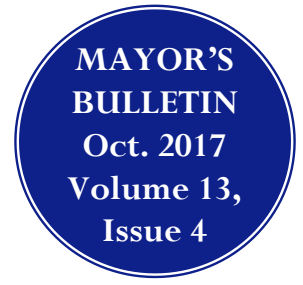




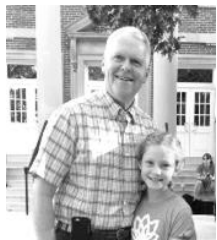
# Village of Mariemont

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### MUNICIPAL BUILDING PROJECT STARTING SOON

Thanks to Council members Bill Brown and Eric Marsland for their work on getting the Municipal Building project moving forward. As you may know, the Village received a \$400,000 grant to apply toward the cost of expanding the Municipal Building to allow for a larger Council room, a Native American artifacts display/museum area, and space to move our Tax Department into the building rather than having them in rented office space. An elevator and handicap-accessible restrooms will also be added. The project will not raise taxes. Mr. Brown, Mr. Marsland, and Village Engineer Chris Ertel oversaw collection of bids from contractors, along with the project's architect, Village resident Bob Rich. The Economic Development & Planning Committee, which is chaired by Mr. Brown and co-chaired by Mr. Marsland held two meetings to discuss the bid results and the qualifications of the contractors. Mr. Brown and Mr. Marsland also work together on the Finance Committee, where Mr. Marsland is the chairman and Mr. Brown is the co-chairman. At the Council meeting on October 9<sup>th</sup>, the committee recommended to accept the lowest bid of \$800,000 which was made by Perkins Carmack Construction. They are the same company that built our Service Department facility in 2006. It is hoped that construction on the Municipal Building project will begin by the end of this month. Getting us to this point was a big task with lots of details to put into place. Thanks, again, to Mr. Brown for his work as Chairman of the Economic Development and Planning Committee and to Mr. Marsland for his work as Chairman of the Finance Committee. Together they have succeeded in getting this project to the point where construction can now begin.



### A TRADITION CONTINUES

During his days as a student, Dr. Arthur Evans, a Village resident and 1965 graduate of Mariemont High School walked to school each day. He delighted in continuing that tradition by walking his granddaughter to the first day of school on August 22<sup>nd</sup>. It is wonderful to see that generations of families have chosen to make their homes in Mariemont. It speaks volumes about the sense of community we share and our excellent school system.

### WALK TO SCHOOL DAY!

On October 4<sup>th</sup>, our Police Department accompanied students to school to celebrate WALK-TO-SCHOOL day! Walking to school has been a Mariemont tradition since the Village was first established. Our Police Department strives to make sure each student follows the guidelines that will keep them safe during their trip. They also supervise our outstanding Crossing Guards. I also hope these photos and stories will serve as a reminder that we all need to use extra care when driving in the Village as the kids walk to and from school.



### BEST FIREWORKS IN THE TRI-STATE!

According to a report on WLW Radio, our Independence Day fireworks show on July 3<sup>rd</sup> was one of the best displays in all of the Greater Cincinnati area. As you know, we couldn't host the fireworks show without the generous donations from our residents and businesses. Andrew Morabito joined George Marsland and his brothers, Tom and Mac, to go door-to-door collecting donations. Altogether, these young men collected \$1,205.15! Of course, like everything else, the cost of the fireworks goes up a little bit over time. We are hoping residents will be able to help out even more next year. In the meantime, we'd like to thank the following people for their donations:

Nancy Becker  
Bill and Deborah Brown  
Donald & Delores Butler  
Clifford & Mary Jane Clemons  
Chris & Barbara Hepp  
Dan & Barbara Policastro

Claire Kaeser  
Geoff Kaye  
Bennita & Greg Laukhuff  
Lori & Jeffrey Miller  
Jan & Miriam Riker  
Marci & Dr. Steve Lewis

Mary Ann Schwartz  
Frances Turner  
Michael & Barbara Whittaker  
Mariemont Garden Club  
Mariemont Civic Association

And, of course a big THANK YOU to all those who contributed during the door-to-door collection!



### GRAETER'S IS THE BEST!

An article by "Spoon University" listed the "Best Frozen Dessert in Every State" and their pick for Ohio was, of course, our own Graeter's Ice Cream. The article stated that the Graeter family has been making ice cream for almost 150 years, and they still use the same process. This means their ice cream is made in small two-gallon batches and then hand-packed. Whatever it is they do, it sure is good! We want to thank Graeter's for providing the ice cream for Safety Services Night Out.

### FIRE DEPARTMENT RECEIVES TWO MORE GRANTS

Assistant Fire Chief Jason Kiefer secured two grants from the Ohio Department of Public Safety. The grants, totaling \$1,622.97, allowed for the purchase of supplies for our paramedics. We want to thank our employees for being diligent and continuing to seek grants, both large and small, to help offset the costs of needed supplies and equipment. Every little bit helps and we appreciate the work they put in to getting these grants.

### YOU DID IT AGAIN!

Thanks to the efforts of Village residents, Mariemont was selected by the Hamilton County Solid Waste and Recycling District for having the Best Village Recycling Program. Recycling numbers have gone down across the county as more people get their news online resulting in fewer homes receiving the daily newspaper or magazines, meaning they have less paper to recycle. Still, Mariemont had the highest rating in the county. Residents can be very proud of this accomplishment. It's good for the Village and good for the environment. Well done!



### DO YOU KNOW A CHILD WHO NEEDS A BIKE?

The Mariemont Civic Association has three bikes in excellent condition for Village children in need. There are two boy's bikes and one girls bike. If you know a family whose child(ren) could use a bike, please call me at 615-5729 with the family's name and phone number.



Triangle Inn Museum Building  
Venice, Florida

**NEWS FROM OUR SISTER CITY OF VENICE, FLORIDA**

Happily, the City of Venice, Florida saw little damage in the recent hurricanes. They were especially happy to report that two of their most treasured historic buildings – the Triangle Inn Museum Building and the Lord Higel House - suffered no damage at all. As you may know, John Nolen, who designed much of Mariemont, also designed much of Venice. In July, Larry Hume, a representative of Venice, spoke at a combined meeting of the Mariemont Civic Association and the Mariemont Preservation Foundation. We are working with Venice to establish the John Nolen Municipalities Organization to promote and preserve the history of towns and villages that John Nolen helped to develop.



Lord-Higel House  
Venice, Florida

**CATS ON THE LOOSE**

Once again we are getting numerous complaints about cats running loose in the Village, especially in the Historic District. Not only are these cats a nuisance to neighbors who object to having the cats using flower beds as a ‘litter box’, but it puts the cats in danger of being hit by a car and/or injured in a fight with another cat or killed by a coyote. They kill the birds and squirrels that many residents enjoy watching. PLEASE keep your cat inside! Remember there is an ordinance prohibiting any pets from running loose.



**PICKLE BALL COURTS ARE READY!**

Thanks to the Mariemont Athletic Boosters for their financial contribution, the tennis courts have now been resurfaced and are in very good condition. The Mariemont Tennis Association listened to the comments of residents and others and combined resurfacing of the courts with the installation of a much-desired pickle ball court. If you are interested in forming or joining a pickle ball team or league, please contact me by phone at 615-5729 or by email at [mayordan1@gmail.com](mailto:mayordan1@gmail.com) and I will pass the information along to the Tennis Association.

**SOUTH 80 FACEBOOK PAGE**

Please be aware that there is more than one Facebook page devoted to the news and events at the South 80. However, the only Facebook page authorized by the Village is found under “Mariemont Community Gardens” (<https://www.facebook.com/south80gardens/>). This page is maintained and updated by the South 80 Gardens Board President, Steve Spooner. The other Facebook page, which can be found under “South 80 Trails”, is NOT authorized or owned by the Village. Any comments made on that page are not approved by the Village and do not necessarily represent the Village’s official position or opinion. Please know that the Village would never use social media of any kind to publicly state disparaging remarks about an individual or to question anyone’s credentials or their heritage. That is NOT who we are as a community. We cannot control how others use social media, but we can maintain our own standards of presenting the truth, helpful information, and positive stories about the wonderful people who call Mariemont home.

**A BIG THANK YOU TO OUR VOLUNTEERS**

As another year nears an end, I wanted to send a message of thanks to all those who have volunteered their time and talents to improve our community. The work done by these citizens goes a long way in keeping our Village beautiful and keeping expenses down. The volunteers include:

- Louise Schomburg and the members of the Parks Advisory Board who maintain the majority of the flower beds and pots in the Village. Louise also does a lot of work in Dale Park, the Beech Grove, and both of our town squares.
- Joyce Beck who cares for the island flower bed on Settle Road
- Karen Berkich and members of the Mariemont Garden Club for their work in Hopkins Park and their monetary donations
- Mary Ann Schwartz for her work on the circle gardens by the tennis courts
- Bob Van Stone who is single-handedly scanning and digitizing all the blue prints and building plans on file in the Building Department. This task may last a year or more and will eliminate the need for the large amount of space currently used to store the plans. With the plans stored on the computer, they will then be available to be printed out or emailed should the need arise.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

▶ **TRICK OR TREAT – TUESDAY – OCTOBER 31<sup>ST</sup> – 6PM TO 8PM**

The Village of Mariemont will celebrate Halloween with “Trick-or-Treat” being held on Tuesday, October 31<sup>st</sup>, from 6PM to 8PM. Please remember to watch out for the little ghosts and goblins during that time.

▶ **MARIELDERS OPEN HOUSE – SUNDAY – NOVEMBER 5<sup>TH</sup> – 1PM TO 4PM**

Join MariElders as they celebrate their 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary! It’s an opportunity for residents to get to know the MariElders staff, members, and Board of Trustees while enjoying wine, cheese, music, and raffles. If you plan to attend, please RSVP to [marielders@yahoo.com](mailto:marielders@yahoo.com) or call 271-5588.

▶ **LUMINARIA & TREE LIGHTING – SATURDAY – DECEMBER 2<sup>ND</sup>**

The Village’s annual Luminaria and Tree Lighting will be held on the first Saturday in December. Festivities will include the lighting of the Christmas tree in the old Town Center, caroling, horse-drawn carriage rides, a visit from Santa, a Bell Tower concert of holiday music and more. The event wouldn’t be complete without the streets and sidewalks glowing in candle light from the Luminaria kits. Mariemont Preschool Parents Group sells the Luminaria kits as a fundraiser that benefits the community through improvements to our parks, library materials, and charitable projects of the Mariemont City Schools. If you didn’t get your order in before the deadline of October 13<sup>th</sup>, you can purchase one at the Boy Scout Christmas Tree Sale at the Municipal Building on the November 24<sup>th</sup> and November 25<sup>th</sup> from 12PM to 6PM, or on December 2<sup>nd</sup> from 12PM to 2PM. For questions, please contact Christine at [cspressey1212@gmail.com](mailto:cspressey1212@gmail.com).

Sincerely,

*Dan Policastro*  
Dan Policastro, Mayor