

Mayor Brown's Update, September 2023

It has been a busy time refurbishing and repairing some of our most prized and recognizable Village landmarks. There have been many questions about them so here is an update.

The Fountain in the Square:

Many of you have noticed that the fountain has been out of service for the last several weeks. The pool of water surrounding the fountain has been leaking water for some time. In order to repair the leak, the fountain had to be completely drained and dried out. Additionally, it needed to be covered with a tarp to ensure that it remained dry before the work could proceed. A delay has been incurred due to weather conditions, but now that the weather is cooperating, repairs are underway. Hopefully the fountain will be fully operating before too much longer.

The Clock by the National Exemplar:

The National Exemplar owners, brothers Ken and Paul Pendery, gifted the clock to the Village of Mariemont in past years.

I have been working with managers Mike Pardo and Lisa Hopkins of the National Exemplar to oversee repairs on the clock. The Verdin Company, founded in 1842, has undertaken the repairs, beginning with disassembling the clock for the move to their facility. The internal mechanism will be refitted, the internal lighting will be updated to LED, and the clock will be repainted. The National Exemplar is generously funding the work.

The Concourse:

Built in 1924-25, the Concourse was dedicated to Isabella Hopkins, Mary Emery's sister. The original trellis was constructed out of cedar, and after almost 100 years, the trellis is in much need of being rebuilt.

Councilmember Matt Ayer and I are in the process of getting estimates for the lumber and other materials needed for the restoration, as well as planning how the work should proceed. Much of the dead wisteria will be removed and the remainder will be thinned as needed. We're hoping to get a start on the project in the next few weeks.

Thanks for your support!