brian Siefke retired from the Mariemont Police Department after ten years of outstanding service to the Village. Officer Siefke's retirement came as a result of a back injury that prevents him from being able to perform all the physical activities required of a Police Officer. He said he will miss the job and the residents of the Village. We wish Brian all the best. He will be missed!

Chief Hines has already selected Officer Siefke's replacement, Officer Phil Mitchell. Officer Mitchell, a 1999 graduate of Mariemont High School, comes to us from Lake Waynoka's Police Force. He had previously served as an officer with the Lynchburg Police Department. His first day with the Mariemont Police Department was December 6th. I hope everyone will make Officer Mitchell feel welcome and let him know how glad we are to have him on board.

RESIDENCE D – NOLEN PARK & EMERY PARK CONDOS APPROVED BY ARB

At the November 3rd election, citizens overwhelmingly approved the formation of Residence D zoning, paving the way for new condominium developments in the Village. Greiwe Development submitted plans for projects on Madisonville Road that were recently approved by the Architectural Review Board and the Planning Commission. The plan calls for two multiple-unit buildings with resident and visitor parking located under each building. Each building would feature a Tudor design, as shown at the left. The projects, one of which would be named Nolen Park and the other named Emery Park, should begin sometime in 2010 or 2011. Apartment buildings along Murray Avenue, which were part of the original concept of Griewe Development, will not be constructed at this time as not all of the parcels there are available for sale as was first thought.

OFFICIAL GRAND OPENING

The Woman's Art Club Cultural Center, formerly known as Resthaven Barn, had its official grand opening and dedication on September 19, 2009. A large crowd turned out to hear from guest speakers former State Representative Michelle Schneider, former Hamilton County Recorder Rebecca Groppe and Cultural Committee Chairman Otto Budig and to see Jane McDonald receive a proclamation for the tremendous amount of work she has done in securing grants and other funds for restoration of "The Barn". Guests were awed by the transformation of both the exterior and the interior of this historic structure. It has been a superb addition to the Village.

JIM MILLER MEMORIAL RUN

Runners and walkers of all ages took place in the 2nd Annual Jim Miller Memorial Run, which was held on October 10th. This event is held in honor of Jim Miller, long time resident, friend and soccer coach. Jim's wife, Nancy, and daughters, Elizabeth and Kate, were among the participants. There was much fun had by all including the run as well as socializing afterwards, a cookout, games and soccer lessons for the youth of the community.

PARKS ADVISORY BOARD

In January, the Parks Advisory Board will welcome new member, Eric Marsland. Mr. Marsland was appointed to fill the term of Paul Dougherty, who will resign his position at the end of this month. Eric has been a resident of the Village for the past couple of years and, as an entomologist, he will bring a wealth of knowledge to the board. Eric is already working with colleagues in an attempt to secure some free trees for the Village.

RECYCLING NEWS

Rumpke has informed the Village that they can now accept all plastic bottles and jugs, ***regardless of the plastic number***, and ***clean*** pizza boxes. There is no need to sort your recyclables. All items can be placed in one bin. Rumpke has a facility for sorting the items. Remember, the more you recycle, the more the Village earns from the Hamilton County Solid Waste District's Residential Recycling Incentive program and the more you preserve the environment.

LEAF COLLECTION

Leaf collection will end on Friday, December 18th. The Service Department will hit each street one last time that week. After December 18th, you will need to bag your leaves in clear plastic or brown paper bags and put them at the curb for Rumpke to pick up.

Police Department Gets the Gold

Only one year after beginning their participation in the AAA Allied Group Community Traffic Safety national program, the Mariemont Police Department received a 'Gold Award' – the top honor given by the program and one rarely received by first-year participants. Departments are judged on reduction in injury auto accidents and traffic enforcement programs in DUI's, school zone speed limits and use of seat belts. Also included in the overall rating of the department are safety programs such as Seat Belt Check Points at the high school and public education on traffic safety.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Sincerely,

Dan Policastro, Mayor