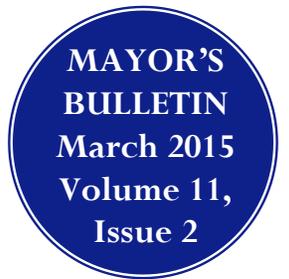




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GENERAL FUND ENDING BALANCE FOR 2014 EXCEEDS ONE MILLION DOLLARS

Once again, we have ended the year with a balance of more than \$1,000,000 in the General Fund and a balance of more than half a million in the Permanent (Capital) Improvement Fund. It has taken a lot of hard effort and close scrutiny of our spending for us to avoid the financial problems plaguing so many other communities. Although we have been hit hard by the cutbacks to local governments under the State's new policies, we continue to find other sources of income. We have received \$284,550.00 in grants, \$18,590 in Residential Recycling Incentive funds, and have seen an increase in earnings tax revenues from the previous year. The new condominium developments and other new residential construction has increased the revenue from property taxes. Thanks to the agreement we were able to reach with the developer, new homes to be built on the Steam Plant property will add to this revenue source. With only one payment left on the new fire truck, our Permanent Improvement fund will soon be replenished from levy income. Fiscal Officer, Tony Borgerding, is very optimistic about our financial future as long as we stay on the path of conservative spending and continue to supplement our income with grants and other alternative sources. I just want to say how proud I am of our Council, our Department Heads, and our employees for their dedication to keeping costs down while still providing the highest level of services.

FUND	BAL. 1-1-14	MO. RECEIPTS	YTD RECEIPTS	MO. DISBMNT	YTD DISBMNT	END. BAL.
General - 101	\$ 1,360,473	\$ 177,887	\$ 3,159,976	\$ 193,381	\$ 3,188,631	\$ 1,331,818
Street Improv. - 201	\$ 10,158	\$ 10,082	\$ 122,895	\$ 2,100	\$ 123,361	\$ 9,693
State Highway - 202	\$ 2,742	\$ 777	\$ 9,348	\$ -	\$ 4,128	\$ 7,962
Drug Rel. Pol. Fines - 208	\$ 800	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,310	\$ (510)
Alc. Educ. & Enf. - 213	\$ 22,980	\$ 604	\$ 11,688	\$ -	\$ 3,169	\$ 31,499
Court Computer - 214	\$ 24,937	\$ 420	\$ 5,184	\$ -	\$ 10,903	\$ 19,218
MariElders - 280	\$ 647	\$ -	\$ 59,014	\$ -	\$ 52,494	\$ 7,167
Paramedic 295	\$ 78,192	\$ 8,188	\$ 264,854	\$ 35,249	\$ 280,387	\$ 62,659
Perm. Improv. - 403	\$ 715,453	\$ -	\$ 400,616	\$ 2,643	\$ 583,888	\$ 532,181
Health Insur. - 707	\$ 1,876	\$ 53	\$ 785	\$ -	\$ 631	\$ 2,030
Building Fee - 708	\$ 42	\$ 14	\$ 1,026	\$ 1,453	\$ 1,453	\$ (385)
Ann Buntin Becker Park	\$ 1,952	\$ -	\$ 1,500	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,452
Street Restor. - 804	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total All Funds	\$ 2,220,253	\$ 198,024	\$ 4,036,887	\$ 234,826	\$ 4,250,355	\$ 2,006,784

OHIO STATE REPRESENTATIVE TOM BRINKMAN STANDS WITH VILLAGE AGAINST EASTERN CORRIDOR

Tom Brinkman of Cincinnati is our newest member of the Ohio House of Representatives. Known for his opposition to higher taxes and public spending, Rep. Brinkman worked with Ohio Speaker of the House, Clifford Rosenberger, to introduce legislation that would have abolished funds in 2015 for the Eastern Corridor project in Hamilton County. Without funds available from the State, ODOT would have been forced to put the Hamilton County portion of the Eastern Corridor project on hold, giving the Village and other opponents to the project additional time to gather facts and garner support that would permanently put an end to ODOT's plans to run the highway through the Village. The legislation was voted down. Instead, ODOT was given a deadline of December 31, 2015, to decide if they would move forward with the project or not. While this is not the outcome Rep. Brinkman and the Village wanted, it does limit ODOT to nine months to decide if they are going to build the Eastern Corridor or not. That gets us closer to the "No Build" solution we hope for.



NOTE: REP. BRINKMAN WILL BE SPEAKING AT THE CIVIC ASSOCIATION MEETING ON MARCH 19TH AT 7PM AT THE VILLAGE CHURCH OF MARIEMONT ON THE CORNER OF OAK AND MAPLE



CALLING ALL VETERANS!

If you are a current member or a veteran of any branch of the United States military, please call the Village office at 271-3246 and provide us with your name, the dates of your service, the branch in which you served, and any other information we could share at the Memorial Day Parade. We would like to recognize and honor all Village residents who are serving or have served our country during both war time and peace time.

THREE NEW PLAQUES FOR VETERANS MEMORIAL

Thanks to the generous donations from Jerry Vianello, Lorne Hlad, and Dr. Ed Berkich, three new plaques have been added to the Veterans Memorial located in front of the Pioneer Cemetery. The entire cost of \$660 was paid for from their donations. The new plaques honor those who served in Operation Enduring Freedom following the terrorist attacks that took place on September 11, 2001, as well as in Afghanistan and the global war on terrorism. This plaque is a tribute to our outstanding all-volunteer military, as well as a memorial to the brave police and firefighters and all those who were lost on 9/11. The new plaque will be formally unveiled at this year's Memorial Day Parade on Monday, May 25th.



BIDING FAREWELL TO COUNCILMAN JIM TINKHAM

Councilman Jim Tinkham and his wife, Cindy, have purchased a new home outside of Mariemont. This means that we must say good-bye to a valuable member of Council. Though his time on Council has been short, as the Chairman of the Safety Committee, Jim has helped to bring about some important changes. He was instrumental in improving the safety of children walking to and from school by adding new school zones and much-needed signs to remind drivers to slow down. Jim was presented with a proclamation at the February 23rd Council meeting. We are grateful for all of Jim's contributions to the Village and wish him all the best.

SOME RESIDENTS LOVE 'EM – SOME HATE 'EM – WHAT DO TO ABOUT UNWANTED ADVERTISING FLIERS

Many of you have complained about the fliers that come in a plastic sleeve and are left in the driveways of homes in the Village. We have had several requests for the Village to demand that the company stop distributing the ads in the Village. However, we have had just as many comments from people who say they want to receive the ads and they regularly use the coupons found in the fliers. The best solution seems to be to let residents address this problem themselves by providing a way for those who do not want the ads to let the company, Red Plum, know that they no longer wish to receive them. You can let Red Plum know you do not want to get the ads by “unsubscribing” from deliveries at the following website: <https://www.redplum.com/tools/redplum-postal-addremove.html>



LEASH LAW AND DESIGNATED LEASH-FREE AREAS

Last year, Council voted to allow dogs to run off a leash in certain public areas of the Village, but there seems to be some confusion about which areas are and are not included in that list. One area that is not included is the Veterans Memorial Cemetery at the corner of Oak and Wooster. Public areas where dogs are allowed to be off a leash are Ann Buntin Becker Park, Dogwood and Bell Tower Parks, the green space on the south side of Miami Bluff Drive between 6812 and 6973 Miami Bluff including the Concourse, the South 80, the grassy boulevard between Hiawatha and Rembold Avenues, and the practice field at the



Waldorf School. Dogs must be on a leash in the Tot Lot, as well as in the sports fields of Dogwood Park and the Waldorf School during sporting activities. **In all other areas, dogs must be on a leash.** Owners must still clean up after their dogs in accordance with Ordinance 90.09 in the Mariemont Code of Ordinances and those who fail to do so are **subject to a fine of \$125.** Owners must not allow dogs to defecate on private property other than their own.

MARIEMONT CIVIC ASSOCIATION

After taking a break during the winter months, the Mariemont Civic Association will begin meeting again in March. As before, all Civic Association meetings will be held on the 3rd Thursday of each month at 7PM in the Village Church of Mariemont on the corner of Oak and Maple. Here is the schedule so far for this year’s speakers:

- **March 19** – Ohio State Representative Tom Brinkman will be discussing how he plans to stop the Eastern Corridor from coming through Mariemont
- **April 16** – Hamilton County Coroner Dr. Lakshmi K. Sammarco, will speak on how the coroner’s office runs
- **May 21** – University of Cincinnati Professor Ken Tankerley will discuss new-found Indian villages in the South 80 Park
- **June 18** – Developer Michael Heines will be sharing his plans to develop the steam plant property by building 12 houses on the site after the Steam Plant has been taken down

These should all be very interesting presentations, and you do not have to be a member of the Civic Association to attend the meetings, so please feel free to join us to hear any or all of these wonderful speakers.



CELEBRATE ARBOR DAY AT THE BARN & TAKE HOME A TREE

On Arbor Day, Friday, April 24th, the Women’s Art Club of Cincinnati will be hosting an event that celebrates the painting by Camille Pissarro entitled *Apple Harvest*. Those attending the “Party with Pissarro” will enjoy provincial cuisine from La Petite Pierre, dessert, appetinis, and fine wines. Live music will be provided by the group, Faux Frenchmen. Guests can swing under the apple tree in the loft and take advantage of the “Get Creative Photo Booth” to capture the moment. The Village will provide 50 small white pine or apple trees, courtesy of Davey Tree, for guests to take home and plant. You must reserve a ticket to attend. Please visit <https://thebarn.cincyregister.com/partywithpissarro> to reserve your “Party with Pissarro” tickets. All proceeds from the party will benefit programming at The Barn, including the Brettell Lecture Series. Dr. Richard R. Brettell, will give a special lecture at the Taft Museum of Art on Saturday, April 25th, at 2PM. The focus of his lecture will be Pissarro’s *Apple Harvest* painting.

UPCOMING EVENTS AND REMINDERS

- **ASPCA RUN TO PREVENT ANIMAL ABUSE – April 18 – 1PM to 4PM**
Students from Mariemont Elementary School will be sponsoring a 5K run to raise money to help prevent animal abuse. Registration is \$3 for adults and \$2 for kids between the ages of 7 and 18. Kids under 7 years of age can participate for free. There will also be donation baskets set out for those who cannot participate in the run, but would still like to donate to this very worthy cause. For more details, please contact the students’ advisor, Kathy Lynch, at 272-7400.
- **VILLAGE GARAGE SALE**
The annual Village-Wide Garage Sale has been tentatively scheduled for Saturday, May 16th. More details to follow in the next bulletin.
- **OHIO VALLEY REGION PORSCHE CLUB OF AMERICA MARIEMONT PORSCHE RALLYE**
The annual Mariemont Porsche Rallye has tentatively been scheduled for Saturday, October 3, 2015. As more details and a confirmation of that date become available, we will let you know.

THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW

- If you know of a sidewalk that is a trip hazard due to buckling caused by the roots of a Village tree, please call 271-3246.
- If you know of a dead tree that needs to be removed, please contact the Service Department at 272-5741.
- If you know of a pothole that needs to be repaired, please contact the Service Department at 272-5741.
- REMINDER: Rumpke works all holidays except Christmas Day and New Year’s Day. Please be sure to have your trash and recycling ready for pick up on all other holidays, including the upcoming Memorial Day holiday.
- Hamilton County is still suffering from a bed bug epidemic. Therefore, all mattresses and other cloth-covered items, such as upholstered furniture, etc., must be fully wrapped in plastic before they can be set out as trash. This is Hamilton County’s regulation and the Village must comply.

CORRECTION NOTE

In the last bulletin, we mistakenly listed the amount of the grant that we received from Interact for Health as \$15,000, when we actually received \$1,500. However, the total amount of all grant money received in 2014 was reported correctly as \$284,550. The total was based on the actual amount of \$1,500 that we received from the Interact for Health grant rather than the amount shown in the typographical error.

Sincerely,

Dan Policastro, Mayor