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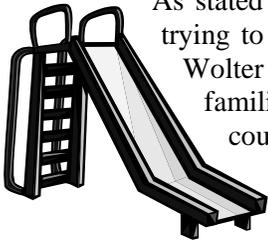


MEMORIAL DAY PARADE – MAY 31ST

This year's annual Memorial Day Parade will begin with participants lining up in front of the Parish Center at 8:00 a.m., with the parade beginning at 8:30. The route will move east to the Municipal Building, where the Outstanding Citizen of the Year will be announced. The parade will then move west on Wooster Pike to the Memorial Cemetery. Immediately following the parade, the Mariemont Civic Association members will host a coffee and donut sale on the steps of the Parish Center. **Your support of the coffee and donut sale is especially important this year.** Proceeds will

be used to purchase a commercial-grade slide for Ann Buntin Becker Park. As you know, we are involved in a lawsuit brought against the Village by John Altman. Village recreation funds must be held back this year until we find out the total legal fees for this lawsuit. Those costs have already totaled \$1,400.00 and we are just getting started. In the meantime, improvements to our parks will have to come through funds raised by the efforts of volunteers, such as the coffee and donut sale.

ANN BUNTIN BECKER PARK



As stated above, we are doing all we can to improve Ann Buntin Becker Park. In addition to trying to get a new slide for the northeast corner of the park this year, Councilman Dennis Wolter is working with volunteers to add grills to the park, making it a great place for families to play and picnic. The swings and skateboard equipment that were installed a couple of years ago have started drawing people back to the park and we want to continue to make this area a fun and safe space for children to spend time.



DOGS & CATS RUNNING LOOSE

We have received several complaints lately about dogs and cats running loose in the Village. Not only is this unsafe for the pets, it is in violation of a Village ordinance. Let's obey the law and keep our pets safe. Also, if you want to feed birds and/or squirrels in your yard, please provide them ONLY with food that is meant for them and do so in a designated feeder. DO NOT feed them 'people food' and do not throw table scraps on the ground for them. Not only is this bad for the health of the animals, but food thrown onto the ground can draw raccoons and other unwanted pests. Right now, we have the rodent problem under control. Please do all you can to keep the Village safe and beautiful.



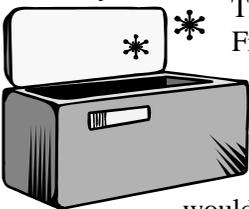
NEW TREES BEING PLANTED

As you know, we have planted the new trees along Center Street and Wooster Pike to replace those that were removed due to the Emerald Ash Borer infestation. Mr. Dan Spinnenweber generously donated money to place 4 1/2" caliber trees along the island by the Village Square and the trees planted on Center Street seem to be doing well. Thanks to Parks Advisory Board Member Eric Marsland, we will be getting 30 American Chestnut trees next month. This species of tree became extinct in Ohio almost 80 years ago, due to a fungus that destroyed the root systems. A new heartier species is now available and seems to be doing well in forest areas that have been replanted. If you know of a Village right of way space that would be a good home to one of these Chestnut trees, please let us know, especially if you are willing to water and nurture the tree. We want to help bring the American Chestnut back to Hamilton County and the Village of Mariemont. As we lose one species of tree (ash), we can help to restore another.

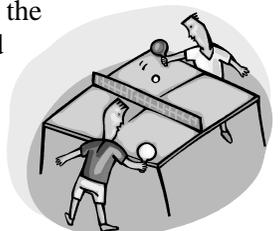


American Chestnut Tree

* FREEZER NEEDED AT POOL



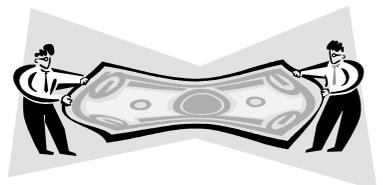
Thanks to all who so generously offered to donate a treadmill when we told you the Fire Department needed one. Now, the swimming pool needs a freezer in good working condition. The one we had there has quit working and without it, the concession stand will not be able to offer ice cream or chilled candy bars this year. They are also looking for a ping pong table. So once again, we are asking for your help! If you have a freezer or a ping pong table you



would like to donate to the swimming pool, please contact the Village office at 271-3246, Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

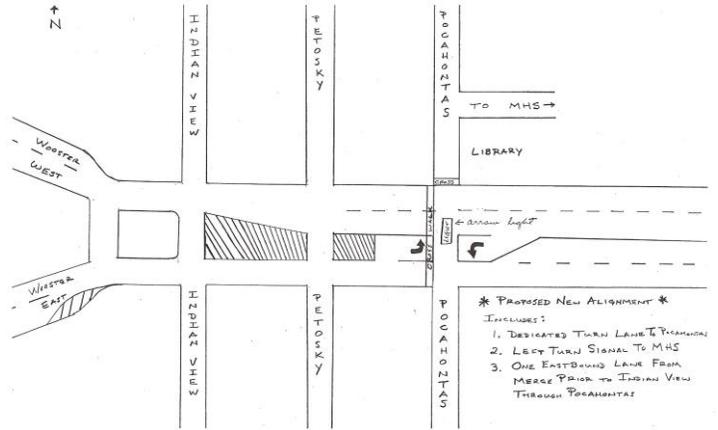
FROM THE TAX DEPARTMENT

Tax Administrator Darlene Judd and Assistant Debbie Combs want to thank all of those who filed their taxes on time AND remembered to include all necessary forms. If you failed to include a form, you will receive a letter from the Tax Department, notifying you of the form(s) you need to submit. Please respond to this request as quickly as possible, to prevent the Tax Department from having to incur the cost of sending out follow-up notices. We need to stretch our dollars and this is one way residents can really help!



LEFT TURN LANE ON WOOSTER PIKE

After several meetings and much persuasion, we have finally received approval from ODOT to have a left-turn lane installed on Wooster Pike at Pocahontas Avenue. As you may remember, we have had several accidents at this location, which is especially concerning since this is the route most of our high school students take each day. The diagram at the right shows what the new configuration will be. Village Engineer Chris Ertel is working on the project and hopes the left-turn lane will be put in before next school year starts. After Safety Committee Chairman Dennis Wolter and I went back and forth with Hans Jindal, Deputy Director of District 8 for ODOT, we came to an agreement to meet at the site with our State Representative



Ron Maag and District 34 State Representative Peter Stautberg. As a result, we now have the OK to put the arrow light in, plus permission was given to make the speed limit 25 MPH on Wooster Pike throughout the Village. A big thanks to Representatives Maag and Stautberg for giving the Village a few hours out of their important day to make our young high school drivers a little safer. Also, thanks goes to Safety Committee Chairman, Dennis Wolters, School Superintendent Paul Imhoff, Police/Fire Chief Rick Hines, Doug Adams and Ron Mahorney.

THEY'RE BACK!



Some residents have reported seeing signs of the tent caterpillars again this year. These are the leaf-eating insects that build a tent-like nest in trees and can do a lot of damage. Over the past few years, we have battled these pests and have them on the run. We would like to keep it that way. If you see evidence of a tent caterpillar nest in your yard, please contact John Scherpenberg in the Service Department. If we can reach the tent, we will spray it with an insecticide to rid us of the caterpillars now and to hopefully keep them out in the future. John's office number is 272-5741.

PAPER BAGS FOR YARD WASTE

Another item you can find at the hardware store (or at Kroger) is a paper bag made for the disposal of yard waste. It has come to our attention that when yard waste is set out in the clear plastic bags, Rumpke tears the bags open, dumps the yard waste and throws the bag away. Those bags are not recycling! If yard waste is in one of the paper bags made for that purpose, the bag and the yard waste can both go into the landfill together. The Village has been working very hard to be an environmentally conscience community. Using the paper bags instead of plastic ones will go a long way in this effort.

DELL STRINGFIELD CELEBRATES 90TH BIRTHDAY

On May 4th, Dell Stringfield celebrated her 90th birthday. Mrs. Stringfield has lived in the Village for more than 50 of those years. Always active in the community, she was involved in several organizations including the Daughters of the American Revolution, MariElders, and the Mariemont Community Church, where a stained-glass window she created still adorns the Parish Center. As a member of the church, she was the coordinator for weddings, director for the alter boys and a Sunday School teacher. She worked at Mariemont polling locations, and was the American Field Service contact at Mariemont High School, sponsoring a foreign exchange student from Iran during the 1968-1969 school year. I was pleased to present her with a proclamation recognizing her special day.



INDEPENDENCE DAY FIREWORKS



Can you believe it's already time to start planning for our Annual Independence Day Fireworks celebration? This year the fireworks show will be held on Monday, July 5th, starting around 10:00 p.m., at the Bell Tower. Once again, the fireworks will be combined with patriotic music from the Carillon performed by Richard Gegner. For safety reasons and to reduce traffic congestion in the area, Pleasant Street will be closed from Wooster Pike to Mariemont Avenue, beginning at 9:00 p.m. Everyone is asked to walk to the park. If you must drive, please park in the Dale Park school parking lot. There are to be no alcoholic beverages at the event. Our Police Officers will be on duty during the fireworks and all alcoholic beverages will be confiscated. Residents should not bring any fireworks of any kind. *As in the past, we really need your financial assistance to fund this event. Any amount you would like to donate would be appreciated and can be mailed to the Village office.*

ALTMAN LAWSUIT

In the next issue, I will give an update on the status of the lawsuit.

Sincerely,

Dan Policastro
Dan Policastro, Mayor