

Mariemont's Past?

Answers

1 Mariemont Inn Gardens (c. 1929 – early 1930s)

An open terrace at the rear of the Mariemont Inn overlooked a sunken garden and a bowling green which later became a summer garden. This summer garden was strung with Japanese lanterns providing a beautiful setting for Saturday night dances on an elevated dance floor and an outdoor eating area. Before the Mariemont Theater opened, outdoor movies were shown on Friday nights.

NOW a parking lot

2 One of the early locations of the Mariemont Public Library (6930 Madisonville Rd.)

The Mariemont Library operated from various locations until it was moved to this location in 1949 where it remained for 23 years until the current library was built in 1972.

NOW Mio's Pizzeria

3 Dale Park Fire Station (c.1926) (3914 Oak Street)

The building was divided into three parts. The center portion housed the Fire Truck, with sleeping quarters to the right and offices for a combined police and fire department to the left which contained a single cell for the temporary detention of a lawbreaker! Fire and police alarm boxes were located throughout the village which were connected to the Fire Station or emergency use.

NOW A business operates at this location

4 First School in Mariemont (1924)

Located Corner of Beech & Wooster. This 2-room schoolhouse for students of Mariemont and Fairfax was run by the Mariemont Company for one year before Dale Park Elementary School was built in 1925. It then became a Community House and movie theater. In June 1927 the building was moved to the corner of Oak and Maple. It continued to be used for community activities until 1930 (when the Thomas J. Emery Recreation Building was built on Plainville Road). The Mariemont Masonic Lodge rented the building in 1930 from the Thomas J. Emery Memorial and then purchased it in 1943, adding a brick extension in 1964. It then became the home of the newly formed Village Church of Mariemont in 20

NOW a single-family house on the original site

5 Horton's Drug Store – (operated 1940s into the late 1980s early 1990s) Was a favorite “hang out” for kids and teens at the soda fountain inside.

NOW The Quarter Bistro

6 Cincinnati Street Railway “Mariemont Line”

When Mariemont was first constructed the Cincinnati-Milford-Blanchester Line operated through Mariemont providing a convenient means of transportation. The Mariemont Company took it over when it was on the verge of bankruptcy. In the early days of Mariemont students rode the streetcar to the Terrace Park High School and the Mariemont Company provided free transportation for its residents for the annual outing to the Cincinnati Zoo. However, it was never profitable and in 1927 the Cincinnati Street Railway acquired the portion from Hyde Park to Milford which became the "Mariemont Line" eventually turning around in Mariemont. The last streetcar from Mariemont to Cincinnati ran on January 6, 1942. NOW Trolley Turnaround Park at Murray & Miami

7 Mariemont Service Station (1926) (Northwest corner Pocahontas & Wooster)

This filling station was built by the Mariemont Company. It later became the Texaco Service Station and motel and was one of the earliest auto-courts in the area. It was torn down in the 1960's.

NOW Isabella Hopkins Park

8 The Tom Thumb Golf Course (c.1932) (Wooster & Crystal Springs)

A white picket fence enclosed this 9-Hole Putt-Putt which was enjoyed by Mariemont Residents for many years. On July 4th each year the fence was decorated in red, white and blue bunting and American flags were planted at each hole for the annual miniature golf outing.

NOW the Municipal Building

9 Mariemont Kroger

Kroger operated at this location at the corner of Wooster Pike and West Street from 1952 until moved to its new location in Plainville in 1994.

NOW Dilly Bistro and part of the Mariemont Strand

10 Walnut Savings & Loan Building (6923 Madisonville Road)

This building has changed hands many times. In the mid 1950s Crouch Market opened a grocery store here until 1969 when it became a bank building. The first bank was Walnut Savings & Loan, which became Cottages Savings Bank in 1983, then First Financial Bank in 1992, finally Fifth Third Bank from 1993- Dec.1994.

The building was empty around the time the MariElders were looking for a new permanent home when they had to vacate their Center at Dale Park School. They purchased this building, and it became their current headquarters.

NOW The MariElders Senior Center since 1997

11 Nick's Hardware and Gas & Oil Filling Station (c.1925) Located behind the Gilchrist townhouses off Oak and Murray.

This single gas pump was one of the earliest gas stations in Mariemont.

NOW the courtyard still remains

12 Site of the Lagoon (and Boathouse)

This 2-acre lagoon and boathouse was built in 1927. The lagoon was used for boating in the summer and ice skating in the winter. In the summer of 1942 the lagoon was drained in the summer months to eliminate mosquitoes breeding in stagnant water. The valves feeding the lagoon were closed to store sufficient water to provide ice skating facilities in the winter. In the late 1940s the lagoon was filled. However, the boathouse remains.

NOW grassy meadow area.

13 Mariemont Inn Garage (West Street) (1929)

This was built primarily to serve guests staying at the Inn, but it was also a general service station.

NOW The Executive Building

14 Mariemont Inn Coffee Shop on Madisonville Road (Mariemont Inn Block).

Apparently, the hanging coffee pot emitted steam!

NOW storefront (next to Framer's Guild)

15 Tunnel under Plainville Road

Provided a safe means to cross Plainville Road to what was then the Thomas J. Emery Recreation Building (accessed by a stairway between the sidewalk and the curb just north of Chestnut Street on west side of Plainville to east side of Plainville Road).

NOW It was filled in sometime during the 1950's

16 Mariemont Golf Course Clubhouse

In 1928 a none-hole golf course was constructed in the bottom land below Mariemont and in 1929 a simple frame "Mississippi Colonial" club house was constructed. A rustic wooden bridge was erected to provide access to the clubhouse that was located on a island. A record breaking flood in January of 1937 deposited a six to eight-inch layer of silt on the course and the course was abandoned. In January of 1941 the building burnt to the ground.

NOW South 80 trails.