



# Village of Mariemont

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MAYOR'S BULLETIN

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As you know, the Kroger store on Wooster Pike closed on March 14<sup>th</sup> for some major redesign and remodeling. They are projecting a reopening later this year in late July or early August. When they do reopen their doors, we are told we will have an even better store, with more departments and more selections. Until then, residents will probably find themselves shopping at the Kroger stores in Madeira, Hyde Park, and Kenwood, or the Walmart store on Red Bank Road. Don't worry about where you will get your **Trash Stickers**. They can be purchased at The Villager, MariElders, at the Village office during regular office hours or at the Walgreens store on Wooster Pike at Walton Creek.



MariElders is offering transportation to its members to alternate shopping locations. To take advantage of this service, members must go to the MariElders Center to get a ride to the store. On Wednesdays at 1:00, the van goes to the Milford Kroger store. On Thursdays at 9:30, it will go to the Madeira Kroger store and at 1:00, to Walmart. On Friday, another trip will be made to the Milford store. Members will be taken home after they have completed their shopping.

**REMINDER:** With warmer weather upon us, raccoons and other pests will be roaming in search of easy pickings to eat. Please make sure all trash can lids fit tightly and are secure. Not only is a loose-fitting lid a violation of our codes, it will encourage the critters to come back again and again, which is something we do not want to happen.

## **CLARENCE ERICKSON SHELTER DAMAGED**

For several years, Village residents worked with the Mariemont Recreation Association and Council to develop a plan and find funding for a shelter at Dogwood Park. Once a plan was agreed upon, the family of the late Clarence Erickson provided most of the money needed to make the long-awaited shelter a reality. The Village has received nothing but compliments about the design and benefits of having a shelter at the park. Many families have used it for birthday parties and picnics. It was something we could all be very proud of, but recently, vandals broke out approximately 250 of the balusters in the railing around the shelter. Tables and walls were sprayed with graffiti. Repairing the broken and bent balusters and cleaning the graffiti will be both expensive and time-consuming. It is really a shame that vandals have damaged an area that is there for the enjoyment of all. Please help us keep this type of behavior from happening again and call 911 immediately if you see anyone involved in any suspicious behavior at this or any other location in the Village.



Bent Balusters



Railing with Missing Balusters



Bent & Broken Balusters

## **TREE CITY USA**

We are happy to announce that the Village of Mariemont has been designated as a Tree City USA community for the 19<sup>th</sup> year! This is a measure of the hard work of our volunteers, the Parks Advisory Board, and, of course, our Service Department. We were especially happy to receive the award this year as we have really battled Mother Nature the past few seasons – first with a drought, then with Hurricane Ike and now with the Emerald Ash Borer. We are fortunate not to have lost a large number of our mature trees as other communities have. While we will be removing more ash trees over the next few years, we have a plan in place that will allow us to replace the trees that come down with heartier species. Don't forget that you are welcome and encouraged to donate trees to the Mayor's Tree Farm. However, please do not plant any trees on Village property and/or as a memorial without consulting with the Parks Advisory Board.



## **ARBOR DAY**

One of the many requirements for the Tree City USA award is hosting a celebration and planting a tree for Arbor Day. This year we will be planting a dogwood tree near the Jim Miller Memorial Bench next to the Bell Tower. The ceremony will take place on Friday, April 30<sup>th</sup>, at 4:00 p.m. Hope to see you there!

## **ASH BORER UPDATE**

As you may recall, the October 2009 issue of the Mayor's Bulletin stated that Service Dept. Superintendent, John Scherpenberg, had identified 98 trees on Center Street, Wooster Pike islands and Beech Street as being in the heaviest Emerald Ash Borer infected areas of the Village. In an attempt to save the trees, we treated them about three years ago when we first found out about the ash borers with an insecticide bullet – a method in which a hole is drilled in the tree and an insecticide bullet is shot into the hole. This treatment had little to no effect on the ash borers. At our request, foresters

from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) inspected the trees and indicated they would all die eventually and said that treating the trees when there is such a strong infestation is not effective in saving the trees. About all it does is delay the inevitable and can be very costly. ODNR stated our trees would have to be treated two to three times per year, with each round of treatment costing approximately \$16,000. The treatment would have to continue for the life of each tree and is not guaranteed to save a tree's life. It was determined that removing and replacing the trees would be far less expensive and would result in healthy trees that would last for many years. Residents of Center Street became very active regarding this issue and consulted a tree service themselves. That tree service confirmed everything Mr. Scherpenberg and the ODNR representatives had stated. The Center Street residents said they would like to see all the infected trees on Center Street removed at one time. The removal of ash trees on Center Street began last week and 14 trees in the island on Wooster Pike between the Mariemont Inn and the doctors' offices will come down next week. The Ohio Utilities Protection Service will come in and mark the location of utility lines and the stumps will then be taken out right away. We will replace the trees on Wooster Pike as quickly as possible with heartier species. While it is tough to see all the beautiful old trees come down, the numerous meetings, consultations, cost analysis and studies told us this is what is in the best interest of the Village, both as a way of saving dollars and improving the status of our trees in the future. Thanks to Council's good planning, this expense was included in the budget and will not create an unforeseen shortfall of funds. We will keep you updated as things progress.

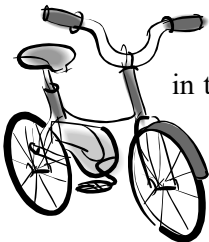
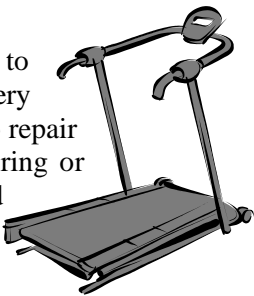


**VILLAGE GARAGE SALE**

This year's village-wide garage sale has been set for Saturday, May 15<sup>th</sup>, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. An ad will be placed in the Enquirer and signs will be placed at the east and west entrances to the Village on Wooster Pike to announce the date and time. All residents are welcome to participate for the entire time or for any part of the day they prefer. Some neighbors have found it helpful to combine their sale items, set up in one location and work in shifts during the day. This garage sale has been very successful in previous years and we anticipate a big turn-out again this year. Please call the office with any questions.

**TREADMILL NEEDED**

Several years ago, our Fire Department was able to secure a donated treadmill that has been used to help keep members of both the Fire and Police Departments physically fit. Their fitness is very important because of the demands of their jobs. Recently, that treadmill stopped working. Quotes to repair it were more than the cost of a new one. With all the budget cuts we are trying to make, repairing or replacing the treadmill would be tough. If there is anyone in the Village who has a treadmill in good working condition that they just don't need any longer, our police officers and firefighters could certainly use it. Anyone interested in donating a treadmill to the Village should contact me through the Village office at 271-3246.

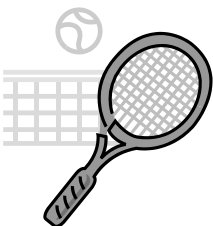


**NEED A BIKE?**

The Mariemont Civic Association would like to thank those who donated bicycles following our request in the last Mayor's Bulletin. We received several donations – some in very good condition – and now are ready to start distributing them to those children in need of one. If you have a child or know of a child who needs a bike but cannot afford one, please call Dennis Wolter at 271-1155 or contact me through the Village office at 271-3246 or at my insurance business in-home office at 561-2619.

**TENNIS PROGRAM**

This year, all Village residents are invited to take part in a new program at the tennis courts. Saturday Men's Tennis will begin on May 1<sup>st</sup> at 8:00 a.m. Anyone wishing to participate should contact George Peck to let him know you plan to attend. His e-mail is [gpeck@one.net](mailto:gpeck@one.net).



**MEN'S SOFTBALL**

A team sport available to those who are a little beyond their youth is the Mariemont Men's Softball League. Games are played Sunday afternoons, starting the end of May and lasting through July. Anyone interested in being a part of this fun and entertaining league should fill out the form below and return it to the Mayor's office by April 30, 2010. You may drop it off or mail it to 6907 Wooster Pike, Mariemont, Ohio 45227. If you have any questions, please feel free to call 271-3246. **If you are already on a team from last year, you do not have to return this form.** Your manager will contact you. New members will be contacted in early May with full details.

Sincerely,  
  
Dan Policastro, Mayor

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SOFTBALL REGISTRATION  
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Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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If you are an experienced umpire and would like to umpire any games for fun, please give your name:  
\_\_\_\_\_ and phone number: \_\_\_\_\_.