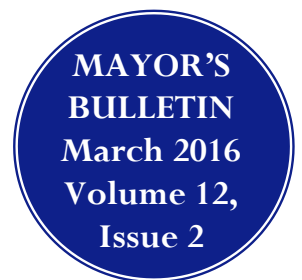




# Village of Mariemont

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### FINANCIALLY ANOTHER GOOD YEAR FOR THE GENERAL FUND

For the 15<sup>th</sup> straight year in a row, we have ended the year with a balance of more than \$1,000,000 in the General Fund. We have seen an increase in earnings tax revenues from the previous year and the work done in the Village by our tremendous volunteers and organizations have saved us money throughout the year. We have made the last payment on the new fire truck and are now debt free. Our Permanent Improvement fund will now start growing again through the revenue from the current Permanent Improvement continuing tax levy. Mariemont remains one of the most desirable communities in all of the Greater Cincinnati area with a solid financial standing and we are on a path to continue to improve our economic growth.

### VILLAGE RECEIVES SEVERAL GRANTS IN 2015

One of the reasons the Village is on solid financial ground is the grants our department heads and employees have secured. We received eight grants, totaling \$230,620, which were as follows:

OVI Task Force Grant	12,620.00	Mariemont Civic Association	500.00
Bullet-Proof Vests Grant	2,500.00	Mariemont Preservation Foundation	6,500.00
HCPA Training Grants	3,000.00	Safe Routes to School Grant (for Wooster Pike	200,000.00
Radar Equipment Grant	2,000.00	sidewalks, HAWK light, and crosswalks	
OH. Dept. of Public Safety EMS Grant	2,500.00	through the islands on Wooster Pike	

### OHIO STATE REPRESENTATIVE TOM BRINKMAN LENDS HIS HELP ONCE AGAIN



We are working closely with Representative Tom Brinkman to secure a \$400,000 grant to fund an addition to the Municipal Building. The addition would allow us to install a much needed elevator and handicap bathroom. It would also provide room for the Tax Department to be located in the building instead of in rented office space, which would save about \$10,000 per year. It would also allow for a Native American Education Center that would house many of the artifacts found in the South 80 and near the Madisonville Site. Residents may remember that it was Representative Brinkman who helped to get the grant to renovate the Resthaven Barn six years ago and that he has been instrumental in helping us to fight ODOT to keep the Eastern Corridor from running through the South 80 Park. Clearly, Representative Brinkman gives the Village a voice in Columbus. We appreciate his support and his willingness to work with us to get the funding we need to update and enlarge our Municipal Building and make it accessible for all.

### TOWN MEETING TO BE HELD MARCH 20<sup>TH</sup>

The annual Mariemont Town Meeting will be held Sunday, March 20<sup>th</sup>. Town Crier Bob Keyes will call the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. in the Mariemont Elementary School Auditorium. Town Meeting is a unique, nonpartisan system and process established in 1941, through which nominations for Village officials are made. While very few communities in the United States maintain this centuries-old tradition, our Town Meeting is an integral and defining aspect of Mariemont's history and character. Our citizens overwhelmingly endorse the institution as being well-suited to the needs of the Village, especially to insure that each District in the Village is represented on Village Council. The annual gathering is also a forum for the sharing of information and ideas among, by, and with Village officials and citizens. The agenda also includes the Mayor's annual "State of the Village" address and a report from our school Superintendent.



### KEEPING RESIDENTS INFORMED

At a recent meeting, Council discussed the subject of getting information out to residents, especially regarding the time and date of committee meetings. It seems some residents are unaware that there are many sources for getting this information. Any time a committee meeting or special meeting is scheduled, a notice of the date, time, location, and topic of that meeting is posted on all five of the posting boards located throughout the Village. Copies of the Council agendas and Council minutes are also posted on those boards. These posting boards remain the best source for anyone who does not have internet access or email. For those who do use the internet, the same information that is posted on the boards can also be found on the Village website, which is [www.mariemont.org](http://www.mariemont.org). Upcoming committee meetings are noted on the website calendar. Council agendas, Council minutes, and the Mayor's Bulletin are also posted on the website. Meeting notices as well as Council agendas, Council minutes, and the Mayor's Bulletin are sent to all those who have signed up to be included on the Village's 'group email' list. Notices regarding other matters are often posted on Next Door Mariemont. Crime and safety alerts are posted by the Police Department on a system called NIXLE. (To sign up for NIXLE alerts, please go to <http://local.nixle.com/mariemont-police-department/>.) Finally, we try to include as much general information as possible in the Mayor's Bulletins. We want residents to be informed and involved in their community, so if you would like your name added to the group email list, please notify the office by sending your email address to [info@mariemont.org](mailto:info@mariemont.org). We will continue to look for more and better ways to get information to all citizens. Residents are always welcome to call the office at 271-3246 with questions or concerns.



### YOU CAN NOW E-FILE YOUR MARIEMONT TAXES

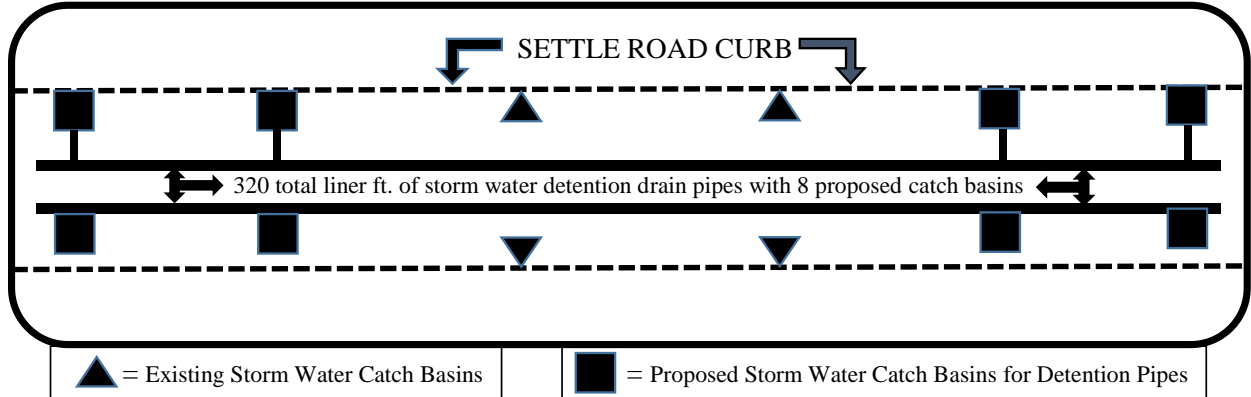
This year there is no reason to postpone filing your Mariemont Final Tax Return! Mariemont residents can now E-FILE their Mariemont taxes. The site is easy to navigate. Go to [www.mariemont.org](http://www.mariemont.org) and click on SERVICES. From the list of services, select E-FILE or just scroll down to the bottom of the home page and look for the E-FILE logo as shown at the right. Once you have opened the E-FILE page, you will need to set up a PIN number and then just follow the directions to complete your filing. If you have any questions or need assistance, please call the Tax Office at 271-1606. REMINDER: The last day to file your taxes is Monday, April 18, 2016. For your convenience, an online pay option should be up and running by the end of February.



### MARIEMONT OFFICER STEVE WATT RECEIVES AWARD

On January 21<sup>st</sup>, Mariemont Police Sergeant Steve Watt received the Hamilton County Police Association's (HCPA) Emil J. Otting Award. This award is presented in recognition of acts of accomplishments and contributions to the HCPA's mission of "Cooperation in Operation". Prior to joining the Mariemont Police Department in January 2015, he served in law enforcement for 31 years as a Hamilton County Deputy Sheriff and in 1992 Sergeant Watt founded the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office Bagpipe Unit. In 2015, Sergeant Watt performed the bagpipes at the funeral of Cincinnati Police Officer Sonny Kim, playing for nearly one hour non-stop. He is truly dedicated to honoring those who have fallen and especially to those who have lost their lives in the line of duty. He has performed at over 100 funerals in Ohio, Kentucky, and Indiana. He is always ready and willing to answer the call of anyone who needs his services in their time of sorrow. He is a wonderful ambassador for the Mariemont Police Department and the entire Hamilton County law enforcement community. The Village of Mariemont is honored and privileged to have this fine gentleman serving our community.

**SETTLE ROAD DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS TO BE PART OF THE 2017 REPAVING PROJECT**



Each year, our Village Engineer evaluates our streets to determine which ones are most in need of repaving and he creates a list for future street rehabilitation projects. We have moved Settle Road to the top of that list for the 2017 Street Rehab Project. This is due, in part, because the pavement is in poor shape, but, more importantly, because we must address the storm water flooding issues on Settle Road. The repaving of Settle Road will include improvements to the storm water drainage system on the street. Flooding there has created costly problems for Settle Road residents and they have been patient as we worked to create a plan to resolve the storm water issues. Though the illustration above is just a rough sketch by Choice One Engineers, it will give Settle Road residents an idea of the proposed plan to resolve the storm water drainage problems on that street. The proposal includes installing eight new catch basins. Those catch basins will connect to 320 lineal feet of detention pipes that will be installed under the pavement. The 320 feet of new detention pipe will consist of two lines. Each line will be 18-inches in diameter. The detention pipes will hold the storm water runoff and slowly release it into the storm water system. This plan should divert most of the storm water away from homes and help to prevent the kind of flooding Settle Road residents have experienced during heavy rains. We, of course, will keep residents informed as to exactly when the work will begin, but it will be sometime in the late spring or summer of 2017.

**GRAFFITI VANDALISM AT BOATHOUSE**

Several volunteers worked countless hours last spring and summer to clean up the grounds around the Boathouse. Using grants from the Mariemont Preservation Foundation, we were able to put in a new patio and fire pit. Residents have been using the Boathouse for private parties and for community events. Someone has ruined all the progress we have made there by spray-painting graffiti on the rock wall and one of the porch support beams. This type of act is selfish and senseless and will not be tolerated! Therefore, the Mariemont Civic Association is offering a \$50 reward to anyone who can help our Police Department to identify the vandal.

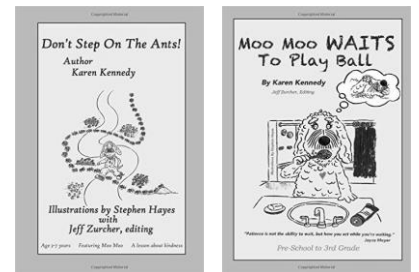


**ANOTHER RESIDENT GETS 'TOP DOCTOR' RATING**

When listing Cincinnati Magazine's Top Doctors, we failed to mention Dr. Amy Thompson of UC Health Physicians. Dr. Thompson, the wife of Councilman Eric Marsland, is one of the city's leading Obstetricians/Gynecologists. Amy graduated from the University of South Alabama / College of Medicine in 1999. She completed her internship and residency at the Chandler Medical Center at the University of Kentucky and then began her practice at UC Health Physicians. In her 12 years of practice, Amy quickly became respected by her colleagues and patients for both her knowledge of medicine and the care she shows her patients.

**CONGRATUATIONS TO KAREN KENNEDY**

The Village of Mariemont is proud to congratulate resident and freelance writer Karen Kennedy on the publication of two educational books for children. Both books were written for children ages 3 to 7 and help to teach them the values all young children should learn. The first book is entitled "Don't Step on the Ants" and focuses on the importance of kindness through a story that is both silly and honest. The second book is "Moo Moo Waits to Play Ball". This simple yet interesting story helps teach children to develop the ability to be patient, which is a skill that will help them throughout life. Both books are available through Amazon.com.



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**UPCOMING EVENTS**

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▶ **MARIEMONT CIVIC ASSOCIATION MEETING – THURSDAY – MARCH 17<sup>TH</sup>**

Dr. Ken Tankersley will be speaking at the March meeting of the Mariemont Civic Association about his new book, *Dr. Charles Louis Metz and the American Indian Archaeology of the Little Miami River*. This book is a story about the search for archaeological sites in the Little Miami River valley, including the Mariemont's South 80, and the American Indians who inhabited them. It is a thrilling pursuit seen through the eyes of an unsung hero and country doctor, Charles Louis Metz, who lived between 1846 and 1926. His life and times and those of American Indians are revealed in this journey into Ohio's past. The book was co-authored by Dr. Tankersley and attorney Robert Brand Newman. Copies of the book will be available for purchase at the meeting for a cost of \$25. The meeting will be held at the Village Church of Mariemont at the corner of Maple and Oak Streets and will begin at 7PM.


▶ **PRESCHOOL PARENTS GROUP EASTER EGG HUNT – SATURDAY – MARCH 19<sup>TH</sup>**

The annual Easter Egg Hunt sponsored by the Mariemont Preschool Parents Group will be held on Saturday, March 19<sup>th</sup>, from 3PM to 5PM at the Concourse.

▶ **WARRIORS FOR THE WORLD 5K ELIMINATE 5K – SUNDAY – APRIL 10<sup>TH</sup>**

Warriors for the World is an organization run by Mariemont High School's Key Club, devoted to furthering the world through service. This year, Warriors for the World will put on the 3rd annual Eliminate 5k for the Eliminate Project (dedicated to eliminating maternal and neonatal tetanus from the world by 2015). The race will take place the morning of Sunday, April 10<sup>th</sup> and will start and end at Mariemont High Schools' Kusel Stadium. In its first year, the Historic Run/Walk for Eliminate raised over \$12,000 for the Eliminate Project, enough to save over 6,600 families from MNT. You can register for the 5K run at [warriors4thworld.org](http://warriors4thworld.org). For questions, contact Amanda Lewis at [lewis.amanda@mariemontschools.org](mailto:lewis.amanda@mariemontschools.org). For scholarship opportunities, contact Ellie Kapcar at [kapcar.eleanor@mariemontschools.org](mailto:kapcar.eleanor@mariemontschools.org).

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Sincerely,  
  
 Dan Policastro, Mayor