



# Village of Mariemont

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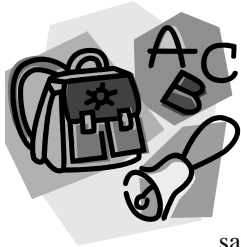
MAYOR'S BULLETIN

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## OOPS!

A typographical error in the last bulletin listed the winning pitcher of the Men's Softball League tournament as 'Don Front'. Don's last name is actually 'Frost', not 'Front'. Our apologies to Don. The mistake was in no way meant to diminish the outstanding job of pitching Don did in the tournament. In fact, maybe the reason we said 'Front' is because that is the position Don put his team in during the tournament. Congratulations, Don FROST!

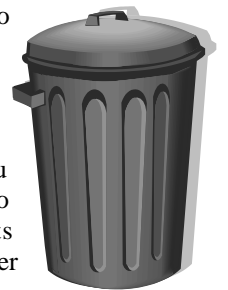


## SCHOOL IS BACK IN SESSION

Once again, it promises to be an exciting year in the Mariemont City School District! Plans are being finalized for the new elementary school building and construction should begin soon. Our schools continue to receive the "Excellence with Distinction" rating by the State of Ohio and our students continue to excel on their proficiency tests and in all their studies. We are continuing to work on getting the left-turn signal in on Wooster Pike at Pocahontas Avenue. The project should be completed in early October. Until then, please use extra caution at that intersection and remember to watch out for the kids walking to and from school. We want our children's safety to be rated as excellent, too!

## LET'S TALK TRASH

With the budget so tight, the Health & Recreation Committee of Council has had to take a long, hard look at ways to cut costs and increase income to the Village. They have been forced to make some tough decisions, including layoffs and other common sense cutbacks that do not cut services. Meanwhile, costs continue to climb, including the cost of trash collection. Because of that, Council has made the choice to increase waste collection fees and the cost of trash stickers. Effective in October or November, the cost of trash stickers will increase from \$1.00 each to \$2.00 each. (Trash stickers purchased before the cost increase will be like the post office's 'forever stamps'. You can use them just as you would a \$2.00 sticker.) Effective January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2011, the annual waste collection fee will go up to \$75 for detached dwellings, including townhouses, and to \$45 for attached dwellings, such as individual units in an apartment building. The Health & Recreation Committee (Chairman Jeff Andrews, Co-Chair Cortney Scheeser & Member Kim Sullivan) will be meeting in the very near future to determine what size can will be permissible.

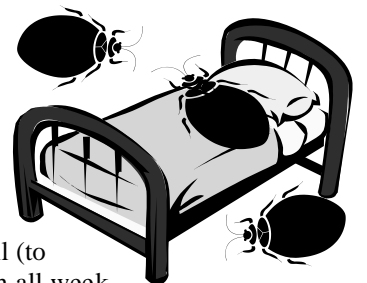


## MORE TRASH TALK

One way residents can decrease their own costs for trash collection – and increase the Village's revenue – is to recycle as much as possible. The more you recycle, the fewer trash cans you will fill up and the fewer \$2.00 stickers you will have to use. Additionally, the Village receives funds from the Hamilton County Residential Recycling Incentive program based on the percentage of waste we recycle. For the first half of this year, we recycled 232.90 tons, which was 29.72% of the total trash collected in the Village. That ranks us as #5 on the list of Hamilton County communities for the best recycling rates. We are doing a good job, but let's try to do even better!

## BEDBUGS & DISPOSAL OF FURNITURE – THE LAW!

A recent article in Time Magazine ranked the Cincinnati area as the "Bedbug Capital of the U.S.!" We must do our part to control this infestation. That is why Rumpke must strictly adhere to Hamilton County's regulation that all mattresses, sofas, and other upholstered items must be wrapped in plastic before they are set out at the curb for Rumpke to pick up. If you have a mattress or upholstered item to get rid of, we suggest that you buy an inexpensive plastic painter's tarp and use it to wrap the item. Anything that is not wrapped in plastic will not be picked up. If you have any questions about this regulation, please call the Village office at 271-3246. Effective immediately, any resident who places a mattress or other such item out for pick up and fails to wrap it in plastic will (to be fair) receive one warning before receiving a citation. Our citizens should not have to look at trash all week while waiting for people to follow the law and wrap the item(s) in plastic.



## 9/11 MEMORIAL SERVICE

In partnership with the Village Church of Mariemont and their pastor, Todd Keyes, the Mariemont Police and Fire Departments will hold a memorial service on Saturday, September 11<sup>th</sup>, to remember those who lost their lives in the 2001 attacks on the World Trade Center, the Pentagon and United Airlines Flight 93, which crashed in Shanksville, PA. The service will be held outside the Municipal Building on the Fire Department driveway, starting at 9:00 a.m. and will include a lowering of the flag to half-staff, an inspirational message from Pastor Keyes, and recognition of the tri-state residents who perished in the attacks. All residents are encouraged to attend to show support for our country and to demonstrate that we remain united in our commitment to freedom for all.

## OUT DO BARBEQUE

The Mariemont Civic Association and Woman's Art Club of Cincinnati will be hosting a Southern Style barbeque at the Resthaven Barn on Saturday, September 18<sup>th</sup>, from 6:30 to 10:00 p.m. This fund-raising event will feature fantastic entertainment and both a live and a silent auction. The menu includes barbecue, cornbread, baked beans, coleslaw and dessert. Casual dress is the style for the evening. Cost for the event is \$20 per person. Please R.S.V.P. by September 13<sup>th</sup> with check made payable to the Mariemont Civic Association and mailed to Mrs. Joseph Miller, 6989 Bramble Hill Drive, Mariemont, Ohio 45227. For additional information, you may contact Jane McDonald or Diana Taylor of the Woman's Art Club of Cincinnati Foundation at 272-3700.



### **FIRST ANNUAL WARRIOR RUN**

The first annual Warrior Run will be held on Saturday, October 16<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 5:00 p.m. in the Village of Mariemont. This 5K Run will coincide with the Jim Miller Memorial Mile Walk and will benefit the Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center Surviving the Teens program. Created by Cincinnati Children's Hospital, Surviving the Teens helps to provide information, resources and support on teen mental health problems to help guide teens and families through the ups and downs faced by today's adolescents. The race starts at the Bell Tower Park, located at the corner of Wooster Pike and Pleasant Street, and runs through the Village, ending back at the Bell Tower. The race will be followed by a night of food, soft drinks, music and games for the family. For the 5K Run participants, the first 50 men and 50 women crossing the finish line will receive a special Warrior Run commemorative water bottle, as will the first 25 Jim Miller Memorial Mile participants. Everyone who registers for the race will receive a race t-shirt, parking, a goody bag and admittance to the after-race party. You may pre-register on line before October 13<sup>th</sup> at [www.cincywarriorrun.org](http://www.cincywarriorrun.org) or mail your form and entrance fee, postmarked by Saturday, October 9<sup>th</sup>, to Warrior Run, 6715 Hammerstone Way, Mariemont, Ohio 45227. Cost for those who pre-register is \$25 for the 5K Run and after-party, \$20 for the 1 Mile Walk and after-party, and \$10 to attend just the after-party. Runners may also register the day of the race, beginning at 3:30 p.m. Cost for race day registration is \$30 for the 5K Run and after-party and \$25 for the 1 Mile Walk and after-party. Since parking at the Bell Tower is very limited, everyone is asked to park in the empty lot located at 3650 Red Bank Expressway. Free bus shuttles to the race will be provided, but please allow for extra time. Should you have any questions or need additional information, please go to [jmiller21@cinci.rr.com](mailto:jmiller21@cinci.rr.com) or call 271-5559. You may also call Steve Prescott, Race Manager, at 777-1080.



### **MOBILE MAMMOGRAM SERVICE**

National Breast Cancer Awareness Month is an annual health campaign organized by major breast cancer charities every October to increase awareness of the disease and to raise funds for research into its cause, prevention and cure. Breast Cancer Awareness Month is also a prime opportunity to remind women to be breast aware for earlier detection. One of the best methods of early detection is a mammogram. In conjunction with National Breast Cancer Awareness Month, the Mariemont Theatre has arranged for a mobile mammography unit to offer services in the Village on **Saturday, October 30<sup>th</sup>, from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.** at the Village Square. To sign up, call 956-3729, press Option #2 and then Option #1. Thanks to the Mariemont Theatre for arranging for the mammography van and for making this method of early detection so convenient for our women residents.

### **NEW GRILLS AT ANN BUNTIN BECKER PARK**

The grills have been installed at Ann Buntin Becker Park and are already being enjoyed by residents of the area. With the shelter and the grills at the park, this is the perfect place for a family cook-out or a sports team get-together, a Scouts party or a child's birthday party. We will soon be adding a 6' slide to the park to go with the swings that have already been installed and will continue to improve Ann Buntin Becker Park as the budget allows.



### **LT. RICK VAN PELT RETIRES**

After more than 30 years with the Village of Mariemont Police Department, Lt. Rick Van Pelt retired on August 13<sup>th</sup>. Rick was presented with a proclamation thanking him for his excellent service to the Village and received the Don Shanks Award for Service. After graduating from Withrow, serving in the U.S. Marine Corps and completing the Norwood Police Academy program, Lt. Van Pelt spent his entire law enforcement career with the Village, starting in June of 1980. He was promoted to Lieutenant in October 2001 and served as the third shift commander for the last nine years of his career. Lt. Van Pelt, who is the husband of Village Administrative Assistant Joanee Van Pelt, said he will miss all the residents he has come to know so well. We wish Rick all the best as he enjoys his retirement.

### **EMERY PARK CONDOS**

Demolition of the three apartment buildings on Madisonville Road and the one on West Street has been completed to make way for the construction of the Emery Park Condominiums. The official ground-breaking for this new development was held on August 31<sup>st</sup> and much of the excavation for the foundation has already been done. Developer Rick Griewe hopes that the construction of Emery Park goes as smoothly as Jordon Park Condominiums did. Jordon Park is almost completely sold out and Mr. Griewe has already sold some of the Emery Park units.



### **SUPPORTING OUR LOCAL BUSINESSES**

It is no secret that the economy is still sagging and it has left some of our local merchants struggling. We are fortunate to have such a wonderful group of small businesses offering unique merchandise and services. It would be a shame to lose any of them, especially due to lack of support from the community. To remind residents of the local stores available to them, I would like to feature a different business in each bulletin. This month's featured business is **The Sweeterie**. Opened in the spring of 2009 on the upper level of the Strand, The Sweeterie specializes in decorative cupcakes, cutout cookies and seasonal candies – great for parties, baby showers, holidays or other special events. The Sweeterie is owned by Susan Woodard-Knabb, who attended school in Mariemont and has been in the pastry business for over 16 years. For hours or other information – or to order treats for your next get-together – call Susan at 271-7444. Remember that by supporting our local businesses, you are supporting our entire community.

### **SOME FINAL NOTES**

- We are still getting complaints about people not cleaning up after their dogs. It is the responsibility of every dog owner to make sure they remove all their dogs' waste. Not only is this unsightly, but it is also unhealthy, especially for our children.
- Please DO NOT feed your animals outside, and please do not feed any wildlife "people food". The only exception to feeding wildlife is feeding birds with the use of a birdfeeder. Feeding animals outside draws raccoons, possum, and rats. We want to keep these disease-carrying pests out of the Village. Please do not invite them in with an easy meal!
- Another way to discourage rats, raccoons and possum is to make sure each trash can is sealed with a tight-fitting lid. This is not just a recommendation. This is a Village ordinance. Please obey this law for the health and safety of all residents.

Sincerely,

*Dan Policastro*  
Dan Policastro, Mayor