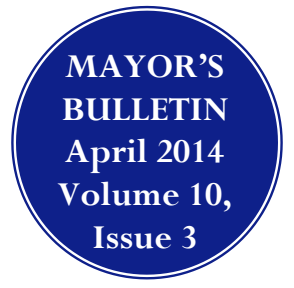




Village of Mariemont

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STATE AUDIT COMPLETED FOR 2011 AND 2012

We have received the results from the State Auditor for the audit of our 2011 and 2012 records. Once again, we were given high marks from the Auditor for following the correct procedures in all departments. We also scored high for the accuracy and detail of our bookkeeping and record-keeping. Hats off to Fiscal Officer Tony Borgerding and all of our department heads for doing such a great job!

MARIEMONT.ORG IS THE ONLY OFFICIAL WEBSITE OF THE VILLAGE

At Town Meeting, a few citizens were still confused about the Village's website, so once again, I want to point out to everyone that the Village's official website is www.mariemont.ORG. The website with the domain name of www.mariemont.COM is NOT a Village-authorized site. The publisher of this unofficial website wrote a letter to ODOT in support of running the Eastern Corridor through our South 80 Park – something we have vehemently opposed! Our experience with ODOT leads us to believe that they will use this letter against us, saying that it indicates support from Village residents to build the Eastern Corridor which would destroy our historic parkland and possibly cause us to lose our status as a National Historic Landmark by paving over an important historic Native America village site. What's more, we have heard rumors that ODOT is using the four-lane Eastern Corridor like a 'Trojan Horse' to lay the groundwork for extending I-74 through our community and into Clermont County. Can you imagine an expressway running through the South 80 Park? It would fill our quiet neighborhood with a constant roar of traffic and fill our air with pollution from the large volume of cars passing through. No longer would the South 80 Park and/or the Concourse be places for relaxing and enjoying nature as they were intended. Because it is prone to flooding, the area could never be used for playfields or a shelter house. Obviously the publisher of this letter did not have all the facts or understand the significant ramifications of ODOT's plans before sending that letter to ODOT. Now that everyone is aware of how harmful this would be to the Village of Mariemont, we respectfully ask that this letter be rescinded and let ODOT know that, in the best interest of this community, the publisher no longer supports the construction of the Eastern Corridor. Certainly anyone who cherishes the peace and tranquility that is the Village of Mariemont would not want it replaced with a major expressway! Please let it be known that you do not agree with the statement in the letter to ODOT!

VILLAGE GETS PRO BONO LEGAL HELP TO FIGHT ODOT

Cincinnati attorney Robert Newman has offered to lend his legal services to the Village pro bono in our opposition of ODOT's plan to run the Eastern Corridor through the South 80 Park. Mr. Newman is a partner at the law firm of Newman and Leeks and has been named one of the Cincinnati area's "Super Lawyers" seven times in the past 10 years. His expertise will be an invaluable asset as we move forward to block the construction of this four-lane highway through one of our most prized historic parklands. To have an attorney of Mr. Newman's caliber on our side is huge!



MOVING OUR FIRE SERVICES TO FAIRFAX NOT A CONSIDERATION FOR THE VILLAGE



Please let me begin by saying I have the utmost respect for Little Miami Joint Fire District (LMJFD) Chief Terry Ramsey and Assistant Chief Timmers and would never want to disparage them or their fire department in anyway. A recent article in the Eastern Hills Journal suggested the Village of Mariemont should consider housing its fire services at the LMJFD station in Fairfax. That article failed to state the reasons that we are not interested in moving our Fire Department. Those reasons are as follows:

- Several years ago our citizens voted against merging with LMJFD and made it clear they want the department to stay right where it is!
- We have restructured our Fire Department to keep down the costs by having four part-time firefighters on duty at all times rather than staffing the department with full-time employees.
- The Fire Department has taken on extra tasks such as assisting with snow removal, mowing the Municipal Building lawn, and other jobs to save us money.
- Moving our Fire Department to Fairfax would mean we would have to pay rent to LMJFD, which would increase our expenses rather than lower them.
- Housing the Fire Department with LMJFD in Fairfax would mean extra response time to Mariemont residents, especially now that Wooster Pike is one lane through Fairfax. Why would we want to have our Fire Department located a mile away instead of in the center of the Village?

This idea just doesn't make good sense for the citizens of the Village and reduces the high level of safety our Fire Department provides.

POLICE & FIRE DEPARTMENTS TO GET NEW RESCUE EQUIPMENT



With the development of the South 80 hiking trails, campsite, and park, the Police and Fire Departments became concerned that they might not have the ability to get to the area should there be an incident or accident. As Police Chief Rick Hines and Assistant Fire Chief Tim Feichtner pointed out, the more people who are using the area, the more chances there will be for incidents and accidents to occur. Therefore, Council voted to order a 'Gator' similar to the one shown at the left. This all-terrain vehicle will allow the Fire Department access to all parts of the South 80 to provide swift medical care whenever it's needed. It will also give them the ability to get to the banks of the Little Miami River should an accident occur there. The Police Department can also use the Gator to patrol the area, especially if there are any reports of illegal or irresponsible behavior taking place. This new equipment will obviously increase our ability to provide safety to those using the South 80 Park.

ANNUAL FIRE HYDRANT TESTING ALERT

The Mariemont Fire Department will begin its Spring Servicing of all fire hydrants. This process tends to stir up sediment in the water mains, which can make its way into your home. When running your water, you may notice that it looks rusty, but the fix is simple. If you open your faucets and let them run for a couple of minutes, it will clear up. This is not harmful and is in every water main. We ask that you check the clarity of your water before cooking, doing laundry or showering. Should the rusty water make it into your washer before you notice it, you can contact the Cincinnati Water Works at 513-591-7700. They will take your information and can ship you a small bottle of solution (free of charge) to assist in removing the rusty water from clothing. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause during our testing. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Fire Department at 513-271-4089. All testing should be completed by the second week in May.





KELLOGG'S PLANT MANAGER DOES OUTSTANDING JOB

Despite absurd rumors to the contrary, the Kellogg Snack Division in Mariemont is still going strong. When Plant Manager and Village resident James Biro took over operations at the plant, there were approximately 450 employees at the Mariemont location. Mr. Biro raised that number to 560 workers. The company is laying off about 50 employees, but that will leave more than 500 working at the plant, which is more than were there when Mr. Biro took over the operation of the plant. Kellogg's has a contract with their union employees that runs through 2017, so rumors of a total shut-down of the plant at the end of this year are incorrect. We want to thank Mr. Biro and Kellogg's for continuing to be one of the Village's strongest supporters.

MARIEMONT CIVIC ASSOCIATION MEETING

Following its winter hiatus, the Mariemont Civic Association (MCA) is back in full swing. At the March meeting, newly appointed Hamilton County Common Pleas Judge Carl Stich was the guest speaker. The next meeting will be held on April 17 at 7PM at the Parish Center. The speaker will be Channel 9's John Matarese, the "Don't Waste Your Money" guy! Everyone is welcome to attend. For information on membership, please contact me at the Village office at 271-3246 or call MCA President Bob Keyes at 271-7632.



REMINDER: Shredding Day to get rid of important papers you no longer need is April 19 from 9 AM to 12 Noon at the Municipal Building parking lot. Sponsored by the Mariemont Civic Association and the Fire Department. Call the office at 271-3246 for details.

LET'S CELEBRATE ARBOR DAY 2014!

For the 23rd year, the Village of Mariemont has earned the Tree City USA designation! Our Service Department works diligently throughout the year on our tree program, overseeing the removal of diseased and/or insect infested trees, trimming limbs, and planting new trees. As part of our celebration for the Tree City USA designation, we will hold an Arbor Day tree planting between 4PM and 4:30PM on Friday, April 25, at Spring Hill Condominiums.



PHARMACEUTICAL COLLECTION DAY SCHEDULED



On Saturday, April 26, 2014, from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m., residents are encouraged to drop off any old outdated drugs at the Mariemont Police Department. The Police Department will then destroy the drugs in the appropriate manner. The drugs can be over-the-counter medications and/or prescription drugs you no longer need. Drugs may NOT be delivered prior to or after the scheduled date and times. This is in accordance with the laws of the State of Ohio. This program is part of Hamilton County Soil & Water Conservation District's Pharmaceutical Take-Back Event as a way of keeping discarded drugs out of our drinking water supply.

Don't forget the Flying Pig Marathon will run through the Village on Sunday, May 4th!

MARIEMONT KIWANIS CLUB GOLF OUTING

The 14th Annual Mariemont Kiwanis Golf Scramble will be held on Saturday, May 10, 2014, beginning at 11:30 at Reeves Golf Course. This is the Kiwanis Club's major fundraiser and the proceeds are used in awarding scholarships to Mariemont High School Seniors. This event offers lots of fun plus awards, prizes, and food for all. For further details, contact Jed O'Connell at (513) 561-1082 or Don Gurney at (513) 271-5336.



VILLAGE-WIDE GARAGE SALE SCHEDULED



This year's village-wide garage sale has been set for Saturday, May 17th, from 8AM to 4PM. An ad will be placed in the Enquirer and signs will be placed at the east and west entrances to the Village on Wooster Pike to announce the date and time. All residents are welcome to participate for the entire time or for any part of the day they prefer. Some neighbors have found it helpful to combine their sale items, set up in one location and work in shifts during the day. This garage sale has been very successful in previous years and we anticipate a big turn-out again this year. Please call the office at 271-3246 with any questions.

DESTINATION IMAGINATION



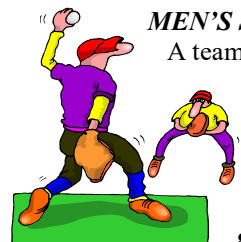
The Mariemont Elementary third grade Destination Imagination (DI) team, the Crazy Monkeys, chose the DI challenge "The Litter Thing: a Bingo Scavenger Hunt for Trash" and cleaned several pounds of litter from the South 80 Gardens and Hiking Trails Park. What a great service to our community! Everyone who uses the park will benefit from their hard work. We wish them good luck at the District Tournament and hope they make it to the State Tournament. The Village of Mariemont is so proud of the young people of the Crazy Monkey team, which includes Ellis Christ, Dianna Hester, Liina Kronke, Emma Jones, Max Mershon, Thomas Sauter, and Bennett Turan. They certainly are a wonderful example of how our residents work together to make Mariemont one of the best neighborhoods in Ohio. Thanks to the Crazy Monkeys for a job well done!

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE WATER WARRIORS!

The Mariemont High School Girls Swim Team placed 5th at this year's State Swimming and Diving Championships. They were the highest placing team from the Cincinnati area. The Boy's Team finished in 11th place. Claire Gilmore won the State Championship in the 200 meter freestyle! She was also third in the 500 meter freestyle and fourth in the 200 meter individual medley.



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 18th and lasting through July. Anyone interested in being a part of this fun should fill out the form below and return it to the Mayor's office by May 1st. You may drop it off or mail to 6907 Wooster Pike, Mariemont, Ohio 45227. If you have any questions; please feel free to call the Village office at 271-3246. **If you were on a team last year, you do not need 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

SOFTBALL REGISTRATION

Name: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____