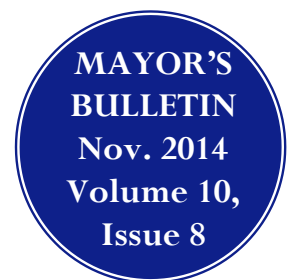




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MARIEMONT FIRE DEPARTMENT'S NEW ISO RATING AMONG THE BEST IN STATE OF OHIO!

To help establish appropriate fire insurance premiums for residential and commercial properties, insurance companies need reliable, up-to-date information about a community's fire-protection services. The Insurance Service Office (ISO) provides that information through the Public Protection Classification program. ISO collects information on municipal fire-protection efforts in communities throughout the United States. ISO analyzes the relevant data and then assigns a Public Protection Classification from 1 to 10. Class 1 generally represents superior property fire protection, and Class 10 is the lowest possible score. ISO recently analyzed the data for Mariemont and upgraded the Village's ISO rating from a 3 to a 2! There are NO communities in the state with an ISO Class 1 rating, and out of 2,836 communities statewide, only 31 other communities earned a Class 2 rating. Residents and businesses should contact their property insurance providers to make them aware of Mariemont's excellent Class 2 rating. It could lead to a reduction in your property insurance premium, but all insurance companies have different underwriting guidelines.

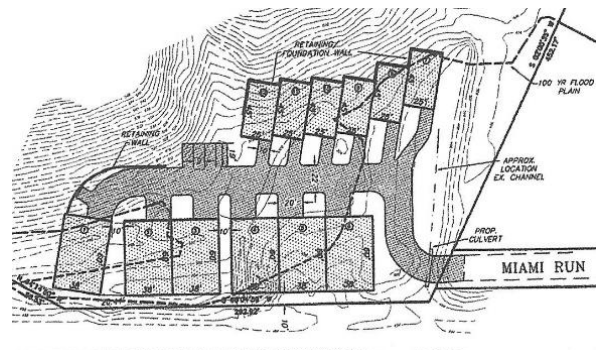


LIVINGGOOD PARK CONDOMINIUMS

Greiwe Development and North American Properties have unveiled plans for the final phase of condominium developments in the Village. Following the standard and style of the Jordan Park, Emery Park, and Nolen Park developments, Livinggood Park, which will be situated on the corner of Madisonville Road and Murray Avenue, will offer 2 and 3 bedroom units with a starting price of around \$695,000. Construction is scheduled to begin in spring 2015 with a projected completion date near the end of 2016. For more details, please visit their website at www.mariemontlifestyle.com/livinggood-park.

PLANS FOR NEW HOMES AT STEAM PLANT SITE BEING FINALIZED

All the geotechnical studies have been done to determine the stability of the hillside and the steam plant area. The engineers and architects have given the project a thumbs up. Now developer Michael Heines of JAE Capital is putting the final pieces in place for the new homes to be built on the Steam Plant property. He presented his plans at the October 27th regular meeting of Council. The diagram at the right shows where the 12 new homes will be located, with access to the property from the existing Miami Run Road. Mr. Heines is working with an attorney to deed the hillside back over to the Village. Once this is done, we will use the extra land to expand the Prevey Bird Sanctuary. We are looking forward to working with Mr. Heines. The new homes he is building will be a wonderful addition to the Village. It will be great for that property to have a purpose once again and to generate tax dollars for the Village.



BUILDING PERMIT INFORMATION

Building activity and maintenance repairs including replacement work has been well above average in the Village. This is a good thing, showing how our community maintains and improves its properties. Unfortunately, many of these projects have been initiated without a building permit. As a convenience to Village residents, businesses, and property owners, Mariemont has its own building department. It also has permit requirements for several building-related activities. Please be aware that a permit is required for:

- Furnace and/or air conditioner replacement
- Tree removal
- Fences
- Retaining Walls
- Driveway replacement
- Patio, sidewalk, ramps, decks, and outdoor living environments
- Window replacement
- Siding replacement
- Roof replacement
- Gutters and downspouts
- Satellite dish antennae
- Accessory structures such as detached garages, sheds, and play structures

Please contact the Building Department at 271-3315 if you are planning a project or are unsure if a permit is required so the permit process may be addressed prior to any work being initiated. This will provide you with the necessary information to plan your project to meet all Village of Mariemont zoning and building code requirements. Hours are 8:30 AM to 12:30 PM, Monday through Friday.



LEAF SEASON TO END DECEMBER 19TH

The Village of Mariemont Service Department will continue vacuuming leaves from the curb through the week ending December 19th. Each street in the Village will be serviced one time per week. The day for each street may differ each week depending on the volume of leaves to be collected. (During the week of Thanksgiving, some streets may not receive service, but those streets will be first on the list the following week.) To ensure your leaves are collected once per week, please have them at the curb by 8 AM each Monday. DO NOT RAKE LEAVES INTO THE STREET as they clog the storm water drains. DO NOT mix brush, limbs, pumpkins, and rocks in with your leaves due to the damage those items cause to the vacuums. 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. The Service Department CANNOT break from their route for special service requests. You may still bag your leaves and place them at the curb to be picked up by Rumpke on your regular trash collection day.

NEED HELP WITH RAKING LEAVES?

Do you need help with leaf removal? Members of a local youth baseball team are looking to raise money for the 2015 season and would love to rake your yard. For more information, contact Matt Stith via Nextdoor Mariemont. (See his posting from October 3rd.)

VILLAGE RECEIVES \$150,000 MORE IN GRANTS

As we were finishing up this bulletin, we found out that a grant we applied for almost 18 months ago has been awarded to us. The grant from the Hamilton County Storm Water District will provide us with \$150,000 to go toward two separate Capital Improvement projects, with \$75,000 to go toward a storm water project and the other \$75,000 to go toward the Pocahontas project. Additionally, in late spring, our new Assistant Fiscal Officer, Chris Eldridge, informed us of a grant opportunity available through *Interact for Health*, an organization that promotes healthy living through grants, education, and policy. We applied for funds to help us improve Ann Buntin Becker Park on the basis that additional playground equipment would encourage children to get up, get out, and get healthy through playtime exercise. We received \$1500 from that grant. As you know, we have slowly but surely been improving this Ann Buntin Becker Park over the past few years. This \$1500 in grant money will help us to keep the improvements going.



THE WHALE HAS BEEN SAVED

The Village of Mariemont recently experienced its own “Save the Whale” program when one of the pieces of playground equipment at the Tot Lot broke. Wally the Whale is a spring-rider (similar to a rocking horse that sits on a heavy steel spring pedestal) and a favorite of the children who visit the Tot Lot. Somehow Wally’s spring broke and there was an immediate outcry to repair him. It took lots of research and several phone calls, but we finally found a replacement spring, which our Service Department was able to install. Now Wally is back in perfect condition! We appreciate everyone’s patience while we worked to bring Wally back. We are working with the Preschool Parents Group to add more playground equipment soon.

HATS OFF TO BRAD WESTFALL

Did you notice that the bike racks have disappeared from the ball fields on Pleasant Street next to the field where the girls play softball? That is because resident Brad Westfall has volunteered to make some much needed repairs to the racks. He is doing this at absolutely no expense to the Village or taxpayers. We cannot thank Brad enough for taking on this task! Once again, a citizen volunteer has come through for the benefit of our community.



VOLUNTEERS REMOVING TREES ON REMBOLD

Dead trees are always a safety concern. Strong winds that our area experiences can easily cause dead trees to come crashing down, but removing the trees can be very costly. That is why we are so thankful to the volunteers who are taking down the dead trees on Rembold Avenue. The volunteer group includes Dennis Wolter, Joe Miller, Mary Ann Schwartz, Joe Stelzer, Syd Sabo, and Judge Steve Martin. The estimate from the tree company for all this work was \$3500. That’s how much this hard-working volunteer group, headed up by Dennis Wolter, saved us. It is due to efforts like this from our volunteers that our finances are in such great shape.

VILLAGE CAN PROVIDE ASSISTANCE TO RESIDENTS NEEDING TO REMOVE DEAD OR HAZARDOUS TREES

As the item above indicates, removing dead and/or dangerous trees can be quite costly. However, it is important these types of trees be taken down, not only for the beautification of our community, but more importantly because of the danger these trees can present. A strong wind can easily bring down a large dead or dying tree. Dead limbs can be blown a far distance and can cause extreme harm. Therefore, if you have such a tree on your property, but do not have the means to have it removed, please contact me at 615-5729. I will do everything I can to help you get the tree cut down and can arrange a simple installment plan instead of putting it on your tax bill. We are willing to help out with tree removal because the safety of our residents will always be our top priority.

CAN YOU DRIVE ON THE BRICK ISLANDS ON WOOSTER PIKE IN FAIRFAX?

Many of you have asked if it is permissible to drive on the brick lane of Wooster Pike in Fairfax. The official answer is that you can drive on the brick surface ONLY when you are preparing to make a left-hand turn. The middle lane is not for through traffic. It is only there as a ‘turn lane’.



DUSTY RHODES TO SPEAK AT CIVIC ASSOCIATION and RAFFLE TICKETS ARE NOW ON SALE

Don’t miss your chance to win a 1950’s Lionel train set, assembled by model train enthusiast and Councilman Dennis Wolter. The train set will be the prize for this year’s drawing to be held at the Civic Association’s meeting on December 11th at 7PM at the Village Church of Mariemont at the corner of Oak and Maple. Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5, and are available from any Civic Association member or by calling 615-5729. You don’t have to be present to win, but you’ll want to be there for all the fun! The speaker will be Hamilton County Auditor Dusty Rhodes. He has been working hard to support local governments to oppose House Bill 5. He will also be speaking about the county’s Homestead property tax reduction for senior homeowners. It’s also PIZZA NIGHT! Come enjoy an evening with your neighbors, some good food, good times, and a great speaker!

UPCOMING EVENTS AND REMINDERS

- ▶ **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. Again this year our local Mariemont Girl Scout troops are providing decorated wreaths for the sale. Hours are 4-9 pm on weekdays, 9am-9pm on Saturdays, and 11am-6pm on Sundays.
- ▶ **LUMINARIA KITS AVAILABLE AT BOY SCOUT TREE SALE – SATURDAY & SUNDAY – NOVEMBER 29TH & 30TH**
You can still purchase a Luminaria kit from the Mariemont Preschool Parents Group. Kits will be on sale, while supplies last, during the Boy Scouts Christmas Tree sale. Kits will be sold from 10AM to 4PM on Saturday, November 29th, on Sunday, November 30th from 12PM to 6PM, and on December 6th, from 9AM to 3PM. If you have any questions or need more information about obtaining a kit, please contact Kristin Wolujewicz at kwolujewicz@hotmail.com.
- ▶ **ANNUAL TREE LIGHTING AND LUMINARIA – SATURDAY – DECEMBER 6TH – ACTIVITIES BEGIN AT 5:30 PM**
- ▶ **RUMPKE’S SCHEDULE:** The Rumpke drivers have made some permanent changes to their routes and, from now on, your pick-up time may not be the same as it has been in the past. To avoid being missed, please make sure all trash, recycling, and yard waste is ready for pick up by 7AM on your regular day. ALSO, with the holidays rapidly approaching, this is a good time to remind everyone that Rumpke collects trash, recycling, and yard waste on all holidays EXCEPT Christmas Day and New Year’s Day. On all other holidays, the schedule is the same as it normally is.

Sincerely,

Dan Policastro, Mayor