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Waldorf School Offers Education Alternative

BY ANDREW KUPFERLE

When students begin the school year next fall, parents in the area will have a new option in the form of the Cincinnati Waldorf School, which is set to open a new location in the Dale Park building, administrator Christine Masur confirmed. The school currently leases two locations elsewhere in the city, but had been seeking a more permanent location and has now closed a deal with the Mariemont school district to purchase the building, which served as Mariemont Junior High School until the beginning of this school year.

The Cincinnati Waldorf School is an administratively independent member of the Association of Waldorf Schools of North America, part of a worldwide movement of Waldorf education, which is the largest alternative education movement in the world. Its educational philosophy and style are distinct from what is usually found in the public school system. It aims to "teach the whole child, not just the brain," according to Cincinnati Waldorf enrollment director Karen Crick. This is accomplished through a variety of teaching practices including the use of movement in the classroom, integration of the arts into many parts of the curriculum, and an emphasis on nature and the outdoors.

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MPPG Hosts 2013 Easter Egg Hunt



Mariemont Preschool Parents Group (MPPG) presents the 2013 Easter Egg Hunt on March 16 at the Concourse on Miami Bluff.

From 3 to 5 pm come meet the Easter Bunny, visit with the animals in the petting zoo, and hunt for treat-filled eggs!

VILLAGE

Preschool Parents Enjoy a Night Out



The Mariemont Preschool Parents Group got together for a night out with friends for the annual couple's party, held at the Madison

Bowl this year. Prizes were awarded not only for highest scores but for lowest scores too. A fun night for all!

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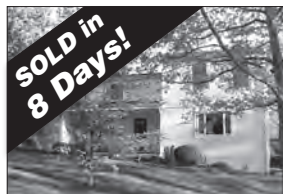
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Traffic Calming Options Considered for 6-Way Intersection

BY CLAIRE KUPFERLE, EDITOR

The entrance to the Village of Mariemont to the north is a six-way intersection where Plainville, Murray and Madisonville Road

Attending the presentation were representatives from businesses, the Mariemont School Board, Columbia Township, Mariemont Council, and other interested parties. Mike Lemon, Administrator of

the roundabout plan can handle future growth. KZF estimates construction of a roundabout would take 2-3 months, with traffic maintained. Installing traffic signals would be a much easier process. Installing traffic lights



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converge. At a presentation in early February, Jonathan Wiley, a transportation engineer with KZF Design, presented several options that aim to improve the flow of traffic at that intersection. In the fall, KZF engineers studied traffic patterns through the intersection and then modeled six different revisions. The two options that were the most feasible came down to a roundabout or traffic lights. Mr. Wiley stated the current intersection does not meet today's standards for keeping traffic moving. He acknowledged there have been very few accidents at the intersection, and attributes it to the fact drivers go very slowly because it is confusing and difficult to determine who should proceed next. Given all the factors, KZF determined a roundabout is the best option for keeping traffic moving, with speeds of 18-20 miles per hour through the intersection.

Columbia Township, spoke in favor of the roundabout as a way to improve the traffic flow and the look of the area. He reminded the group roundabouts are common in England, and Mariemont is modeled after an English garden city. Most of the affected land lies in Columbia Township, but there is a 10-foot easement in the Village of Mariemont that is affected by the roundabout and a proposed bike path, and so they are seeking cooperation from the Village.

Future traffic through the area was considered, to take into account increased traffic from Emery Park and Nolen Park condominiums, as well as a proposed apartment complex. Traffic engineers estimate an eventual 15% increase in traffic and their models show both the traffic signal plan and

was not considered the best option, however, because speed through the intersection would be fairly high (30 mph) on Plainville when the lights are green. The engineers see the roundabout plan, with "splitter islands" as also being safer for pedestrians, since they would be able to cross one lane, pause at the island and then cross another lane, reducing their exposure.

KZF has presented their findings to the Planning Commission, which will make a recommendation to Council. The group is hoping Council will receive the proposal and act upon it in March. Comments regarding the information presented at the meeting, as well as a color rendering of the roundabout drawing can be found at www.mariemont.com.

IT TAKES A VILLAGE...

BY DENIS BEAUSEJOUR

One look inside Lolli's on Madisonville Road tells you volumes about owner Leah Osgood's sense of style and imagination. The beautifully decorated shop invites you to browse through an eclectic assortment of home and fashion resources. Yet the sparkling smile of the owner tells a deeper story of following a dream and a passion for design and service excellence.

A mother of four, Leah grew up in Fort Thomas and went to high school at Highlands. Her career in retail management included stints at The Limited and the cosmetics department of Saks. That all changed in 2002 when Leah was introduced to Chad Osgood by a friend from Terrace Park. Chad grew up in Mariemont, graduating from High School here in 1989. After a very successful blind date, Leah and Chad married and moved to Mariemont, where Chad owns a property company operated with his brother Steve, including many rental units in the Village. Leah's son Braxton is now off studying at Ohio University, while twins Ryder and Delaney (8) and Bentley (4) are growing up in Mariemont, just like their Dad.

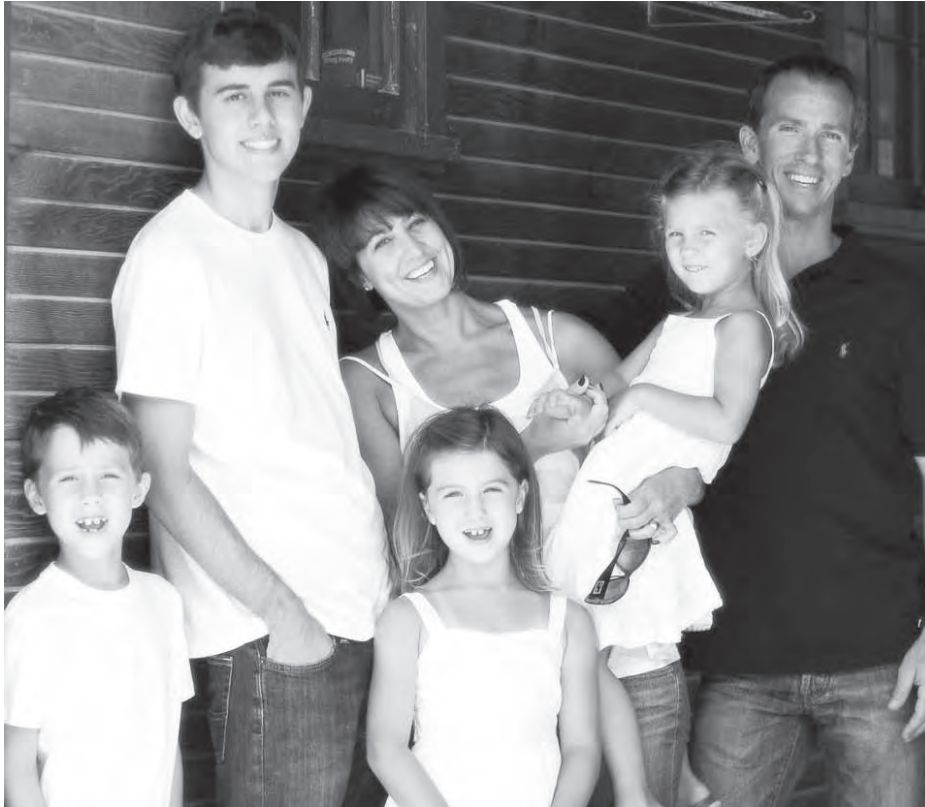
A busy family put Leah's retail career on hold for about 8 years. During this time, the family first lived on Pleasant Street and then moved to their current home on Center Street. Leah and Chad love the "walkability" of the neighborhood and love bike riding together as well as exploring the trails on the Lower 80. They also love antiquing together and summer vacations at the beach.

Chad has built his property business by meeting the needs of his tenants well - his current longest residing tenant is 27 years, although he had one tenant who rented for 42 years! He often gets calls from the MariElders or the Mayor, looking for homes for people who need to move. He made several units available

his property know-how. He was also there to juggle sports activities, meals, and whatever else the kids needed to give Leah the time and space to work out her vision. Bit by bit, things came together and last February, Lolli's was born.

It's been a year and much has happened.

Leah has exceeded her goals and her dream is a reality. She has been able to get behind many worthwhile community activities in this first year. Lolli's has supported the Warrior Run with custom belt buckles, the Collin Barton Shelter, and the environment by offering a selection of recycled and repurposed products. And her store has attracted visitors to the Village from all over Cincinnati. As she tells it, Chad beams. Her web site (www.lollisltd.com) features a number of wonderfully practical selections, and the many other community causes she supports are highlighted. Lolli's is a great asset to the Village and one more example of how a family working together can truly enrich



Mariemont is a mix of business, fun and pleasure for The Osgood Family.

Do you know of other helpful Mariemont neighbors that we could profile? If so, please send your suggestions to denisbeausejour@aol.com.

to house those displaced by the Jordan Park project. I am reminded how well-respected Chad is from a previous story about Joyce Schmidt – one of his many satisfied clients.

With the property management business and the family in good shape, Leah returned to dreaming of owning her own retail store. As she developed the ideas, Chad was there to scope out and prepare the space, leveraging

our community.

I asked where the name of the store came from. Leah ventures that Lolli is someone she aspires to be... someone who has classic style with just a bit of an edge. A woman who takes comfort in the traditional but is not afraid to twist it into something that is uniquely her own. Leah envisions "Lolli" to be a woman who embraces the joys that define who she is – children, grandchildren, her "significant other," family and friends, and feels blessed by the simple things in life. Well it sounds like Lolli may be closer than Leah ever imagined ... hey Braxton: no pressure on the grandchildren part of mom's vision!

SCHOOLS

'Waldorf School,' continued:

The classroom environment is also unconventional: many of the teachers progress with the same group of students through multiple years, for example. Along with a non-competitive atmosphere in terms of grades and other pursuits, this creates a family-like atmosphere of "social education" which helps children form connections with peers, according to Masur. She also notes that Waldorf education does not place as much emphasis as other schools on staying on the cutting edge of technology. "We actually will be restoring the building closer to what it looked like originally," Masur said, saying that the school may rely more on traditional blackboards than on Smart Boards or other touch-sensitive screens.

Waldorf education was first put into practice in 1919 by Austrian philosopher Rudolph Steiner. He created the system based on his own theories of childhood development, as well as his philosophy of "anthroposophy," which arose

out of the same early-20th century spiritualist milieu which produced Theosophy and which laid some of the intellectual foundations for the later New Age movement. Today, while Waldorf education is still clearly based in Steiner's ideas about childhood development and learning, the spiritual themes are mostly expressed as one aspect of the larger aim of holistic education. Waldorf education acknowledges that "children are spiritual beings," according to Crick, and seeks to address their spiritual needs along with the social, emotional, mental, and physical aspects of learning.

When the school opens in the fall, it will seek to accommodate about two hundred children of elementary school age, accepting students from across the city. With its distinctive educational philosophy, the Waldorf School will offer a new and unique schooling alternative, and the Dale Park building will once again serve its original purpose, educating children.

Superintendent Paul Imhoff to Leave District

The Mariemont City School Board announced on February 19 that current superintendent, Paul Imhoff, accepted an offer to serve as superintendent of schools for the Upper Arlington City School District, beginning the 2013-14 academic year. He will remain superintendent of Mariemont City Schools until July 31, 2013.

"We are grateful for Paul's leadership and collaboration and over the past six years," Peggy S. Braun, School Board President.

Among Mr. Imhoff's accomplishments during his six-year tenure with the Mariemont School District include the building and renovation of our school buildings after the successful passage of a 2009 bond issue by the community.

The Board of Education will convene soon to discuss the process for selection. Once the process is finalized, the information will be shared with the staff and community.



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Good Friday Service: March 29th

Service at Noon

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Sunrise Service: March 31st

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Neighboring with Nina

BY NINA IREDALE



It's hard to believe that March is already upon us! Looks like we may have another mild winter as we head into spring. At anytime, if you are new to Mariemont and I haven't contacted

you, please feel free to contact me and I will gather your information. It's never too late to be welcomed!

6977 Grace Avenue was purchased by Greg and Jasmine Warga in November. They met in college at Northwestern University then moved to Austin, Texas for work. After getting married last April, Greg and Jasmine soon decided they wanted to move back closer to home although they would miss the weather, music scene and tex-mex food that Austin offers. Jasmine is originally from Cincinnati – she graduated from Sycamore High School, and Greg is from the Columbus area. Currently, Greg works as a Business Analyst for an investment management firm downtown and Jasmine is in Graduate School, pursuing her M.F.A. in creative writing. They have a gray cat named Salvador, who bears little

resemblance to his namesake, Salvador Dali. They chose Mariemont for the walkability, close-knit community, strong school system and reasonable commute to downtown.

Long-time Mariemonters, the Long Family (Gary, Lynn, Max, Karin and Ellie) have a new address here in town. They purchased 7022 Hiawatha in January and love their new home.

Eric and Diana Paternoster purchased 6920 Mt. Vernon in November but have not yet moved in. They had been looking for a suitable property in Mariemont for the last several years and were thrilled when this property became available for sale. While they love the location of the home, they did not love the existing house. So, prior to closing, they obtained permission from the Village to demolish the current structure and construct

a new one. Needless to say, Eric and Diana will have to wait a little longer than normal to actually move into their new home. They have retained Ireland May to help them realize their dream. Ireland May is a custom builder who specializes in constructing unique heirloom homes. The home they are proposing to build is constructed of brick and stone with painted wood trim and is designed to look like an English cottage.

I'd like to WELCOME all of our new neighbors and if anyone knows of a new addition to someone's family or a new neighbor that I may have missed, please let me know so they can be included in a future issue. My phone number is 272-1551 (home), 484-2647 (cell) or email is niredale@sibcycline.com.

What's "App"ening?

The *Town Crier* is interested in putting together a story featuring your favorite applications (apps) for mobile devices such as smart phones and tablets. Please send us an email (ckupferle@cinci.rr.com) describing one or two of your favorite apps. If you are willing to share a photo of yourself to accompany the article, that would be great!

Just get the information to us by Thursday, March 21 and then stay tuned for the April issue to read about apps that entertain and inform your friends and neighbors.

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What's Happening at the Library

March All Ages

Mr. Cowpie's Party Animals! Come for an evening of rollicking, family fun. Tuesday, March 5 at 6:30 pm.

Children

Spending, Saving, Sharing for Kids: Bring your little ones to learn about the basics of saving money with Sesame Street's Elmo.

Tuesday, March 12 at 6:30 pm. Ages 3 to 6.

Collect the Button Book Club (CBBC): Each month, Ms. Kathryn's CBBC features a children's book series. Read at least one book from the series then stop in the library to complete an activity and earn a button. Collect three buttons to receive a free pizza coupon from Snappy Tomato Pizza. March's series: "Lunch Lady" by Jarrett Krosoczka. Ages 5 to 10.

Library Babies: Saturday, March 9 at 10:30

am. This is a great opportunity to introduce your baby to books, songs, and fingerplay. Ages birth to eighteen months. Registration suggested.

Movers and Shakers: Wednesdays at 10:30 am. Ages 1 to 4 years. Bring the little ones for stories, songs and dance as they learn about the library.

Pre-school Story Time: Wednesdays at 1:30 pm. Join Miss Kathryn for stories and crafts. Ages 3 to 5.

Tales to Tails: Thursday, March 7 at 5 to 6 pm. Kids read to a certified therapy dog to practice their reading skills. Ages 5 to 10.

Crafty Kids: Thursday, March 28 at 4:00 pm.

Teens

InBeTween Club: Gaming, movies, crafts & fun for tweens and teens. There will be something different each month. Cookie Decorating in March! Thursday, March 21 at 4 pm.

Anime Club: Check it out, Saturday, March 30 at 1 pm.

Adults

B.Y.O.B. Bring Your Own Books: Bring your old books in for evaluation by Kim Steinsiek from Duttonhofer's Books. Monday, March 4 at 6:00 pm.

Which Craft Needlecraft Club: Stop by with your current work in progress for pointers or just to have fun with co-enthusiasts. Knitting, crochet, needlework-- whatever you like to do. Saturday, March 2 and March 16 at 10:30 am.

Book Club: Thursday, March 28 at 6:45 pm. Join us for a discussion of Cutting for Stone by Abraham Verghese. Copies will be available at the desk.

Technology Classes: Interested in brushing up on computer basics or want to learn how to download music or books? We offer one-on-one sessions Tuesdays and Thursdays at 1:00 p.m. Call the branch and schedule a session.

Mariemont Branch Library, 3810 Pocahontas Ave., 369-4467; Hours: Monday, Tuesday & Thursday, Noon to 8:00 pm. Wednesday, Friday and Saturday, 10:00 am. to 6:00 pm.

In Memoriam: Hilda Eggleston Webb



Hilda Eggleston Webb passed away peacefully and naturally during the evening of Friday, February 15, 2013, at her home on Belmont Avenue in Mariemont, Ohio. Hilda May was born to Walter S. Eggleston, an engineer, and Catherine H. Eggleston, a cashier. Her two (younger) sisters survive her: Sally M. Deshelter and Bonnilyn G. "Bonnie" Kennan.

In her high school years, Hilda worked at the Toledo public library. She earned degrees in chemistry and folklore. She wrote "Water witching and other folk talents in the neighborhood of Bloomington, Indiana," in 1964, and "Cincinnati newspapers as a source of folklore themes," in 1975. She never lost an interest in folk tales, art, cultures, and customs. Later in life, she obtained a master's degree in social work, and also became an art therapist.

Hilda gave birth to four boys, two of whom survived childbirth; M. Kevin Webb (1955 - 1974), and John Muir Webb (born 1968). John married Amy Hall, and their own child born in 2009, has the name Caitlyn at Hilda's suggestion. Caitlyn has some beautiful knitted clothes from her grandmother, and she will be given a love of old stories and folktales, and good manners, as would have pleased Hilda.

Hilda joined Sahaja Yoga in 1992. She believed in the positive power of meditation and over the next two decades worked hard to awaken this in many people, especially those who suffered. She became part of an international family of yogis who loved her. She is buried at Spring Grove Cemetery, next to her son Kevin.

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Episcopal Retirement Homes Hosts Parish Health Ministry Annual Conference

Episcopal Retirement Homes' Parish Health Ministry will host their annual Refresh Your Soul conference March 8 – 9, 2013 at the Crown Plaza Hotel in Blue Ash. The conference titled "Riding the Dragon: Strengthening Your Life in Challenging Times" will feature four tremendous speakers and is supported by title sponsor Home Care by Black Stone.

The conference is held to provide healthcare professionals such as nurses, social workers and counselors educational topics intended to refresh their professional and spiritual commitment to the caregiving of others as well as re-energize lay caregivers. It also serves as a vital fundraising tool to support Parish Health Ministry's mission of empowering individuals to move toward improved health of their body, mind, and spirit through the promotion of health and wellness within Episcopal Retirement communities, partnering congregations, and the communities they serve.

Keynote speaker Robert Wicks, PsyD will discuss prevention of secondary stress (the pressure experienced in reaching out to others), offer insights into how we can remain resilient and, in turn, extend our warmth to others without losing our own inner fire in the process. Practical, illustrative, and lively, this presentation will provide essential information on professional resilience and personal well-being. In addition, G. Scott

Morris, MD, MDiv will explain how health care went wrong, how the church can offer real answers, and how you can take charge of your own wellness.

Also, learn the secrets to claiming treasured moments and transformed relationships, as you identify the challenges of caregiving and take steps that change your perspective to move you forward, from speaker Shelly Beach.

Tickets are \$20 for March 8, 2013, including dinner and contact hours. Tickets are \$55 for March 9, 2013, including

continental breakfast, lunch and conference materials. Nursing, counselor, social worker, marriage and family therapist contact hours are available for an additional fee. Purchase tickets and register online at www.parishhealthministry.com.

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“The Real Story” is Theme for Mariemont Chapter DAR Meeting

Twenty-seven members, guests and prospective members present at the January Mariemont Chapter DAR meeting heard the “Real Story” from Jennifer Mauch, chapter member, educator, community advocate and Principal of Pleasant Ridge Montessori School. Jennifer began her presentation with these questions: What do I want my legacy to be? What lasting impression will I make on this world as a daughter? As a woman? As an educator? What will my story be?

Jennifer told her story related to her evolving knowledge and skills as a teacher, volunteer tutor and community advocate. She explained her passionate belief that literacy has power to connect worlds, shape perspectives and be the great equalizer in society. She presented several facts including that over 1 million children drop out of school each year, costing the nation over \$240 billion in lost earnings, forgone tax revenues and expenditures for social services. Sixty percent of America’s prison inmates cannot read and 85% of all juvenile offenders have



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reading problems. In addition, no racial or social class difference in mental ability among infants exists before the child’s first birthday according to the Harvard Tripod Project. Jennifer presented her quest to help

others feel empowered and her search of the “aha” moment when one finally sees the connections being made by a learner and “they get it.” That quest led to the conclusion that an educator must first seek to understand before asking a child to understand, keep promises before requiring deadlines, extend kindness and courtesies before requesting respect and effort, clarify expectations before expecting a willingness to try, have a loyalty to the absent before expecting completion and follow through and be open to feedback before expecting a child to receive correction. Jennifer’s conclusions are that “every child has a personal story that shapes his or her perspective and every child’s perspective is unique. In order to truly capture and inspire, we must appreciate the perspectives of the children. Only then, can we begin to teach and instill literacy.” This is the “Real Story.”

One of the three tenets of DAR’s mission is Education. Mariemont chapter supports this mission through contributions to the Chemawa Indian Boarding School in Oregon, and collection of box tops for education for the Kate Duncan Smith DAR School in Alabama, and labels for education for the Tamassee DAR School in South Carolina. In addition, Mariemont awards the Good Citizen Award to a qualified High School Senior and encourages volunteer tutoring for Literacy by its members, as well as donation of books to schools, libraries, the VA and extended care facilities. For further information contact Jan Mauch, Regent at jan.mauch@me.com.



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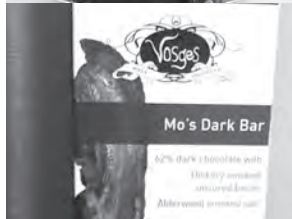
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NCAA basketball will be the focus of most brackets in March but we thought you'd like to see how the competition plays out among the "Sweet Sixteen" of Mariemont. The *Town Crier's* scout team went out to see



Graeter's 1870 Tower



Mariemont Theater's Mo's Dark Bark (Chocolate with tiny morsels of bacon)



LaRosas' Italian Crème Cake



Lolli's Peppermint Pattie Drizzle



The Villager's French Chews



Mio's Jerry's White Chocolate Raspberry Cheesecake



The Sweeterie's Chocolate Chip Cookie Cupcake



Dilly Café's Flourless Chocolate Torte with Macerated dried cherries and chocolate ganache

Mariemont's

Sweet Sixteen!

who was "bringing it to the hoop" in the sweet department and we've shared our findings with you.* Enjoy some March Madness of your own by heading out to our local eateries to sample these and other sweet creations!

Sweetest!

Pomegranate & Lime's Stonewall Kitchen Dark Chocolate Sea Salt



Starbucks' Iced Lemon Pound Cake

National Exemplar's Mini Trio (Crème brulee, Key Lime Pie & World's Smallest Sundae)



Pizzellii's Carmel Apple Pie Pizza



Flipdaddy's Triple Berry Cheesecake



Kroger's Tiramisu Cake



Quarter Bistro's Key Lime Tart



Hahana Beach's Warm Chocolate Chip Cookies



* This bracket was purely for fun and should not be taken seriously by NCAA bracket purists.

It's Not Too Soon to be Thinking about Summer...

Summer Arts Camp at The Barn 2013

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JULY 8-12, JULY 15-19, JULY 22-26

The Barn in Mariemont will be offering a July filled with art and fun again this summer for students in K-12th grades. Mark your calendar now to sign-up for a morning and/or afternoon class. New this year will be a class for children who have completed kindergarten. There will be 12 classes to choose from that include visual arts, music and theater, including an acting class taught by Mariemont's own Kevin Crowley. Once again the cost will be very reasonable with a 2-hour weeklong class costing \$25 per week and 3-hour weeklong class costing \$35. The Woman's Art Club of Cincinnati assists in funding these classes for the community as an art outreach. A complete list of classes and teacher bios will be available on March 11 and sign-ups will begin then as well.

Mark your calendar for Monday, March 11! These classes fill quickly and are on a first come basis. Registration and payment is totally online this year from our website. If you have any questions, please contact Lynn Long at

The Barn, womansartclub@zoomtown.com or 272-3700.

New Art Academy Classes Starting at The Barn

Keep your artistic energy flowing into spring with these new classes given by Art Academy of Cincinnati instructors. Please register on line for all classes, at www.artatthebarn.org and follow the link to Art Academy Classes.

Students should register AT LEAST 3 days prior to the first day of the class.



CLASSES IN MARCH...

"Colored Pencil Landscapes" March

16. This introductory class will teach sketching "en pleine air", meaning outdoors, in Mariemont, weather permitting. Finally learn how to sketch the lovely scenes and landmarks of the Village!



"Calligraphy Foundations" starts March 16. Any bridal or graduation party invitations? Now is the time to learn calligraphy!

"Mixed Media" starts March 18. Use paint to create textural effects for improvisation and experimentation. Emphasizes water-based and oil painting media, brush and knife techniques, blending washes, encaustic painting, and collage. Previous drawing experience is recommended.

"Mix it Up" starts March 25. This workshop will keep away any winter dullness as you learn to combine watercolor with magic markers, bleeding tissue paper, and watercolor pencils to create color abstractions on paper.

CLASSES IN APRIL...

"Oriental Ink Painting" starts April 6. Learn the traditions of Oriental painting. Use ink sticks, grinding stones, bamboo brushes, and rice paper to appreciate the tools of this style.

"After School Art for Kids" starts April 10. This third session taught by Linda Trucksis teaches children a new technique every week. Sessions one and two of this series sold out quickly. REGISTER NOW!

More Fun Classes at The Barn

Acrylic Abstract Workshop with Fran Watson, March 22-23.

Fran's class in January sold out so quickly she agreed to hold another workshop Friday and Saturday March 22-23, 9 am – 3 pm. Don't miss this opportunity to learn from one of the top abstract artists in the region! You will start with a drawing/photo/reproduction of your choice, and through the use of tube acrylics and canvas or gessoed paper, will make your work come to life. \$175 for the full session. To register: Call Fran at 859-781-0623 or email

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W O M A N ' S A R T C L U B C U L T U R A L C E N T E R

at Watson@fuse.net. The class is limited to 8 participants.

Cupcakes and Canvas

Another session of this popular children's painting afternoon is offered on Sundays, March 10 and April 21 from 1-2:30 pm. Join local artist Keli Oelerich as she instructs each child to produce an original themed painting on canvas. The class is \$15 per painter and includes all supplies and the cupcake! Parents are welcome to stay and paint as well. Call Keli to register at (859)-866-8777 or email at eatdrinkpaint@insightbb.com.

English Afternoon Tea

Do you relish the idea of an authentic afternoon tea, set in a countryside village estate surrounded by fine artwork, lovely music and delicious food? No, this is not Downton Abbey, but it is the 5th Annual English Afternoon Tea, put on by The Woman's Art Club Foundation. This popular tea will be held on March 16, from 3:00-5:00 pm in the lovely ambiance of The Barn. You will enjoy sweets, scones and tea sandwiches, surrounded by the charming and colorful Charley & Edie Harper needlepoint exhibit by Richard Gegner. Tables will be themed and creatively dressed with unique heirlooms. Music will feature Nancy Clark and her Celtic harp. Once again, authentic recipes will be followed, under the guidance of Mariemont residents Josephine Gately and Jane Coffee. One such recipe, for Apricot Walnut Loaf, is provided for you to make at home. Two traditional teas will be poured. Tickets are \$30 for adults and \$15 for children 12 and under. Please arrive at 3:00. This event does SELL OUT. Early reservations are a must and may be made online at www.artathebarn.org.

Pictured at right (from left to right): Kathleen Winter, Lynn Long, Jane Coffee, Jo Gately, Jan Ring, Diana Taylor, & Jan Boone.



Apricot-Walnut Loaf

3 cups (12 ounces) chopped dried apricots
1 teaspoon baking soda
1 ½ cups boiling water
¼ teaspoon grated nutmeg
1 cup muscovado sugar
¼ teaspoon ground cinnamon
1 teaspoon salt
½ cup raisins
1 ½ cups all-purpose flour
½ chopped walnuts
1 cup whole wheat flour
1 large egg beaten
2 tablespoons honey

Preheat the oven to 375 F. Butter a 9x5x3 inch loaf pan.

In a large bowl, combine the apricots, water, butter, sugar, and salt. Let this sit for 10 minutes or until the butter is melted. Into a separate bowl, sift together both flours, the baking soda, nutmeg, and cinnamon. Stir into the apricot mixture. Stir in the raisins, walnuts, and egg.

Transfer the batter to the prepared pan and bake for 60-65 minutes, or until the top is golden and a skewer inserted into the center comes out clean. Remove from the oven and let cool in the pan for 5 minutes on a wire rack. Invert the cake onto the rack and then turn upright. Meanwhile heat the honey in a microwave oven for 20-25 seconds or until runny. Brush the honey over the top of the warm cake. Let cool completely before cutting into slices.

In the Gallery Now...

"Needlepoint, the Art of Charley and Edie Harper", by Richard Gegner.

This whimsical exhibit is comprised of 75 needlepoint pieces capturing the graphic and often humorous images of nature for which Charley and Edie are so well known. Richard Gegner fell in love with the art of Charley Harper over 15 years ago and has been creating his needlepoint reproductions ever since. He recently accomplished his goal to create 75 pieces in time for his 75th birthday this year! You will recognize Richard as the longtime Carillonneur for the Mary M. Emery Carillon in Mariemont. The exhibit runs through March 31 and is open from 2-5 pm on Saturdays & Sundays, and 9 am – 5 pm on Wednesdays & Fridays.

Looking Ahead to April ...

WOMAN'S ART CLUB OF CINCINNATI 120TH JURIED EXHIBIT AND SALE

Artists' Reception April 7 from 1-4 pm.

Did you know that the Woman's Art Club of Cincinnati is the oldest continuously operating art club for women in the United States? And it is right here at The Barn in Mariemont! The Club was formed in 1892 to support female artists at a time when women were not welcome in the organized field of art. And now, the club will host its 120th annual Juried Exhibit. Original works of art from Ohio, Indiana and Kentucky female artists will be judged and awarded prizes totaling over \$3000.

Enjoy the two and three -dimensional original works in oil, acrylic, watercolor, fiber arts, ceramics and wood. Twenty percent of sales from the event benefit the Woman's Art Club. According to Marge Wasielewski, chair of the exhibit, "This exhibit shows the true joy of art from the artists who not only contribute the art but also support one another as women have supported each other for 120 years in the Cincinnati art scene." Judge for the show is Christopher Leeper, a full-time artist working in all media. His work has been published in books and magazines and he is an adjunct faculty member at Youngstown State University.

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WOMAN'S ART CLUB CULTURAL CENTER



The exhibit will run from April 7 to 21 at the Barn. Prizes will be announced at the Artist's Reception on April 7 from 1 to 4 p.m. The show is also open 1 to 4 p.m. April 5 and 6, April 10 to 14, and April 17 to 21. The exhibit is free and open to the public.

THEATER FOR TOTS - "GO DOG GO," A PLAYHOUSE "OFF THE HILL" PRODUCTION

April 6, 10:30 am. The Playhouse in the Park "Off the Hill" theater group returns

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to The Barn with a show for the younger set. P.D. Eastman's classic children's book comes to life on stage in an exploration of movement, color, space and music. The dogs delve into life with gusto, creating a visual spectacle for the audience to feast upon. They snorkel, they howl at the moon, they ride a ferris wheel, and they sing, dance and climb trees. This is a rollicking free-for-all of chicanine-ery. A big and little musical world of doggy fun. Like a pop-up book that comes to life – and never stops. Recommended for ages 5 and up. Register on line at www.artatthebarn.org. \$5 per family.

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MariElders News

Volunteers Needed

The MariElders is in need of volunteer drivers. We have members who do not drive anymore and need rides to their medical appointments. If you can spare 3 to 9 hours a month, we sure can use you. If interested, please call Kathy at 271-5588.

Ask a Nurse

On the second Thursday of every month, a nurse from Collier Nursing Services is at the MariElders from 1-3 pm to offer blood pressure screening. This service is free and open to the public. Just stop in and see how your heart is ticking.

Tax Assistance

AARP and the MariElders are offering tax assistance for people over the age of

60. The volunteers are trained to do simple taxes. Appointments must be made through the MariElders by calling 271-5588. The appointments will be held at the Fairfax Community Center 5903 Hawthorne Avenue. Dates are March 12, 26 and April 9.

Long-Term Care Decisions

On Wednesday, March 20 at 6:30 pm the MariElders will be hosting a program called "Reaching Decisions on Long Term Care." A speaker from the Caregivers Network program of Catholic Social Services will be here to answer all of your questions. Please sign up on the program bulletin board by calling the Center at 271-5588.

Spaghetti Dinner

The MariElders will be hosting our second Annual Spaghetti Dinner on Friday,

April 20 at the Fairfax Recreation Center, 5903 Hawthorne Avenue. The menu for the evening will be spaghetti, meatballs, salad, garlic bread and dessert. There will be live music, face painting and raffles. Cost for the meal is \$7 for adults and \$3.50 for children under ten. Tickets are available at the MARIELDERS (cash or checks please).

"Junque Sale"

We have set our date for our summer sale, Saturday, June 15. We are now accepting donations. Please remember to donate your unwanted treasures to us. The only items we do not accept are clothing, shoes and large pieces of furniture and appliances. We can accept items Monday through Friday from 9 am -4:30 pm. Thanks for supporting the MariElders.

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Girls' Volleyball League Forming



The Mariemont Recreation Association volleyball season for third-sixth grade girls who reside in the Mariemont school district

will be held on Wednesday evenings from April 3 through May 22. Practices and matches will be at the MHS Auxiliary Gym. This fun and educational league will include teaching, drills, and match play.

No previous experience is necessary or expected, and playing time will be equal for all the girls. Players involved in other spring

sports are encouraged to sign up and attend as many sessions as they can. The cost is \$45 per player, and online registration will begin on March 1 at www.mariemontvolleyball.org. For questions or more information, please contact Wes Iredale at wiredale@cinci.com or 513-272-1551, or Sandra Taylor at sftaylor@att.net or 513-965-0714.



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Mariemont Teachers & Administrators Present at State Tech Conference

Six Mariemont City School staff members presented three separate sessions at the 2013 Ohio Educational Technology Conference in Columbus, Ohio this week.

Paul Imhoff, superintendent of Mariemont City Schools, Keith Koehne, Mariemont Junior High School principal, and Shannon Kromer, director of curriculum and instruction, created and presented a session called "They did what!?: Great Teaching Leads to Affordable Hybrid BYOT." During this session they discussed how Mariemont City School District leveraged a talented teaching faculty and a tech-savvy community to launch a one-to-one program in support of enhanced learning.

"Laptops in the classroom have been a staple of instruction at Mariemont City Schools for over a decade, but following the lead of our students, we have piloted, and then expanded, an affordable model that has all students in grades 2-12 engaged with technology every day," said Paul Imhoff.

Elementary school teachers Ann Bullar and Maria Childs presented "Incorporating iPad apps to Demonstrate Core Standards." During this session, participants were introduced to educational apps that support and enhance the Ohio Common Core State Standards. Maria and Ann gave an explanation of the apps, as well as ideas for utilizing those apps within the classroom. They also distributed a list of apps to immediately use in lessons.

Mariemont High School English teacher, Michael Becksfort, created the session "Web 2.0 Tools for Formative & Summative Assessment" in which he introduced several web tools, including traditional and standard web



Mariemont City School staff members Ann Bullar, Maria Childs, and Michael Becksfort presented three separate sessions at the 2013 Ohio Educational Technology Conference.

packages such as Blackboard, as well as more innovative uses of Google Forms, Blogs and cloud computing tools like Dropbox.

Each session was well attended, with over 6,000 people attending the conference for its 15th anniversary. The goal of all eTech sessions was to bring attendees together to teach and learn about new ways to equip, engage and empower learners and educators across the state. For more information about these sessions, please visit <http://www.mariemontschools.org/academics/Teacher-Presentations.cfm>.



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Mariemont High School Art Department Receives Donations



Jackie Schneider, Jelina Huber, Julia Lair, Donald Books and Jeri Hatch receive a generous donation for Galleria Historica, which will showcase historical art by students and will impact every high school student who views the student art in the gallery for many years to come.

was used to purchase much-needed storage containers for the art room, as well as a Cincinnati architecture book and large portfolio cases.

"It is very exciting for us as teachers to be acknowledged in this way and to have unexpected money to spend on items that we previously did not have funding for," said Julia Lair, visual arts teacher at Mariemont High School.

In addition to the anonymous gift, the Mariemont Arts Association (MAA) presented teachers Donald Books and Julia Lair with a generous gift to fully fund their Galleria Historica project, which will create a permanent art gallery in the high school. This gallery space will provide a lasting legacy to Mariemont High School that will showcase many of the fantastic history-related projects of past students. It should also spur future students to produce high-quality works of an historical nature.

"This space will impact every high school student who views the student art in the gallery for many years to come," said Donald Books. "I am so thankful for the support from our parents and the Mariemont Arts Association."

The Mariemont School Foundation has received two generous gifts to benefit the Mariemont High School Art Department. The Foundation, which is an independent nonprofit organization that helps the school district enhance and sustain educational excellence, received a rare anonymous cash donation from a former student in thanks for the excellent arts experience the student received at the high school. The donation

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The following was excerpted from minutes of Mariemont Council and Committee meetings. For full minutes, go to www.mariemont.com and click on Village of Mariemont, then Village Government

Council Meeting – January 28, 2013

Tenth Police Officer Hired

Mayor Policastro announced that he hired a new police officer, Brian Hoffman, bringing the department back to ten full-time employees. He thanked John Feldmann for working part-time and filling in as we needed to keep 10 officers in rotation. We have had several break-ins and he felt the need to bring the squad back to full staff. Mr. Andrews said he thought the matter had been referred to the Finance Committee. Mayor Policastro said it is now out of Finance because there was no need, it is already in the Code that we are to have ten police officers on the department. Mr. Miller thanked Chief Hines for working the past several years below staffing levels and for using part-time help. Mayor Policastro said he plans on keeping Officer Feldmann on the roster in the case of sickness or vacations.

Street Repairs

The following streets are scheduled for repairs in 2013:

- Cambridge Avenue from Rowan Hill Drive to Grove Avenue
- Mariemont Avenue (Industrial) from Trade Street to Railroad
- Mariemont Avenue (Industrial) from Railroad to East Terminus
- Spring Hill Drive Manhole/Trench Drain Elevation Repair
- Mariemont Maintenance Facility Driveway Resurfacing

Beech Grove Maintenance

Mr. Wolter said there was another crew that worked cleaning out the honeysuckle in the Beech Grove. A resident was concerned that they were cutting out too much stuff. It was explained to her why they were removing the invasive honeysuckle and kudzu vine. He showed her small saplings that had failed to grow because of the invasive problem. Mayor Policastro said he counted 12 new baby Beech trees. They now have a better chance to grow for the future. Mr. Wolter said this is one of the last known large stands of Beech trees in the State of Ohio.

Council Minutes - February 11, 2013

Mayor Policastro said there have been quite a few rodent sightings in the Village. He is going to stress in the next Mayor's Bulletin

that residents must have sealed waste cans. Superintendent Scherpenberg said he has been keeping track of which streets have been called in. They also have been keeping track of what bait has been put down each sewer.

Tenth Police Officer

Mr. Andrews voiced some concern about the way a tenth officer was added to the Mariemont police force. Mr. Scheeser had earlier voiced similar concerns. Mr. Andrews believes Council should have the opportunity to discuss the financial impact of any staffing decision. He believes it is inappropriate that Council did not. Mayor Policastro said he differs with Mr. Andrews because he brought it up for discussion at the Council meeting.

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He let it be known that is what he planned to do. The Code of Ordinances says the Mayor appoints and he is not going to wait when we have had three houses broken into. The Mayor said the Police Chief and the Safety Committee Chairman (Mr. Wolter) said that we needed to do something fast. Mr. Miller said we are not adding a police officer but simply going back to what we had maintained. Mr. Andrews said the reason Council held at nine was due to financial concerns. Any time there is a staffing

change, he thinks Council as the legislative body and the Finance Committee should have proper discussion about the cost and how we are going pay for it. Mr. Stelzer said he did check into the financial aspect of the process, including looking to see if we had extra room in the budget because of some favorable revenue results in 2012 that are expected to continue in 2013. There is probably money in the budget. We have had problems with recent break-ins. Mr. Stelzer said it is commendable that the Mayor was willing to make the call quickly. Mr. Andrews said he does not doubt that the money is there and he does not doubt that the tenth officer is needed. He just thinks the discussion should have taken place.

Mayor Policastro commended the Fire Department for stepping in to take on cleaning of the municipal building, saving the Village \$6,000 per year. He said the Assistant Police Chief, Tim Messer, is planning on retiring in the next year. If we are having financial

difficulty we can choose to go with nine and a part timer. But he does not think that is going to happen because we are doing really well financially. He said economic development is unbelievable right now with the way things are going. It should add another \$25,000 to the budget to add the 10th officer. Now we are getting the protection that we always needed.

Mr. Scheeser moved, seconded by Ms. McCarthy, to accept the recommendation of the Safety Committee regarding the 2013 Safe Ways to School grant. All items approved in this grant will be implemented in 2014. After a presentation by Caroline Duffy from Barr & Provost Engineering outlining details of these grant proposals, and after much discussion and review of plans, the Committee recommends that the Village accept the 2012 and the 2013 grant proposals and approve the spending of these funds. Council is now waiting for the Mariemont Planning Commission to make a decision about the approval of the installation of curb bump outs at three locations on Wooster Pike and striping for a bicycle lane. Mr. Wolter said we cannot have an official bicycle lane on Wooster Pike because the street is officially one foot too narrow. It will be striped off and can be used by bicycles but it will not be a marked bicycle lane.

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COUNCIL NOTES

Parking in the Business District

Mr. Wolter said he is sure that we are all aware of the parking pressure we are seeing in the business district. With the theatre being expanded and another future project (west side of Mio's), parking is being utilized by construction equipment. In the meantime we need to get a public awareness program going to get people to realize that there is other parking available in the evening. He suggested a letter to the merchants on how to educate their patrons with alternative parking. Mr. Andrews and Mr. Wolter suggested if Village funds would be used to light parking etc. that it should be discussed in a Committee. Mayor Policastro referred the matter to the Safety Committee.

Eastern Corridor Project Update

Mr. Stelzer brought Council up to date on the Eastern Corridor Project State Route 32 Relocation:

At the January 22 Community Update Meeting in Mariemont, the residents of Mariemont made it clear to ODOT they do not support relocation of State Route 32 through Mariemont or its South 80 Park. ODOT should have been embarrassed by its presentation and then should have given reasonable consideration to the feedback received. Instead ODOT announced they will continue on its plan to study the two remaining routes. The State Route 32 Community Partner Committee or CPC, which is made up of twelve residents of Mariemont, has given ODOT ample opportunity to change its flawed decision, based upon the errors made in its process and the considerable negative feedback received from the community and many

elected leaders from all levels of government. The Village has lost confidence in ODOT's ability to consider feedback from the community and make the right decision. Therefore, he said we have determined it is the proper time to engage legal counsel in our opposition to the relocation of State Route 32 through Mariemont's South 80 Park. Mr. Stelzer believes it is truly disturbing that the Village of Mariemont must spend its precious tax dollars opposing a flawed process being perpetrated by irresponsible state bureaucrats using unchecked federal stimulus tax dollars on a project that is clearly not supported by the local communities. Council went into Executive Session to discuss the hiring of an attorney relative to the Eastern Corridor Project and the strategy relative to this hiring. Following this, Council returned to Regular Session. Mr. Stelzer then moved, seconded by Mr. Andrews, to request a legal proposal from a law firm to represent the Village in the Eastern Corridor project proposed route

through the Village. On roll call; six ayes, no nays.

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