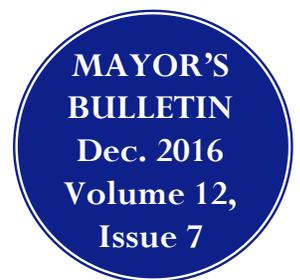




# Village of Mariemont

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## MEETING TO DISCUSS MUNICIPAL BUILDING RENOVATIONS DATE CHANGED

In the most recent issue of the *Town Crier*, there was a notice that there would be a public meeting on December 19<sup>th</sup> to review the plans for the proposed Native American Exhibit and expansion of the Village Municipal Building. The date for that meeting **HAS BEEN CHANGED TO DECEMBER 12<sup>th</sup>**. The meeting will still be held in Council Chambers beginning at 7PM. All members of the public are welcome to attend to see the proposed plans and hear the details on the funding for the project.

## HAWK SIGNAL EXPLAINED

Several residents have expressed to the Village and to the Police Department that they do not understand how to use the HAWK signal that was installed on Wooster Pike at Plainville Road. Police Chief Hines and Village Engineer Chris Ertel have prepared the following, easy-to-follow instructions: When you wish to cross the street, you push a button activating the HAWK signal. A flashing yellow light warns drivers approaching the crosswalk of a pedestrian wishing to cross. The flashing yellow light is followed by a solid yellow light telling drivers to prepare to stop. The signal then changes to a solid red for drivers to stop at the intersection. At this point, you can cross safely. The solid red signal will then convert to a flashing red signal after a predetermined amount of time, telling drivers to proceed through the intersection when it is clear and safe to do so. The HAWK signal will then go dark. Drivers can continue through the intersection without stopping until the button is again activated. If you have any additional questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Police Department at 271-4089.



## MARIEMONT'S 75th ANNIVERSARY BEER GARDEN BIG BAND BASH WAS A HUGE SUCCESS!

In the 1940's, on Saturday evenings during the summer, the area that is now the Mariemont Inn parking lot transformed into a beer garden with big band orchestras playing. The National Exemplar and Mariemont Inn made it possible for us to bring back a little of that history and nostalgia when the Village held its 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Big Band Bash. Their generous donations enabled us to keep down the cost of tickets to the event. Plus they contributed \$500 to the Mariemont Civic Association! A special thank you goes to Mike Pardo, Bill Spinnenweber, and Barbara Policastro for the many hours they worked on this to make sure it was an event to remember. Their expertise was invaluable. They did a great job! We also want to thank the many merchants who donated prizes for the raffle.

## MARIEMONT CIVIC ASSOCIATION CALENDARS AND RAFFLE SALES

Looking for that perfect gift for a friend or for yourself? The Civic Association now has 2017 calendars available for \$10 each. They may be purchased at the Village office. Each month features a different photo of the Village taken by resident and well-known photographer Joe Stoner. Supplies are limited, so make sure to purchase your calendar soon. You may also purchase raffle tickets for the Civic Association's winter raffle. This year's first prize is a 1953 Lionel Smoking & Whistling Steam Train Set. The second prize is a 25"x30" framed reproduction of the original map of Mariemont drawn by John Nolen in 1923. Tickets are \$1 each or six for \$5 and can be purchased from any Civic Association member. Winners are to be announced at the Village Council meeting on December 19<sup>th</sup>. You need not be present to win.

## YOUNG VOLUNTEERS MAKE A DIFFERENCE

A group of young ladies calling themselves 'The Tribe' took time to go door-to-door to collect money to help pay for trees to be planted in the Dogwood Park creek area. They had heard about the work being done to improve the area and wanted to contribute. Our community thrives because of its volunteers, but it is especially gratifying to see our young people wanting to help. So I want to send out a special thank you to Avery Smythe, Rachel Gaffney, Stella Hojnoski, Ella Waltz, Campbell Waltz, and Avery Roschek. At right is a picture of three of the girls with the Certificate of Appreciation each of them received. Thank you, Tribe!



## VOLUNTEER IMPROVES TROLLEY PARK

We also owe thanks to Village resident Ken Scarborough for the hard work he did to repair and rebuild the stone-edged landscaped bed that surrounds the boulder and plaque that was dedicated in memory of General Doug Short. General Short lived across from Trolley Turn-Around Park and, each day, he would raise and lower the American flag in that park. Ken did a wonderful job restoring the rock wall so that it is once again a fitting tribute to General Short who gave so much of his time to our community. It is especially great to have a current volunteer offering his time to help honor a former volunteer. It is that legacy of volunteerism that makes our Village so special.

## MURRAY AVENUE TREE PLANTING ABOUT TO BEGIN

The tree and stump removal along Murray Avenue has almost been completed. Now it is time to start planting the new trees! All of the tree work is being done and paid for by Duke Energy. However, Duke Energy has asked for and welcomed our suggestions as to the type of replacement trees we wanted. For assistance in selecting the best type of trees, we consulted Village residents who were well-qualified to guide us. Resident Mike Bailey is a Horticulturalist with a degree from the Ohio State University and 30 years of experience. Resident Jason Brownknight is an Ecologist who received his undergraduate degree from the Ohio State University and his masters degree from Ohio University. With Mike and Jason's help, we have selected the 'Fat Albert' variety of blue spruce trees. These beautiful trees will grow to 15-18 feet in height – tall enough to create a nice 'screen' but not so high that they will interfere with the power lines. There will be a total of 50 new trees and they will be planted in a staggered pattern to provide the most coverage and the most privacy between the south side of Murray Avenue and the north side of the street. *(The photo above is an example of Fat Albert trees being used as a privacy screen.)* The planting design for the new trees also allows for some additional parking spaces to be installed along Murray Avenue between Settle and Plainville Roads. We will plant the Fat Alberts this fall on Murray Island at Plainville about 350 feet to the west going toward Settle. This fall we will also plant a blue spruce curtain at the base of north Pocahontas and Hiawatha. We will finish up the work in the spring.



**GREAT SCHOOLS EQUAL HIGHER HOME VALUES**

An article in the August 12, 2016 edition of the CBS Money Watch detailed how a great school system can impact the value of a home. According to the article, homes in the best districts sell faster and for nearly 50% more than the average house. Homes in school districts that rank a 9 or a 10 on a 10-point scale of measuring the quality of a school district commanded an average price of \$400,000 compared with the national median price of \$269,000. In this nationwide study, Mariemont City School District was ranked as one of the top ten schools where housing prices benefitted from the quality of the school district. Thanks to the Mariemont City School District administrators, superintendent, and teachers for all they do to give our students a top-notch education and keep Mariemont schools among the best public schools in the nation.



**DR. LISA LARKIN & ASSOCIATES OPEN NEW PRACTICE IN MARIEMONT**

We are pleased to welcome Dr. Lisa Larkin to the Village of Mariemont. Dr. Larkin and Associates is Direct Primary Care (DPC) and Concierge Care internal medicine practice serving men and women over the age of 16. The practice will also offer specialty women’s health services. Dr. Larkin has practiced in Greater Cincinnati for more than 25 years and served as the Director for the UC Health Women’s Center. Joining Dr. Larkin in her practice is Dr. Maria Wright and certified Nurse Practitioner Anna Fox. The new office is located at 3908 Miami Road and is scheduled to open in the spring. They are currently accepting new patients. Please visit [lisalarkinmd.com](http://lisalarkinmd.com) or call 760-5511 for more information.



**JULES & BING NOW OPEN!**

Mariemont resident Julena Bingaman has opened a monogramming shop called Jules & BING which offers full-service embroidery and personalized monogramming. Patrons can bring in their own items to embellish, but also have the option of purchasing special and seasonal items in-store. Julena wanted to create a customer-centered experience that caters to personal needs. She found

it difficult to find an embroiderer who could accommodate her ideas, so she decided to create her own. Julena has lived in Mariemont with her family for almost five years and looks forward to working with local organizations and residents to add personal touches with embroidery. The shop is on Wooster Pike in The Strand.

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**THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW**

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► **STOLEN BIKES**

There have been several cases of bikes being stolen in the Village, especially in the Historic District. Please be on the lookout for any suspicious persons or behavior and contact the Police Department immediately should you see anything. Also, if you know of a bike that was stolen from a child who does not have the means to replace it, please contact me at 615-5729 and I will go to the Civic Association to request the Board to donate a new bike for that child.



Zoe with her replacement bike from the Civic Association

► **LEAF COLLECTION ENDS ON DECEMBER 20<sup>th</sup>**

As a reminder, December 20<sup>th</sup> is the last day that the Service Department will be vacuuming leaves from the curb. After that date, all leaves will need to be put into bags (clear plastic or brown paper) and left at the curb for Rumpke to pick up on your regular trash date.

► **BRUSH ROUTE SCHEDULE TO CHANGE IN NEW YEAR**

Once leaf collection has ended and we move into the New Year, the Service Department will be picking up brush on the FIRST and THIRD Monday and Tuesday of each month. Your pick up day will be the same as your trash collection day.

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**UPCOMING EVENTS**

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► **LUMINARIA TO BE HELD ON THE 2<sup>ND</sup> SATURDAY IN DECEMBER – SATURDAY – DECEMBER 10<sup>TH</sup>**

The annual Tree Lighting and Luminaria, organized by the Mariemont Preschool Parents Group (MPPG) will be held in the Old Town Square on from 5:30 PM to 8:00PM. Festivities include a Carillon concert, activities for kids, carriage rides, musical concerts and a visit from Santa. If you have not already ordered your Luminaria kit, you can still get one. A limited number of kits will be available for purchase at the Boy Scout Christmas Tree Sale, but only on December 4<sup>th</sup>, and December 10<sup>th</sup>. Proceeds from the Luminaria kit sales support projects in the community such as park improvements, library materials for children, and charitable projects of the Mariemont City Schools.

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

On November 25th, the Mariemont Boy Scout’s started their annual Christmas Tree Sale fundraiser on the front lawn of the Municipal Building at the corner of Wooster Pike and Crystal Springs. Hours are 5-9 PM on weekdays, 10AM to 8PM on Saturdays, and 12PM to 6PM on Sundays. Again this year our local Mariemont Girl Scout troops are providing decorated wreaths for the sale. The last day of the sale will be December 17<sup>th</sup>.

► **SANTA’S WORKSHOP RETURNING TO MARIEMONT - NOW through NEW YEAR’S EVE DAY**

Once again, the “Shillito” Santa’s elves are setting up their workshop right in the heart of Mariemont at 6940 Madisonville Road. Hours are from 2PM to 8PM, Tuesdays through Fridays, and from 10AM to 8PM on Saturdays and Sundays. The workshop will be closed on Mondays. There will be extended hours during the week of Christmas. For more information, please visit [www.thesantaworkshop.com](http://www.thesantaworkshop.com).

► **OPEN HOUSE RETIREMENT PARTY FOR ELISHA DAVIS – FRIDAY – DECEMBER 30<sup>th</sup> – 12PM to 3PM**

After 23 years of service to the Village of Mariemont, Elisha Davis will be retiring at the end of the year. Please join us as we say farewell to Elisha and wish him the best in his retirement at an Open House gathering at the Municipal Building Council Chambers on Friday, December 30<sup>th</sup> from 12PM to 3PM. All are welcome!

Sincerely,

*Dan Policastro*

Dan Policastro, Mayor

**Happy Holidays!**