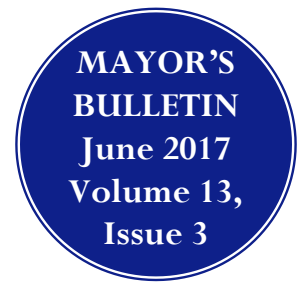




# Village of Mariemont

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## **VILLAGE RECEIVES ANOTHER GRANT FOR SETTLE ROAD PROJECT**

Great news! For about a year, I have been working with our very dedicated Village Engineer Chris Ertel and GREAT NEWS! We were awarded another Small Government Commission grant in the amount of \$100,000 for our very important 2017 Settle Road project. The Small Government Commission provides grants and loans to villages and townships with populations of less than 5,000 residents. The Settle Road project includes storm sewer replacement to help with the flooding that occurs during heavy rains, the repair of curbs, and repaving the street.

## **OTHER AREAS OF FLOODING BEING ADDRESSED**

Following one of the rainiest springs we have ever had, we asked residents to let us know of any flooding problems. Thanks to their response, we have been able to identify several areas where our storm drains are not working adequately to carry off water from heavy rains. Portions of some of the storm drains are collapsing and in need of repairs. One area that has the biggest problem is Settle Road and, as mentioned above, we will be making improvements to the drainage there. We are also making improvements to storm drains in five other areas at this time. Going forward, repairing our underground infrastructure of storm sewers and drain pipes will be included in our street rehabilitation and capital improvement projects each year. Most of our storm sewers are decades old and the time has come to fix them. By doing a few each year, we can improve drainage throughout the Village to help avoid flooding.



## **MEMORIAL DAY PARADE**

The weather smiled on us for our Memorial Day Parade and we had a good turn-out. It is always wonderful to see so many Village organizations take part in this tribute to our veterans. We want to thank all the groups and organizations who participated in the parade. Special thanks goes to Veronica Drake who was the first place winner of the Kiwanis Club Memorial Day Essay contest. Resident Scott Degerberg captured the outstanding photo (at left) of our Honor Guard at the parade. Long-time resident and former editor of the Town Crier, Claire Kupferle, was named the 2017 Outstanding Citizen of the Year. Many folks were disappointed that there was no donut and juice sale this year. Unfortunately, Kroger was not able to provide supplies for the sale this year as they had in the past. When some of our residents and business heard of this, they pledged their support for the donut sale for next year. They include Dr. Lisa Larkin, the National Exemplar, Barbara Anderson, and Ryan Allen. With the help of these generous folks, we can all look forward to the Mariemont Civic Association bringing the donut sale back next year.



*Claire Kupferle  
2017 Outstanding Citizen*

## **TOWNHOME GARDEN BEAUTIFICATION CONTEST**

For the 7<sup>th</sup> year, the Village sponsored a Landscaping Beautification Contest for owners and tenants of the Historic Townhome district. Judging by members of the Mariemont Parks Advisory Board took place on June 8<sup>th</sup> and the winners can now be announced. Taking First Place was Kay McEvoy. Other winners were Becky Moore, Casey Drawe, Shirley Jordan, Rory Young, Mary Ann Terry, and Elizabeth Ross, plus quite a few honorable mentions. The judges commented that all the entries were exceptional this year and the yards and gardens of the Historic District look better than ever.

## **FIRE AND ICE ON JULY 3<sup>RD</sup> STARING BETWEEN 9:30 & 10PM**



This year the annual fireworks show will be on Monday, July 3<sup>rd</sup>. The fireworks will be combined with patriotic music from the Carillon. A new addition to this year's festivities will be a Kona Ice vendor. They will be selling flavored shaved ice treats and part of their proceeds will be donated back to the Village. Of course, we will need additional donations to cover the cost of the fireworks. We have a good start with a \$1000 donation from Mariemont Civic Association, but still need more help. Any amount you would like to donate would be appreciated and can be mailed to the Village office at 6907 Wooster Pike, Mariemont, OH 45227.



## **MARIEMONT CIVIC ASSOCIATION HOSTS GREAT LINE-UP OF SPEAKERS FOR 2017**

In addition to donating \$1000 for the 2017 fireworks, the Mariemont Civic Association is bringing some wonderful speakers to the Village during the remaining months of this year. All residents are welcome to attend the meetings and take advantage of the opportunity to hear these presentations. With the exception of the July 20<sup>th</sup> meeting, all meetings begin at 7PM and are held at the Village Church of Mariemont located at the corner of Maple Street and Oak Street. The schedule of meetings and speakers is as follows:

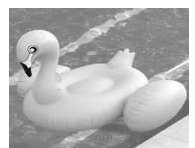
- ▶ **July 20** – An official from our new Sister City, Venice, Florida, will share information about Venice at a joint meeting of the Civic Association and the Mariemont Preservation Foundation. *This meeting, starting at 7PM, will take place at the Historic Village Church located at the corner of Oak Street and Cherry Street*
- ▶ **August 17** – The speaker will be wildlife artist John Ruthven. After serving in the U.S. military in World War II, Ruthven opened a commercial art studio in Cincinnati. His work for clients included creating the "Play-Doh Boy", which was used in that product's original 1950s advertising. Ruthven's focus, however, was on wildlife painting in the style of John James Audubon. In 1960, his painting "Redhead Ducks" won the Federal Duck Stamp competition.
- ▶ **September 21** – Village resident and WCPO/Channel 9 reporter and director John Matarese will be sharing insight from his program "Don't Waste Your Money". John always has some excellent advice on how to save money.
- ▶ **October 19** – District 4 Municipal Court Judge Curtis Kissinger will be the featured speaker
- ▶ **November 16** – Mr. Chey Alberto will join the Civic Association to discuss his role at the Hamilton County Soil and Water Conservation District. As an Urban Conservationist, Mr. Alberto is responsible for helping in the administration of the Hamilton County Earthwork Regulations Department, which includes site inspections to ensure that earthwork projects remain in compliance. His knowledge will be extremely valuable as we address erosion problems here in the Village. This is also PIZZA NIGHT!!



**ALLOWED**

## **MESSAGE FROM THE POOL BOARD -MARIEMONT SWIM POOL RAFT DAYS**

We want to remind all those taking part in 'Raft Day' at the Mariemont Community Pool that the only type of raft allowed in the pool is a simple, flat raft, like the one shown at the left. Rafts that resemble animals or have anything protruding from them, such as the raft shown at the right, are NOT ALLOWED. The larger rafts are prohibited as a safety measure. Please help keep everyone safe by following the 'Raft Day' rules.



**NOT ALLOWED**



**SWIMMING POOL IN NEED OF FREEZER**

The Mariemont Community Pool is in need of a chest-type freezer to replace one that has quit working. If you have one you would like to donate, please contact the Village Office at 271-3246. We will arrange to have someone pick it up and deliver it to the pool. Please remember we can only use a chest-type freezer, like the one shown in the picture at the left.

**IMPROVEMENTS & PICKLEBALL AT TENNIS COURTS**

There has been plenty of activity at the tennis courts this year. All the courts are being completely repaired and resurfaced for tennis. The bottom two tennis courts have also had Pickleball Court lines added to them. Those two courts will be available for Tennis Court members to use for both tennis and pickleball.



**ARBOR DAY**

This year’s Arbor Day celebration on April 28<sup>th</sup> included the planting of two cherry trees to the west of the Dale Park Statuary. The trees were generously donated by Village resident Dr. Ann Grooms. The addition of the trees will add beauty to our park for years to come. We are proud of the fact that we celebrate Arbor Day each year with the planting of at least one tree and that our commitment to increasing and maintaining our trees has earned the Village a Tree City USA designation for 27 years. Not only is this an honor for our community, but an honor for the state, as well. Ohio has 248 Tree Cities holding the number one position in the United States for over 20 years for most Tree Cities in any state.

**PUT ADDRESS ON YOUR HOME FOR SAFETY**

Mariemont Village Council hopes to soon pass legislation that would require each residence to CLEARLY display the building’s street address on all houses and apartment buildings. This is being done strictly as a safety measure. In the case of an emergency, our police and fire departments need to be able to quickly identify the property where the emergency is taking place. In the event that ‘mutual aid’ (help from another community’s fire department) is needed, those firefighters are not as familiar with our Village and their response will be quicker if they can see the property address. It is important that the street number can easily be seen from the street. Those properties that back up to a lane/alley should also have the street number displayed on the rear of the building. Address numbers should be in a color that contrasts with the color of the house so the address will stand out and be easy to see.

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**THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW**

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► **LOCK YOUR HOMES AND CARS TO PREVENT THEFTS**

As the weather gets warmer, it is not uncommon for thefts to increase and we have had a few car break-ins lately, as well as a home break-in. One way you can help to reduce these break-ins is to be sure to **ALWAYS LOCK YOUR DOORS AND LEAVE OUTSIDE LIGHTS ON** at night. Even if your car is locked, it is important that you **DON’T LEAVE VALUABLES IN YOUR CAR**. A favorite target for thieves is **LOOSE CHANGE** left in consoles and cup holders, so you should avoid leaving cash and/or coins in your car. Inside your home, make sure purses and things like laptops cannot be seen from windows or doors. The fewer easily-grabbed valuables you have in plain view, the less likely you are to become a victim of a theft. As always, if you notice any suspicious behavior, call 911 immediately.

► **BRUSH PICKUP SCHEDULE REMINDER**

There seems to still be some confusion about the new brush route schedule. Brush (limbs, branches, bushes, and other ‘chippable’ yard waste) is collected by the Village of Mariemont Service Department on the **FIRST** and **THIRD** weeks of each month. Most often, the brush will be collected on the same day your trash is picked up. However, in the event of a storm where there may be more brush to be collected, your brush may not be picked up until later that week. Brush is to be stacked on the curb. Small sticks and trimmings from bushes, grass, and leaves (or other ‘pliable’ yard waste) should be bagged and set out to be picked up by Rumpke on your regular trash day.

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**UPCOMING EVENTS**

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► **VILLAGE WASTE COLLECTION FEES DUE – JULY 1<sup>ST</sup>**

Don’t forget that Waste Collection Fees are due July 1st. The amount due after July 1<sup>st</sup> will increase by a \$25 late fee. 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.

► **FIREWORKS SHOW – JULY 3<sup>RD</sup>**

This year’s fireworks display will be held on Monday, July 3rd. The fireworks will start going off at dark (typically between 9:30 and 10:00 PM) Pleasant Street will be closed from Wooster Pike to Mariemont Avenue, beginning at 9:00 p.m. Everyone is asked to walk to the park. If you must drive, please park in the parking lot between the church and school on Chestnut Street. There are to be no alcoholic beverages at the event. Residents should not bring any fireworks of any kind. With a \$1,000 donation from the Mariemont Civic Association, we have a good start at off-setting the \$4,500 cost of the fireworks display.

► **SAFETY SERVICES NIGHT OUT – AUGUST 3<sup>RD</sup>**

The Mariemont Police and Fire Departments will host the 2017 Safety Services Night Out in Bell Tower Park on Thursday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>, starting at 5PM. This is an annual FREE fun family event. There will be great music provided by disc jockey Johnny B, as well as complimentary hot dogs and refreshments. Representatives from the Hamilton County SWAT unit will be present and the UC Air-Care Helicopter will make a landing at approximately 7:30 PM. Displays will include police and fire equipment with officers and firefighters present to answer questions. See you there!

► **TASTE OF MARIEMONT – SUNDAY – AUGUST 27<sup>TH</sup>**

This year’s Taste of Mariemont, sponsored by the Mariemont Preservation Foundation, will take place at the Concourse on Sunday, August 27th, from 4:30 to 7:00 PM. There will be lots of tasty treats available, as well as games for kids of all ages.

► **ARTS & CRAFTS FAIR – SUNDAY – SEPTEMBER 10<sup>TH</sup>**

The Kiwanis Club of Mariemont will hold their Annual Fall Arts and Crafts Fair Sunday, September 10th from 11am to 5pm on Wooster Pike.

► **WARRIOR RUN 2017 – SATURDAY – SEPTEMBER 30<sup>TH</sup>**

The annual Warrior Run: Race for Life will be held on Saturday, September 30<sup>th</sup>, starting at 5:15PM. There is much more to the Warrior Run than the 5K run and the one-mile walk. The event also includes ‘Kids Fun Runs’ for kids ages 2 through 7. There is a Silent Auction and activities for all. This is a fun family event that raises money for a great cause. To register, please visit: <http://cincywarriorrun.org/>.

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Sincerely,

*Dan Policastro*

Dan Policastro, Mayor