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DONATIONS NEEDED - FIRE AND ICE ON JULY 3RD STARTING BETWEEN 9:30 & 10PM



This year the annual fireworks show will be on Tuesday, July 3rd. The fireworks will be combined with patriotic music from the Carillon. Due to their success at last year's festivities, Kona Ice will be returning to offer flavored shaved ice treats. 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 \$1,000 donation from Mariemont Civic Association, but still need more help. Any amount you would like to donate would be appreciated and can be mailed or dropped off to the Village office at 6907 Wooster Pike, Mariemont, OH 45227.



KAREN SULLIVAN NAMED OUTSTANDING CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

At the Memorial Day Parade on May 28th, we were pleased to present Karen Sullivan with the award for Outstanding Citizen of the Year. Karen has worked tirelessly on several projects for the Village. She was very instrumental in helping the Village block ODOT's plan to run the Eastern Corridor through the South 80. Karen used the work that she did to protect the South 80 as the basis for submitting a nominating application that led to Mariemont being named one of the National Trust for Historic Preservation's 11 Most Endangered Places. Karen serves as Vice President of the Mariemont Preservation Foundation and is a member of the South 80 Gardens, Parks, and Trails Committee. She has completed a study listing the many different species of birds that inhabit the South 80 and continues working to protect the Village's interests on ODOT's plans for the Wooster Pike/US Route 50 improvements. Karen is very deserving of the Outstanding Citizen's award and we thank her for all she has done for our community.



MARIEMONT GIRLS LACROSSE SQUAD MAKES HISTORY

On May 29th, the Mariemont High School Girls Lacrosse team defeated Chagrin Falls to bring home the Ohio Division II State Championship trophy! This was the team's first trip to the championship, where senior Courtney Robinson set a state record for scoring six goals in the final game. The final score was 13-10. The win allowed the Lady Warriors to finish the season with a 17-4 record. Congratulations to these talented young ladies and their coaches!

Congratulations also to the Mariemont High School Boys Lacrosse team who defeated Indian Hill (5-2) to capture a Division II regional title. At the championship game on May 29th, they came in as runner-ups after falling to St Francis DeSales 15-13.

SISTER CITY VENICE FLORIDA HOSTED MAYOR OF MARIEMONT

In late April, I traveled with my wife, Barbara, to Venice, Florida, to meet with Venice Mayor, John Holic. Like Mariemont, Venice was designed by renowned city planner, John Nolen. I presented Mayor Holic with a key to the Village of Mariemont. We worked on our plan to form an Association of Nolen-Designed Cities and Village. During a welcome reception held for me to meet the town leaders, I was greeted by an attorney from Venice who is also named Dan Policastro!



MARIEMONT PRESERVATION FOUNDATION CONTRIBUTES TO ARBOR DAY CELEBRATION

The Mariemont Preservation Foundation (MPF) made a generous donation of \$10,000 for street trees in the Village. The donation was formally announced at this year's Arbor Day celebration, which took place on May 1st with the planting of a Red Oak tree on Chestnut Street. MPF is working with the Village to develop a plan for trees throughout the Village. Additional donations for street trees are welcomed and can be made directly to MPF, which is a 501c3 charitable organization. Our Arbor Day celebration is part of what is required for us to maintain our Tree City USA designation. In the picture at the left, Parks Board Advisory Board President Louise Schomburg puts the last shovelful of mulch on the new tree.

POOL MEMBERSHIP PAYMENT PLANS

It looks like we may be in for an exceptionally hot summer! We don't want any Mariemont children to miss out on the opportunity to enjoy the pool during this summer. If there are any Mariemont families with children who could benefit from having a payment plan for a family pool membership, please contact me on my cell phone at 615-5729. We can make arrangements that will allow you to purchase a membership by making scheduled payments that will work for you. All information will be kept completely confidential.



MARIEMONT PHONE DIRECTORIES

Mariemont Preservation Foundation (MPF) now has the 2018-2019 Village of Mariemont phone directory ready. The directory has the phone numbers of Village residents, as well as many of the businesses and lots of helpful information about the Village. The cost of the directories is \$10 and you can purchase one by contacting MPF at 272-1166. Directories are also available at MariElders and the Groovy Gumball Candy Company. You can also visit MPF's website at <https://mariemontpreservation.org/> to see all the gifts and other Mariemont items they have available.

PLANS TO PLACE SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER AT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Let it be known that, in light of the many school shooting incidents occurring across the country, Police Chief Rick Hines and I support having a Police Officer at the Mariemont Elementary School next school year. We plan to sit down with the Mariemont School Board this summer to discuss the possibility of having a Police Officer assigned to the elementary school in addition to the officer already assigned to the high school. The School Resource Officer would be present during school hours to address any threats or dangers posed to students. He or she would also work with the students to build a partnership between the students and the Police Department. These types of relationships encourage students to report any rumors or statements they have heard that concern or frighten them so the officer can intercede before any danger materializes. The police chief, the school superintendent, and I hope to have the details of the plan worked out as soon as possible so the plan can be presented to Council for their decision before the start of the 2018-2019 school year.

BELL TOWER RESTROOMS

There seems to be a lot of misunderstanding about when the restrooms in the Bell Tower open for the season. The one and only determining factor for opening the restrooms is weather. The restrooms cannot be opened until we have about two weeks of weather warm enough to bring the temperature inside the tower up above freezing. Most people don't realize that the Village does NOT own the Bell Tower. It is actually owned by the Emery Memorial Foundation. There is an additional restroom at the top of the tower for the use of the carillonneur. There is a pipe that leads to that restroom and because the temperature inside the tower is about 10-15 degrees cooler than the outside temperature, the Emery Memorial requires us to wait until the temperatures are warm enough to keep that pipe from freezing and breaking. We strive every year to open them as early as possible, but we had a very cold spring this year, which caused them to be opened later than usual. Now that they are open, the Police Department will unlock them each morning and lock them up again each evening. If you find them closed during the day, please call the non-emergency number for the Police Department (271-4089) and an officer will come to unlock the gate. Also, the Village and the Mariemont Recreation Association have worked together to contract with a janitorial service to clean the restrooms once per week throughout the summer.



DUKE ENERGY TO CONDUCT INSPECTIONS IN VILLAGE

During the months of July and August, Duke Energy will be performing inspections on their gas metering equipment inside the homes in the Village. The inspections are required by the US Department of Transportation and are done to insure safe natural gas pipeline operations. The work will include an inspection of the exposed gas piping and metering equipment for leaks and/or corrosion. Each inspection takes approximately 10 minutes. Duke Energy has hired

Southern Cross to perform the inspections. All technicians will be wearing a visible Southern Cross photo ID on their uniform. They will also have a Duke Energy picture ID. If asked, they can provide a contact phone number that you may call to verify their identity and they will be driving a vehicle that will have the Southern Cross logo displayed. If you would like further information, please contact duke-energy.com/ohio/natural-gas/inside-piping.asp

VILLAGE PLANNING COMMISSION NOT ABLE TO APPROVE WALDORF SCHOOL'S REQUEST

On May 15th, the Village of Mariemont Planning Commission held a meeting to hear a request from the Cincinnati Waldorf School. They were asking for a zoning variance that would allow them to use a small building on Oak Street as a high school. The need for the variance was the lack of parking allotted to the building. Several representatives from Waldorf School presented information about the type of high school they wished to open, the number of students they anticipated having enrolled, and the number of teachers that would be working at the school. There were also several Village residents at the meeting who expressed concerns about the limited amount of parking in that area. They discussed how that area already has a lot of traffic during the morning and at 3PM, having a high school there would just add to the traffic problem. After a long discussion of possible parking solutions, it was determined that there would not be enough dedicated parking for the building Waldorf wanted to buy and use. Therefore, their request was denied. Fortunately, they have since found a building in an adjacent community that will work for them.



HISTORICAL TOURS OF FERRIS HOUSE

Built in 1802 by Eliphalet Ferris, the Ferris House, located at 3915 Plainville Road, is the oldest house in Mariemont and one of the oldest brick buildings in Hamilton County. The current owner of the property, Dr. Ann Grooms, has announced that she will be giving tours of the house on Saturday, June 30th. There are two time slots, with the first tour beginning at 1:00 PM and the second tour beginning at 3:00 PM. The tours will last approximately one hour. Tickets cost \$20 each, with all proceeds going to charity. Please call 513-271-8865 for tickets and information.

SAFETY SERVICES NIGHT OUT – AUGUST 14th

The Mariemont Police and Fire Departments will host the 2018 Safety Services Night Out in Bell Tower Park on Tuesday, August 14th, starting at 6PM. 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, ice cream from Graeter's and UDF, games for children, and face-painting by the Mariemont High School Cheerleaders. Representatives from the Hamilton County Police Association SWAT, Underwater Search & Rescue, and the Honor Guard 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!



UNEVEN SIDEWALKS CAN BE TRIP HAZARDS

If you know of any areas where roots from a Village street tree have caused a portion of a sidewalk to buckle or raise up, please notify the Village office by calling 271-3246. We will need to know the address closest to the spot where the uneven sidewalk is located. Once we have a list of several sidewalks that need to be done, we will contract with a company that can grind the sidewalks down to make them level. We are hoping to get the work started in August, so please contact us before the end of July if you know of any sidewalks that should be added to the list.

CLEANING UP AFTER YOUR DOG

Once again, we are getting a lot of complaints about dog owners not cleaning up after their pets. There have been several complaints from people who have found feces in their yards and along the sidewalks. There have also been complaints about dog messes in the parks. Please remember that Village of Mariemont Code of Ordinances 90.09 requires all pet owners to IMMEDIATELY clean up after their pets. We ask all residents to adhere to this ordinance out of consideration for others, especially our children.

LOTS OF CAR BREAK-INS & STOLEN CARS – DON'T BE A TARGET



Recently, there have been numerous car break-ins and cars thefts in Mariemont, Indian Hill, and Madeira. There appears to be a theft ring operating in the area. All three police departments are working together to catch these thieves and so far they have arrested two members of that ring. You can help by making sure to lock your car and NEVER LEAVE YOUR KEYS IN THE CAR! More importantly, DO NOT leave any valuables in your car. Often times, the thieves are looking for anything they can sell, pawn, or trade for drugs. This includes any electronics such as laptops, phones, phone chargers, and/or kids' video players. One target of these thieves is loose change, so please empty out your cup holders. If your car is locked and has a neat and tidy interior and appears to be empty of all valuables, thieves typically won't bother breaking in.

HAVE A SAFE AND FUN SUMMER!

Sincerely,

Dan Policastro

Dan Policastro, Mayor