



Village of Mariemont

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DALE PARK SCHOOL SURVEY

The Town Crier will be including a survey in their next issue asking for residents to give their opinions about possible uses for Dale Park School when it is vacated by the school district. One of the considerations had been for the Village to purchase and remodel the building as a community center. Unfortunately, after looking into the expense to convert the building for that purpose, we have realized the cost to our taxpayers would be too high. The building is almost 90 years old and needs extensive updating. It would then need to be reconfigured to serve as a community and activity center. We would need to remove the asbestos and any mold. According to the feasibility study done by CR Architecture and Design, we would need a 6 mil levy to repair, restore and remodel the building. We would then have the cost of operating the center. With utilities, insurance, upkeep and the need to hire a manager, a janitorial service, and a recreation director, we would need to pass a levy to cover the operational costs. It is estimated this would be a 3 mil levy. The two levies would put a total tax burden on citizens of approximately 9 mils. In this economy, we cannot ask residents to assume that debt. There is no doubt in my mind that if we work together, a purpose for Dale Park School will be found and this historic building will be saved. It is, of course, the School Board's decision as to the best buyer for the building, but we will work with the board to find an investor who also wants to save and restore the school building.

WEST STREET PARKING PLAN REVISED



After several meetings attended by Joe Miller, who is the Chairman of the Planning, Zoning and Economic Development Committee of Council, Mariemont City Schools, and Spinnenweber Builders, it does not seem feasible for the Village to go through with the West Street parking plan that had been proposed. The cost to the Village would simply be too high at a time when we are trying so hard to keep expenses down. However, we have not given up on adding more parking spaces. Chairman Miller and I are working with the School Board to allow for the lot at the elementary school to be used for public parking *during non-school* hours. When combined with other parking spaces we have already added, the school lot would provide us with approximately 90 parking places to serve the patrons of our businesses around the Village Square.

DETAILED EXPENSES REQUESTED

Included in the packets each Council person receives for the regular Council meetings is a list of bills to be paid. At the Council meeting on April 9th, Council asked for more details on miscellaneous expenses for purchases made from such places Staples, Sam's Club, KOI Auto Parts, Ace Hardware, and Bailey's Hardware. An article in the Eastern Hills Journal on this subject did not give all the facts. These expenses, which are usually listed as miscellaneous parts, supplies, and materials, are made up of purchases that have been by the different departments of the Village. Department heads OK these purchases beforehand and review the receipts before turning them in for payment. They can be for something as small as a few screws to something as large as a vehicle part. The receipts are filed in the Village Office for the State Auditors or anyone else who would like to review them. The way these expenses are listed is nothing new. What is new is the fact that the Fire Department is now doing the bulk of the maintenance at the Municipal Building as well as the majority of the vehicle maintenance and repairs for the Police Department fleet and Fire Department apparatus. This has caused an increase in the amount we pay to hardware and auto parts suppliers, but has drastically reduced the amounts we used to pay for auto and building maintenance and repairs. The office will be giving more details on the list of bills to be paid so Council can see how these small purchases add up, and shows how our very talented and versatile firefighters are saving taxpayers with their willingness to take on these extra tasks.

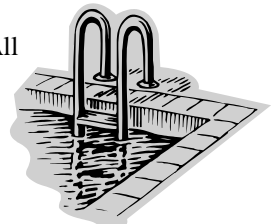


CERTIFIED INFANT CAR SEAT TECHNICIANS

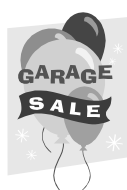
The Mariemont Fire Department now has three firefighters who have been trained to properly install infant car seats. All of them attended an approved course sponsored by Children's Hospital and received certification to secure car seats in passenger vehicles. If you need help putting a car seat in, please contact Assistant Fire Chief Tim Feichtner at 271-4089 to schedule an appointment.

SWIMMING POOL REGISTRATION DATES SCHEDULED

Swimming Pool Manager, Ed Beck, has announced when the registration dates for the 2012 season will be. All registrations will be held at Dale Park Jr. High School at 6743 Chestnut Street. The two Saturday sign-ups will be on May 12th and 19th from 10AM until 12 Noon. The Wednesday sign-up will be on May 23rd from 7PM to 9PM. You may also submit your completed registration form by mail or at the Village office during regular business hours. The registration form will be in the May issue of the Town Crier. Again this year, you may also register on-line at the Village website (www.mariemont.org) and follow the steps to register.



As always, if any family with children is not able to pay for a season membership all at once, please contact me at 271-3246 so we can meet to privately discuss setting up a payment schedule for you.



VILLAGE-WIDE GARAGE SALE

The Village will once again sponsor a community garage sale. The date for this year's sale is Saturday, May 19th. All residents wishing to participate may display items in their front yard from 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. The Village will run an ad in the Cincinnati Enquirer and will place signs in the Wooster Pike median to advertise the sale. If you have any questions, please call the Village office at 271-3246.

JUNK IN THE TRUNK

In conjunction with the Village Garage Sale, the Barn will be hosting a 'Junk in the Trunk' sale. Residents may participate in the Village-Wide Garage Sale by renting outdoor space on the lawn or parking lot of the Barn. You may park your car and sell from your trunk, set up a 10'x10' tent, or display items on your own table(s) (not to exceed 10'). All spaces are available for \$20. Set up is at 7:00 a.m., rain or shine. Baked goods and hot dog stand will bring plenty of customers for your 'junk'. To reserve your spot, please call 272-3700.





ARBOR DAY SCHEDULED

The Village will celebrate Arbor Day this year on May 2nd at 4:00 p.m. in Patriots Park, where a white dogwood tree will be planted. Residents are invited to attend this brief ceremony and help plant the tree. The Arbor Day celebration is one way that we participate in the Tree City USA – a program that recognizes a community’s commitment to the tree-planting, conservation and the promotion of community forestry and one that we have been a part of for 21 years. For the 31st year, Ohio had more Tree City USA communities than any other state, with 237 communities in the state receiving this honor.

POLICE APPRECIATION DINNER

The twelfth annual Police Appreciation Dinner will be held on Thursday, May 24th, at 6:30 p.m. in the Tudor Room of the National Exemplar. This is a wonderful opportunity to thank our Village Police Officers for all they do throughout the year to make our community safer and for the extra ways they serve to make Mariemont such a great place to live. Cost is \$25 per person, payable at the door. For reservations, please contact Rich Ewald at rewald@cinci.rr.com



LOTS TO DO AT THE WOMAN’S ART CLUB CULTURAL CENTER (THE BARN)

The Woman’s Art Club has several great programs lined up for this spring and early summer. They include:

⇒ Art at the Barn - Summer Art Programs for Kids and Teens – Morning (9AM – noon) and afternoon (1PM – 4PM) five-day sessions for just \$25 per session – Classes in art, music & acting – To register, visit www.womansartclub.com – Registration ends June 22. Class schedule is as follows:

July 9-13 (Morning Sessions)

Grades 7-12 Act for the Stage
Grades 2-5 Let’s Paint and Create

July 9-13 (Afternoon Sessions)

Grades 9-12 Drawing for All Levels
Grades 2-5 Creative Clay & Ceramics

July 16-20 (Morning Sessions & Afternoon Sessions)

Grades 2-5 Music Makers in Action
Grades 5-8 Learn to Draw Your Pet

July 23-27 (Morning Sessions)

Grades 4 & up Young Picasso’s
Grades 7-12 Act for the Stage

July 23-27 (Afternoon Sessions)

Grades 9-12 Drawing for All Levels
Grades 3-6 Mixed Media Masterpiece

⇒ The Woman’s Art Club will be participating in the Taft Museum’s “Art for All” program, which will run throughout the summer, with an official launch in June. In celebration of its 80th anniversary, the Taft Museum of Art is bringing framed reproductions of 80 works from its collection to the streets and outdoor spaces of the Cincinnati area. The piece assigned to Mariemont will be on display at the Barn. A contest, open to kids ages 9-12, asking for participants to name the artist will be detailed in the next issue of the *Town Crier*.

FUND ESTABLISHED FOR KATHY MARTINA

Kathy Martina, mother of two daughters who attend Mariemont Schools, has been battling cancer for three years. While insurance covers some of the enormous expenses for her treatment, there are many things it will not cover. To help with these costs, a fund has been set up at Fifth Third Bank. You may make a donation at the bank to the Martina Fund, or you can send donations to Barb Anderson at 3919 Petoskey Avenue, Mariemont, OH 45227, and she will be glad to deposit them for you.



ATTENTION GOLFERS – KIWANIS CLUB FUNDRAISER GOLF OUTING SCHEDULED

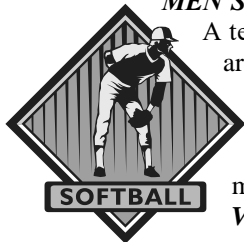
The 11th Annual Mariemont Kiwanis’ Golf Scramble will be held Saturday, May 19th, at Reeves Golf Course at Lunken Airport, beginning at 11:30. Foursomes or individuals welcomed. Fun, food and prizes for everyone! Proceeds benefit the Kiwanis Scholarship Fund for Mariemont High School seniors. Contact Jed O’Connell at (513) 579-1500 or (513) 561-1082 for further details.

NO PARKING IN SOUTH 80

Volunteers are continuing to clear brush to establish walking and biking trails on the South 80 property, located at the end of Mariemont Avenue below the pool. They are spraying poison ivy, removing weeds and debris, and filling holes to make the trails safer. Please note that there is **NO PARKING** in the South 80. Whether you are going to the South 80 to work or to walk, you will need to park in the swimming pool parking lot. The only exception to this is that those who have paid for a garden plot may drive down to the gardens. Hats off to Joe Stelzer for not only initiating this project, but his follow-through with lots of hard work and a great job of gathering and organizing volunteers.



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 May 20th 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 May 7th. 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. **If you are new to the Village, this is a great way to meet your neighbors while having a lot of fun!**

Sincerely,

Dan Policastro

Dan Policastro, Mayor

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SOFTBALL REGISTRATION
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Name: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____