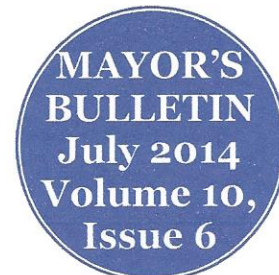




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FINANCIAL FUTURE CONTINUES TO LOOK BRIGHT – EXCELLENT SHAPE FOR THE NEXT FIVE YEARS

At the annual Budget Hearing on July 14th, Fiscal Officer Tony Borgerding presented Council with the budget for 2015. For the next three years, the General Fund is projected to have an ending balance of at least \$1,000,000 and, for the two years after that time, it should be close to that amount. A factor in the reduction of the General Fund balance is, of course, the loss of local government funds from the State due to changes made by Governor Kasich. Another factor is the salary and benefits connected to the hiring of a new tenth police officer. For years, we have tried to operate with just nine officers. We often found ourselves short-handing when an officer was on vacation or sick leave. While having that tenth officer will decrease our General Fund balance each year by a small amount, it is money well-spent, because the safety of our citizens has been and always will be our top priority. We have not added a “new money” levy for more than 17 years. With the completion of the four condominium projects, our property tax base is increasing and, as the economy improves, our earnings tax revenue is also improving. Talks are in the works with a developer who wants to take down the old Steam Plant and construct townhouses on that three-acre site, which would also add significant revenue to the Village. Mr. Borgerding and Council deserve our praise for their hard work and their efforts are clearly paying off as seen by the chart below:

VILLAGE OF MARIEMONT GENERAL FUND BUDGET SUMMARY FOR YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2015

			Earnings Tax		102	102	102	
			Salaries & Benefits		102	102	102	
Thousands of Dollars								
	Actual	Actual	Actual	Estimated	Budget	Long-Range Forecast		
	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Beginning Balance	\$ 1,027	\$ 1,104	\$ 1,316	\$ 1,360	\$ 1,265	\$ 1,164	\$ 1,047	\$ 914
Receipts:								
Earnings Tax	1,857	2,025	2,131	2,175	2,218	2,262	2,308	2,354
Real Estate Tax	341	322	315	321	326	330	330	330
Personal Property Tax	24	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
Inheritance Tax	147	161	246	-	-	-	-	-
Local Government Funds	102	76	58	59	59	60	60	60
Trash Fees	201	201	205	205	205	205	205	205
Mayor's Court	115	125	130	135	135	135	135	135
Swimming Pool	102	102	95	100	102	102	102	102
Other	201	254	227	200	200	190	190	190
Total Receipts	3,090	3,268	3,407	3,195	3,245	3,284	3,330	3,376
Expenditures:								
Salaries	1,695	1,658	1,767	1,784	1,812	1,848	1,885	1,923
Benefits	504	595	699	652	665	678	692	706
Other Operations	557	529	586	574	584	585	590	595
Trash	257	274	311	280	285	290	295	295
Total Expenditures	3,013	3,056	3,363	3,290	3,346	3,402	3,462	3,519
Increase (Decrease)	77	212	44	(95)	(101)	(117)	(132)	(143)
Ending Balance	\$ 1,104	\$ 1,316	\$ 1,360	\$ 1,265	\$ 1,164	\$ 1,047	\$ 914	\$ 772

Notes: \$3,300,000 was appropriated for 2014 expenses in the general fund as approved by council in January 2014.
Assuming an increase of 2% in earnings tax and salaries and benefits for 2016 through 2018.



MARIEMONT RESIDENT NAMED AS AUSTRIAN HONORARY CONSUL

Clem Luken, a long-time resident of the Village was installed as the Austrian Honorary Consul for Indiana, Kentucky, and Southwest Ohio at a ceremony on June 25, 2014. Mr. Luken was appointed as Consul by the president of the Republic of Austria. His duties will include supporting expatriates and visiting foreign in matters such as obtaining passports and visas, and in citizenship, marriage, and divorce issues. His office can also assist U.S. residents who are traveling to Austria.

AMY FISHER NAMED OUTSTANDING CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

At this year's Memorial Day Parade, Amy Fisher was honored with the Outstanding Citizen of the Year award. Amy has been a resident of the Village for more than 25 years. When her children were younger, Amy was involved in Boy Scouts, and served as president of the PTO. As a part of the Preschool Parents Group, Amy initiated the Luminaria, which has become a treasured tradition in the Village. She has served as a trustee of the Mariemont Preservation Foundation and works tirelessly to assist in the publication of the Village directory. Amy has been a long-time volunteer for Town Meeting and served as the chairperson for two years. Congratulations to Amy!



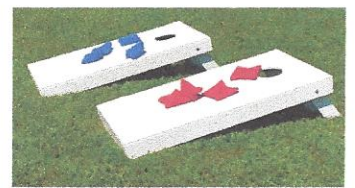
FIRE DEPARTMENT RECEIVES GRANT

Assistant Fire Chief Jason Kiefer received notice from the Ohio Department of Safety that the Village of Mariemont Fire Department has been awarded \$2,500 for Emergency Medical Services training. These funds will allow the Fire Department to purchase training materials and conduct classes that all EMS personnel are required to complete in order to maintain their paramedic licenses.



TETHER BALL AND CORNHOLE SET DONATED TO THE POOL

Thanks to Randy and Mary Beth York for the tether ball set donated to the pool. The kids are really enjoying it! Kids and adults alike are also making good use of the cornhole set donated by Kevin and Lucianne Crowley. I thank these residents for their generosity. Our Village has a tradition of residents pitching in whenever the Village has a need. It's part of what makes our community so special!



NEW LOOK FOR OLD TOWN

American Heritage Properties has purchased the apartment buildings at the corner of Beech and Elm Street, which are deteriorated and in poor condition. They are now scheduled for demolition in late summer or early fall. In their place, American Heritage will be building four single-family homes. American Heritage Properties has rehabbed several homes in the Village and we have been very pleased with the way they have improved the properties. We are confident the four new homes will be a great addition to the Old Town area and will increase the value of surrounding homes. In addition, we would like to thank American Heritage Properties for agreeing to allow our Fire Department to use the apartment buildings for training prior to their demolition. This kind of training is invaluable to our firefighters and helps to show American Heritage's commitment to the Village.



NATIVE AMERICAN PRINT & BILLY HAMILTON SIGNED BALL TO BE RAFFLED OFF

The Mariemont Civic Association is now selling raffle tickets for an August 21st drawing. The top prize will be a numbered (#2) print of Mariemont in the 17th Century Indian Village signed by artist Mary Lou Holt. Prints can also be purchased for a price of \$95 and are available at the Village office. Additional raffle prizes include a baseball signed by Cincinnati Reds Billy Hamilton and a one-hour plane ride by Councilman and Civic Association member Dennis Wolter. Tickets are \$1 each or 6 tickets for \$5. Please call me at 615-5729 to purchase your ticket(s).

ARMENIAN TOUR EXHIBIT AT THE BARN

Margaret Wasielewski will display her vibrant pastels, oils, and watercolors in her exhibit "Armenian Tour". This exhibit stems from exploring her Armenian heritage along with her daughters, and depicts the various landscapes, monasteries, churches and cultural history of Armenia. This collaboration has resulted in the publication of a children's picture book (which will be available at the exhibit) and another one is in the planning stages, introducing to American children true Armenian tales told by Marge's own mother. The exhibit is open weekdays from 10am to 1pm and weekends from 1pm to 4pm, from August 1 - August 12. The opening reception is on Sunday, August 3rd from 1pm to 4pm and is open to the public; light refreshments will be served.



MESSAGE FROM RUMPKER REGARDING YARD WASTE

For your convenience, Rumpke has asked us to remind you NOT to mix dirt and/or trash in with your yard waste. The yard waste collected by Rumpke is run through a grinder. Dirt, mud, and other debris causes the grinder to clog up and stop working. If the drivers see dirt and trash mixed in with yard waste, they cannot pick it up. Your cooperation is appreciated. Remember: Rumpke picks up on all holidays except Christmas and New Year's Day.

REMINDERS

► **VILLAGE WASTE COLLECTION FEES DUE**

Waste collection fees were due July 1st. As of July 26th, a \$25 late fee is applied. If you are having difficulty paying your waste collection fee, please contact me at 615-5729 so we can meet in private to work out a payment arrangement.

► **FARMERS MARKET – WEDNESDAYS FROM 4PM TO 7PM at the Elementary School Parking Lot**

We have added vendors selling bread and cheese. The Mariemont Civic Association has a large canopy/open-air tent. If there are any Village organizations that would like to use the canopy to set up a booth to sell items on any of the regular Farmers Market days, please contact the Village office at 271-3246. The canopy will be available on a first-come, first-served basis.

► **TASTE MARIEMONT – SUNDAY – AUGUST 24TH**

The 2014 Taste of Mariemont will be held on Sunday, August 24th, from 4:30pm to 7pm at the Concourse (across from Center Street on Miami Bluff Drive). This popular annual event is hosted by the Mariemont Preservation Foundation.

► **ARTS & CRAFTS FAIR – SUNDAY – SEPTEMBER 7TH**

The Mariemont Kiwanis Club will hold their annual Arts & Crafts Fair in the median on Wooster Pike, west of the Village Square, on Sunday, September 7th, from 11AM to 5PM.

► **MARIEMONT KEY CLUB SECOND ANNUAL 5K 'RUN TO ELIMINATE' – SUNDAY - SEPTEMBER 21ST**

For more information or to register, contact Addison Shelley at Shelley.Addison@mariemontschools.org

► **PORSCHE RALLYE – SATURDAY - OCTOBER 4TH**

Cars will be on display at the Village Square and along nearby streets for the 3rd Annual Ohio Valley Region Porsche Club of American Mariemont Porsche Rallye. All proceeds from the rallye go to charity. Look for more details in future bulletins.

► **WARRIOR RUN – SATURDAY - OCTOBER 11TH**

For more information or to register, please go to <http://cincywarriorrun.org/>.

► **SIDEWALK TRIP HAZARDS**

We are continuing to repair uneven sidewalks throughout the Village. If you know of any sidewalks with trip hazards caused by the roots of Village trees, please contact the Village office at 271-3246.

► **JOIN THE VILLAGE E-MAIL LIST**

If you would like to receive email notifications of upcoming committee meetings, Planning Commission and Architectural Review Board hearings, the agenda for Council meetings, and the minutes from the meetings, please send a message to info@mariemont.org to be added to the Village's email list.

There has been much going on at the South 80 regarding the Eastern Corridor. Our opposition to the highway remains strong and I am confident we will be able to stop the project in its tracks. Please check the next Mayor's Bulletin for details.

Sincerely,

Dan Policastro

Dan Policastro, Mayor