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MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

This year's Memorial Day Parade and celebration took on a special meaning with two of our own being remembered. The weekend started off with the Marines of Lima Company beginning a 100-mile run from Patriots Park. The run paid tribute to the 23 troops of Lima Company lost during the Iraq War, including our own Tyler Swisher. The run ended in Columbus. At the Memorial Day presentation, a special tribute was given for General Douglas Short who passed away in December of last year. General Short proudly served as a pilot during World War II. Councilman Dennis Wolter arranged a fly-over of four jets during the parade.

The sound system for the Memorial Day Parade was provided by the Village Church of Mariemont and the Higher Heights Church. Both congregations use the former Masonic Lodge on Oak Street for their services. We thank both groups for allowing us to borrow their sound systems. It certainly added to the success of the parade!

MARIEMONT CIVIC ASSOCIATION

The Mariemont Civic Association took in over \$200 at the donut and coffee sale after the parade and is now selling tickets for a raffle to be held on June 21st. Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5. The winning ticket holder will have their choice of one of the two top prizes. Prize #1 is a "Night in the Village", which includes dinner for two at the Quarter Bistro, tickets to the Mariemont Theater, a one-night stay at the Mariemont Inn, and breakfast at the National Exemplar. Prize #2 is a baseball signed by Dusty Baker of the Cincinnati Reds. If you would like to support the Civic Association by purchasing raffle tickets, please call my home office at 561-2619. Proceeds from the raffle will help to sponsor the fireworks and benefit those in need in our community. Already this year, a bike has been given to a child who could not afford one and a family has been provided with funds to allow their child to attend preschool next year.



OUTSTANDING CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

During the parade, this year's Outstanding Citizen was named. The honor was given to Richard Gegner, who has been the Carillonneur at the Mary M. Emery Memorial Carillon since 1972. Before that, he served as the Assistant Carillonneur from 1967 until 1972. Since 2012 marked his 40th anniversary as Carillonneur, it was only fitting that he received the award this year. Mr. Gegner's talent on the bells of the carillon has added greatly to so many Village events, such as the Fourth of July fireworks, the annual Christmas tree lighting, and, of course, the Sunday evening bell concerts, which draw people from all over the tri-state area.

CARILLON CONCERTS

Mr. Gegner is hard at work on this year's concerts which occur every Sunday from 7PM to 8PM. As resident Dave Boyles stated, "This is a wonderful and unique benefit to the community that can be enjoyed at the bell tower or on our backyard patio." Please be mindful of those trying to enjoy the concerts and limit the use of lawnmowers, leaf blowers, and weed trimmers during that hour.

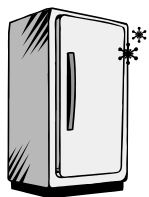


ARBOR DAY CELEBRATED

The Village celebrated Arbor Day 2012 on May 2nd with the planting of a white dogwood tree in Patriots Park. Mayor Policastro read a proclamation explaining the history of Arbor Day and its significance to the Village, which has been a Tree City USA community for 21 years. Residents then picked up their shovels and assisted the Service Department as they finished the planting and displayed our Tree City USA flag.

SWIMMING POOL ACTIVITIES FOR JUNE

Several fun activities have been planned for the pool this month. Any Village resident is welcome to attend even if you are not a member. The first will be a party for 7th and 8th graders on Monday, June 18th from 6PM to 8PM. Next will be the first of three movie nights at the pool on June 21st from 8PM to 11PM. Finally, on June 23rd there will be an Adult Pool Party from 7PM to 11PM. This will be a casual evening of good food, good friends, and good fun with ping pong, corn hole, and just hanging out. Cost per person is \$12, which includes beef tenderloin sandwiches, brats, and soft drinks. Tickets are available at the pool and must be purchased no later than Friday, June 22nd. Those attending are asked to bring a side dish to share. For last names beginning with A-H, please bring an appetizer; I-Q a side dish; R-Z a dessert. You may bring your own alcohol, but NO GLASS containers, dishes, bottles, or cups are allowed. There will be an insurance waiver attendees will need to sign. For more information, please contact Don Slavik at 271-4741.



SWIMMING POOL NEEDS A FREEZER

Before the season even started, one of the freezers in the Concession Stand stopped working. With all of us trying to keep costs down, before we purchase a new freezer, I wanted to ask if there are any residents who might have one they would like to donate. If so, please contact the Village office at 271-3246 or Pool Manager, Ed Beck, at 272-0593. Also, we need large plastic pots for the Mayor's Tree Farm. We are looking for pots that have a circumference of about 12 inches. Please let us know if you have any you would like to donate by calling the office at 271-3246.



FIREWORKS DONATIONS NEEDED

Donations are also needed for the 2012 Fourth of July fireworks show, which will be on Tuesday, July 3rd this year. We moved the date of the fireworks to the 3rd of the month because of the holiday falling in the middle of the work week and thought residents would enjoy the show more if they didn't have to get up and go to work the next day. The fireworks will start just after dark, around 10 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.*



DESTINATION IMAGINATION TEAM SCORES AT GLOBALS

Thanks in part to a \$200 donation from the Mariemont Civic Association, the 2012 Mariemont Destination Imagination team was able to make the trip to Knoxville, Tennessee, to compete in the Global competition. They placed 26th out of 83 teams! Everyone involved commented on the team being made up of such a great group of kids – smart, hard-working, and well-behaved. Before leaving for Knoxville, each student received a letter from the Mayor wishing them well at the competition. These students, their parents, their teachers, and their coaches can all be very proud! The Village certainly appreciates being represented by such a terrific group of young people!

TOT LOT RE-DEDICATION

The new playground equipment is about to be installed at the Tot Lot. On June 6th, the Service Department will begin removing the old equipment and preparing the area for installation of the new equipment. Installation should begin on June 11th and be completed by the end of the day on June 15th. On Tuesday, June 26th at approximately 6PM the Mariemont Preschool Parents Group will host a ribbon-cutting for the new and improved Tot Lot, with a rain date of June 28th. This event will include hot dogs prepared by the Fire Department, chips, and soft drinks, and the Police and Fire Departments’ famous chili. It should be a lot of fun watching the little ones enjoying the new playground equipment. Thanks to the Preschool Parents for their donation of the \$13,000 toward the total cost of \$44,000 for this project. The new equipment will be much safer area for our children. They should be able to start playing there again on June 18th.



DOGWOOD PARK SIGNS GOING UP

A huge thank you goes out to John Fischer who made new signs to be placed in Dogwood Park, reminding visitors that the park is a preserve and sanctuary. There are very few communities within such close proximity to a city the size of Cincinnati that have the number of parks and green spaces we do. Preservation of our parks, and especially of our bird and wildlife sanctuaries, is so important in keeping Mariemont the unique and wonderful place it is. Again, thank you, John!

MIAMI ROAD PAVING PROJECT

Village Engineer Chris Ertel has reported that the work being done on Miami Road should be completed by the end of the month. This work was made possible through a grant received from the Ohio Public Works Commission. We received \$60,000 from the State of Ohio State Issue II Program and \$20,000 from the Municipal Road Fund, for a total of \$80,000 in grants. This allowed us to repave Miami Road from Rembold Avenue to Wooster Pike and repair the sidewalks on the Square. Engineer Ertel has done a wonderful job in securing grants for road work. The Village is often passed over for grants because our financial situation is better than many other communities. It is because of Mr. Ertel’s hard work that we have received two grants in two years. He will continue to seek new grants as they become available.



TOWN CRIER NEWSLETTER NEEDS YOUR SUPPORT

Since 1975, the *Town Crier* newsletter has been providing our residents with news and stories about life in Mariemont. The *Town Crier* has never charged for subscriptions and they do a wonderful job of distributing each issue to homes throughout the Village. All the work is done by volunteers and the paper has always been self-supporting through the sale of ads. However, just like all other newspapers in the country, our *Town Crier* has seen a big reduction in advertising sales. They could use the help of residents in the way of donations. If you would like to make a contribution, please contact Editor Claire Kupferle at 561-4428.

CAT CONTROL



Complaints are still coming in about the number of cats roaming free throughout the Village. Residents who do not own cats are finding cat feces in their flower beds and are being bothered by the strong smell of cat urine. Not only is this unfair to those who have spent hours planting flowers and weeding, it is a violation of the Code of Ordinances. It is also much safer for your cat to remain indoors. This matter has been discussed in previous bulletins and cat owners have been asked to either keep their cats inside or in their own yards. At this point, we have no choice but to cite any cat owner whose pet is found roaming the neighborhood. It is not what we want to do, but consideration must be given to those whose property is being damaged by their neighbors’ felines.



COYOTE POPULATION GROWING

Due to the growing number of coyote sightings reported in the Village, Safety Committee Chairman Dennis Wolter will soon be holding a meeting to discuss a list of steps we might take to get the problem under control. Please check the calendar on the Village website at www.mariemont.org for the date and time of that meeting. In the meantime, please contact the Village office if you spot a coyote in the Village. It will be helpful to know where they are most often seen.

WASTE COLLECTION ANNUAL FEES

The invoices for the annual waste collection fees have been mailed. Payment is due by July 1st. Please help to keep administrative costs down by making your payment on time and preventing the Village from having to send out any second notices. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated!



ROUNABOUT MEETINGS TO BE HELD

In the near future, there will be a public meeting by the Planning Commission to discuss the roundabout proposed for the intersection at Plainville, Madisonville and Murray. However, these meetings cannot take place until ODOT completes studies I will be requesting in a series of four or five letters. The areas of concern are the placement of crosswalks in the roundabout and if they will provide a safe path for pedestrians especially for our senior and handicapped residents, traffic safety, the safety of the nearby school zone, if our fire trucks can easily maneuver through the roundabout to access the Historic District, if a safe bike path can be included in the design, the loss of parking spaces on Murray Avenue, the issue of water run-off in this lower-lying area, who would maintain the street and landscaping, where would the money to construct the roundabout come from, and what impact a new 115-unit apartment building near our border in Madison Place would have on the desirability of the rental units in the Historic District. Please watch future bulletins and the Village website for more information.

Sincerely,

Dan Policastro

Dan Policastro, Mayor