



# Village of Mariemont

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MAYOR'S BULLETIN

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## **RANDY YORK NAMED AS OUTSTANDING CITIZEN**

At the Memorial Day Parade, it was announced that Randy York had been selected as the Outstanding Citizen of the Year for 2011. Randy's contributions to the Village are numerous, and include serving as the Editor for the *Town Crier* for 16 years and as a contributing writer for three years. He also coached soccer for eight years, youth baseball for 14 years, and elementary school basketball for two years. Randy has been a manager in the Men's Softball League for 12 years and was one of the founders of the Jim Miller Memorial Run. Randy and his wife, Mary Beth, have lived in the Village for 25 years and raised their three children here. The Village appreciates all Randy has done for the Village and especially for the young people in our community.

## **BEAUTIFICATION AWARD WINNER ANNOUNCED**

The winner of the first annual Townhouse Landscaping Beautification contest was announced after the Memorial Day Parade. This year's winner was Mary Ann Schwartz of 6615 Chestnut Street, with Karen Koetzle of 3865 Beech Street coming in second. Mary Ann received a membership to the Mariemont Community Pool and Karen Koetzle received a gift card to Kroger. Other winners were Mike Calvin, 6713 Murray (3<sup>rd</sup> place), Britton Martin, 6749 Murray (4<sup>th</sup> place), Shirley Jordan, 6645 Murray (5<sup>th</sup> place), and Stephanie Brown-Eversole, 6729 Maple (6<sup>th</sup> place). There were quite a few participants this year and they all did an amazing job! We hope to have even more contestants next year. Thanks to our sponsors who donated some great prizes: Bob McGraw, Krogers, Flip Daddy's, Mariemont Theatre, Tycoon Harry's, National Exemplar and Unique U Wellness and Weight Loss.

## **ESSAY CONTEST WINNERS NAMED**

Each year, the Kiwanis Club of Mariemont sponsors a contest for Memorial Day essays written by elementary school students within the Mariemont School District. This year's winner from Mariemont Elementary School was Taylor Powers, daughter of Kevin & Val Powers. The runner-up was Gus Haffner, son of Paul and Karri Haffner. Each of the students read their essays at the Memorial Day Parade and received a Letter of Appreciation from the Mayor's Office. These students' essays remind us each year the real meaning of our Memorial Day celebrations which is to honor those who gave their lives defending our freedom.

## **MARIEMONT CIVIC ASSOCIATION**



Thanks to the many residents who visited the donut sale after the parade, the Mariemont Civic Association raised over \$400 to use for various causes throughout the Village. Recently, the civic association donated \$589 for the purchase of a plaque that will be mounted to a boulder to mark an historic site in the Village where a trolley platform was once located. From a set of steps that led up to the trolley platform, just a couple of steps remain along Rembold Avenue near Petoskey. The Civic Association also contributed \$500 to this year's Destination Imagination teams to help with the travel expenses for the kids to go to the Global Tournament in Nashville. Since its formation in early 2009, the Mariemont Civic Association has had an important and positive impact on the Village, helping those in need in whatever way it can. Please support the Civic Association in

these good causes by purchasing a raffle ticket for "A Night in Mariemont". The top prize includes dinner at the Quarter, two tickets to the Mariemont Theatre, a night at the Mariemont Inn, and breakfast at the National Exemplar. The second place prize is a Major League baseball signed by Cincinnati Reds Manager Dusty Baker. To find out how to purchase tickets, please call me at 561-2619. **Thanks to Kroger for donating donuts and juice and to Pat Wynn of The Coffee Shop on Wooster for donating the coffee and supplies for the coffee and donut sale!**



What remains of steps that led to the trolley platform.

## **DESTINATION IMAGINATION**

Mariemont Elementary School had the distinct honor this year of being able to send *two* teams from fifth grade to the Destination Imagination Global Tournament in Nashville. One team, "The Crummy Cookies" competed in the Improvisational category, while the other team, "The Oily Foily Scientists" competed in the Structural Engineering category. Each team earned the right to compete at the Global Tournament by winning their respective divisions at the Regional Tournament in March. At the Global Tournament, The Crummy Cookies finished 10<sup>th</sup> out of 78 teams and The Oily Foily Scientists finished 21<sup>st</sup> out of 79 teams. Congratulations to all the students who participated and to their teachers and parents for their guidance. Again, thanks to the Civic Association for donating \$500 to help pay for the travel expenses to Nashville.



## **DONATIONS NEEDED FOR FIREWORKS**

The annual fireworks show will be on Monday, July 4<sup>th</sup>, starting just after dark, around 9:30 PM. As is the tradition, 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. Residents should not bring any fireworks of any kind. ***This year, more than ever, 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 at 6907 Wooster Pike, Mariemont, OH 45227.***



## **ADULT POOL PARTY**

This season's first adult pool party will take place Saturday, June 25<sup>th</sup> from 6-11PM. The cost is \$15 per person, which includes a dinner of filet mignon, brats, and special sauces. Guests may bring their own alcoholic beverages. You need not be a member of the pool to attend. All Village residents and their guests are welcome. Payment can be made at the pool, with checks payable to Don Slavik. Everyone attending must sign up at the pool by Friday, June 24<sup>th</sup>.

With the warmer weather, more thieves are out looking for an easy target. Don't be a victim! The Mariemont Police Department and the Neighborhood Watch Group want to remind you to not to leave valuables in your car and make sure your car is locked. Leaving outside lights on will also deter thieves. If you should see any suspicious activity, please call the Police Department at 271-4089 or call 911 for an emergency response.



#### **BELL TOWER CONCERTS HAVE BEGUN**

A long-standing tradition in the Village will continue this summer with the carillon concerts occurring every Sunday evening at 7 PM and on the July 4<sup>th</sup> and Labor Day holidays at 2 PM. When all is quiet, many residents are able to enjoy the concerts from their own backyards. It would be appreciated if residents living near the Bell Tower could refrain from using lawnmowers, leaf blowers, and other noisy equipment during the concerts so the wonderful music can be heard. Also, thanks goes out to carillonneur Richard Gegner for his many years of service to the Village.

#### **ARBOR DAY & TREE CITY USA CELEBRATIONS**

The Village of Mariemont celebrated Arbor Day 2011 on April 29<sup>th</sup> with the planting of two maple trees on Maple Street. The Village continues enhancing their urban forestry program as well as replacing those trees lost to the Emerald Ash Borer. Earlier in the month, John Scherpenberg, Village of Mariemont Service Dept. Superintendent, accepted the award from Ohio Department of Natural Resources Representative, Wendi Van Buren, for the Village's 20<sup>th</sup> year as a Tree City USA community.



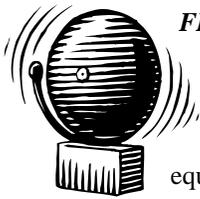
Father Robisch, Mayor Policastro, Rev. Keyes & Developer Rick Greiwe.

#### **EMERY PARK CONDOMINIUM CONSTRUCTION PROGRESSING ON SCHEDULE**

In a construction ritual dating back more than 1300 years, Greiwe Development Group and its partners, North American Properties and Sibcy Cline Realtors, celebrated the "Topping Out" of Emery Park, marking the stage in the construction when the building is declared "under roof". April 27<sup>th</sup> was proclaimed as Emery Park Condominium Day in the Village. Reverend Todd Keyes, Senior Pastor of the Village Church of Mariemont provided a traditional blessing for the building. Father David Robisch, who was a resident when the Village was first incorporated in 1941 and who remains a resident today, reflected on the rich history and growth of the Village, saying the celebration of Emery Park was one of new growth and development in the community that pays homage to Mary Emery's original vision.

#### **GIRLS VARSITY LACROSSE PLAYERS COMPETE AT STATE**

With an overall season record of 15 wins and only 3 losses, the Mariemont High School Girl's Varsity Lacrosse team headed on to Cleveland to play against Hathaway Brown High School in the State Championships. It was a hard-fought game, but the Lady Warriors came up just one point short, when Hathaway Brown took the game with a score of 14 to 13. Even so, these young ladies deserve congratulations for a great season! Members of the team include Katie Miller, Elizabeth Keller, Stephanie Jones, Leigh Fisher, Madison Saffin, Mara Cohan, Alice Barnes, Adienne Bruggeman, Emily Moreton, Elizabeth McCracken, Ally Howe, Sarah Bessey, Peyton Coates, Emma Brittingham, Polly Brittingham, Mari Mileham, Katherine Kemper, Kayla Roberts, and Kendall Hardin. Congratulations also go out to the coaches, Kevin Ferry, Scott Cottrell and Julie Morgan. Thanks for a wonderful season! The Village is very proud of these young ladies!

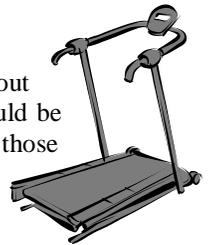


#### **FIRE DEPARTMENT WORKING HARD TO SAVE MONEY**

Due to changes in the Hamilton County's emergency warning system, the Village is being required to upgrade our in-house alarm system. This is the system by which the fire department is alerted to fires and/or medical emergencies in the Village and/or assistance needed by those departments for which we provide mutual aid. To save the Village about \$2000 of the cost of the new system, the Fire Department has done all the wiring necessary for the new equipment to be installed.

#### **FIREMEN NEED ANOTHER TREADMILL**

Our firefighters must be among the fittest guys around, or at least you would think so by the way they wear out treadmills. We are hoping a resident has a good, **heavy-duty** treadmill they no longer want or use that they would be willing to donate to our Fire Department. The last time we made this request, we received several responses, but those treadmills that we were able to use have given out under the heavy use by the many employees of the department. If you would like to donate a treadmill, please call the Village office at 271-3246. Also, thanks to all of those who donated pots for the pool and tree farm.

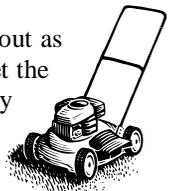


#### **COYOTES IN THE VILLAGE**

Coyotes have been spotted in the Village. Recently, one small dog was attacked and seriously injured. Fortunately, the dog will be OK, but the attack should serve as a warning to all pet owners to use extra caution when walking a dog or leaving a pet in the yard. Most of the sightings of coyotes have been in the area around the South 80, but residents throughout the Village should be on guard. Parents should warn small children not to approach any strange animal. Coyotes can often be mistaken as a dog, especially by children, who might try to pet the "doggy". Please **DO NOT** feed your pets outside and make sure the lids on all trash cans are secure. We certainly do not want to encourage the coyotes to venture any deeper into the Village.

#### **REMINDER - DON'T THROW THAT LAWNMOWER OUT**

We want to remind you again not to set your old, unwanted lawnmower or other gas-powered lawn care equipment out as trash. Instead, call Mike Ring at 288-7714 or e-mail him at [pickup@cinci.rr.com](mailto:pickup@cinci.rr.com). Arrangements will be made to get the equipment, refurbish it and donate it to those who cannot afford to purchase such items. Two residents have already taken advantage of this great program. Mike can also tune-up your mower at a reasonable cost, so if your mower is running rough, give him a call.



***Don't forget to pay your annual waste collection fee due on July 1<sup>st</sup>.***

Sincerely,

*Dan Policastro*

Dan Policastro, Mayor