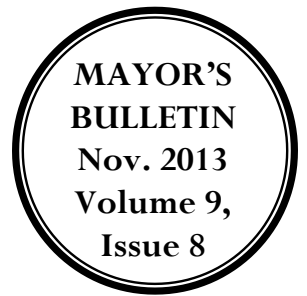


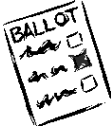


# Village of Mariemont

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### **DON'T FORGET TO VOTE ON NOVEMBER 5<sup>TH</sup>**

Mariemont residents will be asked to vote on some very important levies at the upcoming general election. All of these levies are to renew existing levies. This means that passage of the levies **WILL NOT** raise your taxes. The levies that will be on the ballot are:

- **RENEWAL OF THE LEVY FOR CURRENT OPERATING EXPENSES (ISSUE 10) WILL NOT RAISE TAXES:** This November voters will be asked to renew our Current Operating Expenses levy. Issue 10 will continue to cost each property owner \$14.57 for every \$100,000 of a home's valuation and will generate \$76,276 per year for the Village of Mariemont. This will provide funding for such things as paramedic and ambulance service, Police services, Fire services, the Service Department, parks and recreation facilities like the pool and tennis courts. Revenue for this Operating Expense fund comes from a 3.08 mil property tax levy that is renewed every five years. Renewal of this important levy does NOT raise taxes, but rather keeps them at the current rate. Every time this levy has been up for renewal since 1941, our residents have passed it!
- **RENEWAL OF THE LEVY FOR MARIELDERS (ISSUE 11) WILL NOT RAISE TAXES:** MariElders was founded in 1977 by residents of the Village of Mariemont. For 36 years, the senior center has provided programs and services to help keep our older adults healthy and independent. They depend heavily on funds from this 1 mill levy which costs property owners approximately \$13 per \$100,000 of property value.

### **POLICE DEPARTMENT PARTICIPATING IN GRANT PROGRAM**

The Village of Mariemont Police Department is participating in a program to get drunk drivers off our streets. The Village receives funds through a grant from the State of Ohio to reimburse us for overtime wages paid to Police Officers working to enforce the Operating a Vehicle while Intoxicated (OVI) laws. Since 2011, we have received \$20,695.21 in reimbursement from this grant. We applaud our Police Department for taking part in this grant program. Not only does it make our roads safer, but it also helps the Village financially.



### **MARIEMONT POLICE OFFICE RECEIVES SHERIFF'S MERIT AWARD**

During the Council meeting on July 8, 2013, Sheriff Jim Neil of the Hamilton County Sheriff's Department presented Village of Mariemont Police Lieutenant Tom Ostendarp and Hamilton County Sheriff's Deputy Nicholas Hoevel with the Sheriff's Merit Award in recognition of his bravery during an incident in the Little Miami River. Police Chief Hines said on June 11, 2013, there was an unfortunate situation in which a young gentleman perished in the Little Miami River. Both Lt. Ostendarp and Deputy Hoevel entered the water with swift currents and a very large whirlpool approximately 50' in diameter. Had they been swept into the whirlpool there is no doubt that they would not have been able to escape. They risked their own personal safety in order to save the lives of both swimming victims. They showed tremendous bravery in their selfless attempts to locate Mr. Shepherd and Mr. Andrews. They were not able to rescue Mr. Andrews, but because of their bravery and disregard for their own safety, these officers were able to

save the life of Mr. Shepherd. Both officers were presented with a medal to wear on their uniforms and awarded a Sheriff's Award of Merit plaque to display on their desks.

### **THANKS TO VILLAGE RESIDENTS FOR THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS**

There are several residents who deserve recognition for their recent contributions to the Village, including:

- **IRV & MARY MAXWELL** – In the last bulletin, we failed to include Irv & Mary Maxwell in the list of those who donated money to help fund the July 4<sup>th</sup> fireworks. Our apologies to the Maxwells and our thanks for this year's donation, as well as all the donations they have made in past years.
- **BILL MICHAELS** – Thanks to Bill Michaels for rebuilding the stone wall at the east entrance of the Village on Wooster Pike. The original stone wall that Bill put in was destroyed in an auto accident several months ago. We appreciate Bill taking on this task not just once, but twice! The entrance to the Village looks great again!
- **STEVE & THERESA SPOONER** – Thanks to the Spooners for donating a Lacrosse practice goal to the Village. The goal has been set up behind the largest baseball diamond backstop at Bell Tower Park and will give our kids a great place to practice their Lacrosse skills. With a high school team whose record includes two State title, it is obvious that Lacrosse has become a very popular sport in the Village and we appreciate the Spooners' donation.

### **IMPROVEMENTS AT ANN BUNTIN BECKER PARK AND THE TOT LOT – THANKS TO PRESCHOOL PARENTS GROUP**

The Mariemont Preschool Parents Group (MPPG) has generously offered to pay for half of the cost of materials to refurbish the benches at Ann Buntin Becker Park and the Tot Lot, using composite lumber material that will last for many years to come. Our Service Department will be starting the project soon. This is another step in our continuing effort to improve our parks. Over the past couple of years, we have added new playground equipment at both parks. This contribution from MPPG to help us make this park even better is greatly appreciated.

### **LEASH LAW BEING CONSIDERED**

On Monday, November 18<sup>th</sup> at 6PM in the Council Chambers, there will be a meeting of the Safety Committee to discuss our current domestic animal control ordinance and the possibility of instituting a new leash law. Our current ordinance is defined as a 'command rule', which means that a pet must be under the control of its owner and trained to respond to the owner's command. The command rule is in place to keep animals from running loose and/or venturing onto other people's property. However, due to numerous residents complaining that the current ordinance is ineffective at keeping animals under the control of their owners, it has been suggested that the Village require owners to use a leash when walking their dog(s), except in the parks. Those with concerns about this issue, either pro or con, are encouraged to attend the public meeting.



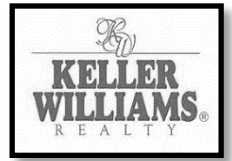
### **VILLAGE RECYCLING RATE REMAINS ONE OF THE BEST IN THE COUNTY**

For the first half of this year, residents of the Village recycled at a rate of 31.67%! That means that of all the trash generated in the Village, almost one third of it is being recycled. In fact, we recycled 248 tons of trash in the first six months of 2013! For our efforts, the Village received \$8,325 in Residential Recycling Incentive funds. We can push that amount up even more now that Rumpke is able to accept the wax-covered cardboard milk and orange juice cartons for recycling. Don't forget to rinse the containers out before putting them in your recycling bin.



### **ANOTHER NEW BUSINESS COMES TO MARIEMONT**

Welcome to Keller Williams Realty which opened an office in the upper level of The Strand in June. The office is currently made up of a team of eight realtors, headed by broker Sarah Close, who has over 20 years of experience in the Real Estate industry. With plans to add more agents to the team, Keller Williams is excited to be a part of our community and looks forward to helping residents with all their real estate needs. Joe Miller, a Mariemont resident of 15 years and Councilman is part of Sarah's team.



### **LEAF COLLECTION TO START IN OCTOBER**



The Village of Mariemont Service Department will begin vacuuming leaves from the curb on Monday, October 21<sup>st</sup>, and will continue collection through the week ending December 20<sup>th</sup>. The Service Department has established routes that will allow them to collect leaves from each street in the Village one time per week. The streets they service each day may differ, depending on the volume of leaves to be collected. This means they may not be on your street on the same day each week.

Therefore, to ensure your leaves are collected once per week, please have them raked to the curb (not in the street) by 8 AM each Monday. If you miss the collection on your street one week, you will need to wait until the following week for leaves to be vacuumed up. During the week of Thanksgiving, some streets may not receive service, but those streets will be first on the list the following week. You may, of course, still bag your leaves and place them at the curb to have them picked up by Rumpke on your regular trash collection day. Please call the office if your street has a special need and we will try to help out.

### **HISTORIC DISTRICT BLOCK PARTY**



The fourth annual Historic District Block Party will take place on Saturday, October 26, from 2PM to 6PM, and will include food and fun activities for residents of all ages. All those living on Chestnut Street, Maple Street, Beech Street, Oak Street, Elm Street, and Murray Avenue, as well as those living on Plainville Road and Linden Place. The central location for the party will be on Maple Street, which will be closed to traffic. Hot dogs and hamburgers will be provided. Guests from Maple and Murray are asked to bring an entrée or side dish, guests from Oak and Beech should bring a snack or salad and those from Chestnut should bring a dessert. Everyone should bring their own lawn chair and beverages. Alcoholic beverages are permissible, but will be allowed in the Block Party area only.

### **TRICK OR TREAT NIGHT**

October 31<sup>st</sup> is Halloween and you can expect to see plenty of ghosts, goblins, and other costumed youngsters out for Trick or Treat night from 6PM to 8PM. Please remember that if you want to participate in handing out treats, you should turn your porch light on during those hours. Parents should also instruct their children NOT to knock on doors where the porch light is NOT ON. Drivers should use extra caution during these hours and be alert to excited little ones walking in the streets and dashing from side to side in search of more goodies! Don't forget to stop by the Police Department to pick up your glow sticks to help drivers see you.



### **BOY SCOUT CHRISTMAS TREE & GIRL SCOUT DECORATIVE WREATH SALES**



On Thanksgiving weekend, the Mariemont Boy Scout's will start their annual Christmas Tree Sale fundraiser on the front lawn of the Municipal Building at the corner of Wooster Pike and Crystal Springs Road. Scout Troop 149 is again providing premium quality cut Christmas trees for the holiday season -- providing the finest quality trees and service since 1992. Again this year our local Mariemont Girl Scout troops are providing decorated wreaths for the sale, as well as hot cocoa and baked goods. The scouts and their families work hard during this sale to raise funds for all their activities and adventures throughout the year. Hours are 4-9 pm on weekdays, 9am-9pm on Saturdays, and 11am-6pm on Sundays.

### **LUMINARIA TO BE HELD ON SATURDAY DECEMBER 7**

The annual Tree Lighting and Luminaria, sponsored by the Mariemont Preschool Parents Group (MPPG), will be held in the Old Town Center on Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup>. Festivities begin at 5:30 PM with a Carillon concert and a visit from Santa. There will be lots of activities for the kids, carriage rides, and musical concerts. The evening's activities end at approximately 8 PM. Members of MPPG will be selling Luminaria kits door-to-door for \$10 each, or you may order a kit using the form in the October 2013 issue of the *Town Crier*. Additionally, on the day of the Luminaria, kits will be available for purchase at the front of the Municipal Building where the Boy Scouts Christmas Tree Sale is held. The Tree Lighting and Luminaria Night event has become a treasured Village tradition enjoyed by residents and visitors of all ages.



### **YOUR HELP IS NEEDED**

Whenever a vehicle causes damage in the Village, such as knocking down a street sign, crushing a curb, or cracking a sewer grate, we can get compensated for the cost to repair that damage if we know who is at fault. However, often times, these types of damages go unreported by the driver and the Village has to cover the costs of repairs. That is why we are asking for your help. If you witness a car or a person causing any damage to Village property, please call the Police Department on their non-emergency number of 271-4089 or the Village office at 271-3246. It will be especially helpful if you can get the license plate number and pass that information along to us. This will allow us to contact the driver's insurance company and get reimbursement for our expenses. Your help is greatly appreciated!



### **LOCK UP!**

With the days getting shorter and the holidays approaching, thieves have more opportunity and incentive to break into homes and cars. We have had several break-ins lately. The best way to deter thieves is to LOCK UP! This means locking your car when it is parked outside and locking the doors and windows of your home. It is also important that you NOT leave items in your car that would entice a burglar, such as cash or coins, laptops, cell phones, cameras, or CD's. When a thief sees these kinds of things in a car, it is like an invitation for him to break in. If you notice any suspicious behavior around your house or car or that of a neighbor, don't hesitate to call 911 immediately to report the problem.

### **USED SOCCER ITEMS NEEDED FOR EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT**

Mariemont resident and Eagle Scout candidate, Steve Hassey, is collecting used soccer equipment to donate to kids in Haiti who have little or no soccer equipment, especially following the catastrophic earthquake of a couple of years ago. They are in need of cleats, shorts, shin guards, balls, and any other miscellaneous gear you can spare. Items can be dropped off at Steve's house at 3717 Center Street. Donations to offset shipping charges are also welcome. (Checks for donations should be made payable to Kevin or Roseann Hassey.)



### **NEW & IMPROVED WEBSITE COMING!**

We are setting our sights on having the Village's new website ready on or around January 1<sup>st</sup> of next year. While the current site is easy for our staff to use for posting Council agendas, minutes, and other documents, many residents have said it is difficult to find the information they are looking for. We also feel the current site does not reflect the unique character of our community and needs to be updated. Please bear with us as we go through the inevitable 'growing pains' of getting the new site up and running.

***Go Bengals!***

Sincerely,

*Dan Policastro*  
Dan Policastro, Mayor