

# Mariemont TOWN CRIER

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## Back to School, Mariemont Style

The special tradition that is the first day of school in Mariemont was upon us once again on August 19. From first

time kindergarteners to seasoned school veterans, children marched to school with their parents, sometimes grandparents and

often younger siblings in a scene that could have been taken from a Norman Rockwell painting. Welcome back to school!



photos by Ron Schroeder

*Elementary students line up outside the school in anticipation of their first day.*



*The elementary sign board says it all.*



*Boys scouts from Mariemont troop 149 help with the flag raising.*



## SCHOOLS

# Mariemont City Schools Updates Wellness Curriculum

"Wellness, in all aspects, is an essential component of learning and student success. In order to ensure our students are best prepared to learn and experience success, physical, mental and social wellness must be in balance." This is the philosophy adopted by the new Mariemont City Schools Wellness Committee, resulting in revamped and revised activities and programs for all students K-12 beginning this school year. Through this ongoing effort, students will be able to comprehend and demonstrate the ability to practice healthy behaviors and reduce risks; demonstrate the ability to advocate for self, family and community; appreciate and understand various different types of physical activity for healthy living; identify and analyze the influences of family, peers, culture, media, technology

and other factors on decision making; and simply drink, eat, move, sleep, think, talk and live well! Physical education classes K-6 will offer a platform to address these targets and purposeful teaching of healthy living. New program offerings and a revised student scheduling format, including "Wellness" and "Lifetime Fitness" classes and

"Expedition Fridays" at the junior high will allow collaboration with community groups, school counselors, and others. Expansion of current "Health" and "Healthy Transitions" courses at the High School level will continue to afford students the ability to benefit from numerous and various seminars, classroom guest speakers, and community programs concentrated in areas of personal wellness and health related career paths.



The Warrior Coalition is a community organization focused on protecting the children of the Mariemont City Schools District from substance abuse. Our mission is to provide awareness, education and prevention programs to support our parents and to encourage our children to make healthy choices.

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## VILLAGE

# Mariemont Players Announces Six Dance Lessons in Six Weeks

Mariemont Players presents *Six Dance Lessons in Six Weeks*, a comedy/drama by Richard Alfieri, at the Walton Creek Theater, 4101 Walton Creek Road (just East of Mariemont), September 11 through September 27, 2015.

*Six Dance Lessons in Six Weeks* is a touching and human comedy about a formidable retiree, who hires an acerbic dance instructor to give her private dance lessons -- one per week for six weeks in her beachfront condo. What begins as an antagonistic relationship blossoms into an intimate friendship as these two very different people reveal their secrets, fears and joys while dancing. Ultimately they learn to overcome their outward differences and discover an unlikely but profound connection.

*Six Dance Lesson in Six Weeks* is directed by Skip Fenker, produced by Catherine Schultz, and features Chessie Vigran as Lily Harrison and Mike Fielder as Michael Minetti.

Performances will be:

8 pm Friday, September 11  
8 pm Saturday, September 12  
2 pm Sunday, September 13  
7:30 pm Thursday, September 17  
8 pm Friday, September 18  
8 pm Saturday, September 19  
2 pm Sunday, September 20  
7 pm Sunday, September 20  
7:30 pm Thursday, September 24  
8 pm Friday, September 25  
3 pm Saturday, September 26  
8 pm Saturday, September 26  
2 pm Sunday, September 27

For more information or to order tickets for *Six Dance Lessons in Six Weeks* call Betsy at 513-684-1236 OR order on line at [www.mariemontplayers.com](http://www.mariemontplayers.com). All seats are reserved and cost \$20 each.



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## SCHOOLS

# The Town Crier Creative Showcase: A Trip to the Rain Forest

BY RENEE TECCO

Although school has only been in session a few weeks, the students of Amy Kapcar's first grade class are looking forward to their annual trip to a rain forest - via school drawings and reports, of course. Every spring quarter the hallway of the first grade class is filled with the art work of the small hands and imaginative minds. People walking through the hall are transported hundreds of miles away to an exotic locale.

When Griffith Lyons did the project, his subject was the eyelash viper. "I think my

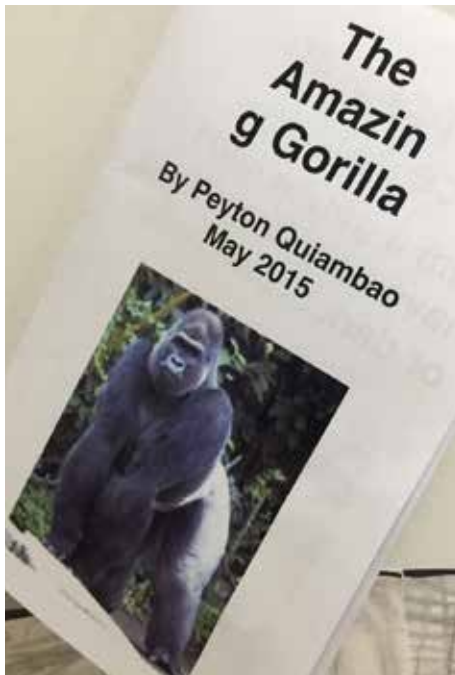
artwork was pretty good. I added a lot of lines," Griffith said. Creating the menagerie of animals helps the children to learn. Jonathan Hester's project was the three-toed sloth. "I liked using my imagination when I made my sloth," Jonathan said. "I made it look like my sloth was hugging in a tree and I put in all the details I could think of."

Louie Barber would add that first graders should choose their animals wisely. "Pick an animal that you think will be a good animal to research," Louie said. "And an animal that you can find at the zoo!"

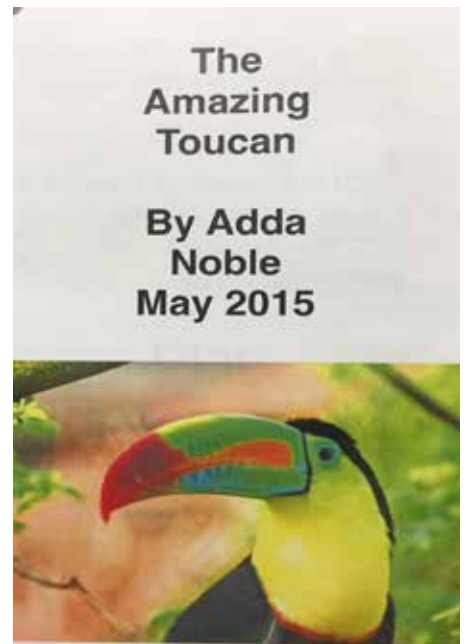
The first grade project is one that sticks with the students as they move on to other

grades. Ms. Kapcar hears her previous students reminisce when the paintings are displayed in the hallways. "When we hang the art all of our previous students say, 'I remember when we did that,' and they remember the animal they researched," Ms. Kapcar said. The work is always impressive as the children are learning to research while also learning about an important region of the world.

"It was really fun learning about the animals and their habitats and researching about their adaptations. Doing research is cool because it is like you get to be a scientist," Jonathan said. Jonathan also wanted to share with incoming first graders, "I would also tell them that it doesn't matter what animal you get. Some of my friends didn't get the one they wanted but they ended up liking the animal they got even better."



Jonathan Hester with his rain forest animal.



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# 30th Annual Kiwanis Art & Craft Fair to Be Held September 13

The Kiwanis Club of Mariemont will hold their 30th Annual Fall Art and Craft Fair Sunday, September 13 from 11 am to 5 pm on Wooster Pike in the heart of beautiful, downtown Mariemont. This year's fair will feature close to 100 exhibitors from across the Tri-State area, including many in our local community.

Exhibitors will be showing a wide variety of original art and craft ideally suited for home and office décor, gifts and collections. Jump start your holiday shopping while supporting a great cause! Because of their unique nature, most items are not available anywhere else. This year's event will once again feature a raffle, with prizes including a free gym membership, sky diving lessons, Kroger gift card and a grand prize of a Mariemont Night Out.

The Annual Fall Art and Craft Fair is Mariemont Kiwanis' largest fundraiser for local scholarships. The Kiwanis Club of Mariemont exists to serve the youth of the Fairfax, Terrace Park and Mariemont communities. Along with



our annual spring golf outing and holiday nut sale, the fall fair helps raises close to \$15,000 in scholarship money for graduating seniors of the Mariemont School District. Since 2000,

the Kiwanis Club has awarded over \$200,000 in scholarships to help support over 60 students from the Mariemont School District.

In addition, Kiwanis works closely with students in the surrounding communities to provide mentoring relationships and support local youth activities. For information about how you can become more involved in serving our youth, stop by the Kiwanis booth at the fair or visit their website at [www.MariemontKiwanis.org](http://www.MariemontKiwanis.org).

The Kiwanis Club of Mariemont meets every Tuesday morning at 7:45 am in the Mariemont Elementary school cafeteria. A continental breakfast is served and guests are welcome anytime. Meetings last less than one hour and feature a variety of local speakers.

## Gee, I didn't know MariElders did that.....

KATHY CHAPMAN – EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

We can't tell you how many times we have heard that statement in the last 38 years. Yes, the Center has been in Mariemont for 38 years but we don't just serve Mariemont we also provide service to the residents of Fairfax, Madison Place, Plainville and Terrace Park.

What kind of service you ask? Activities, transportation, fun, information and referral, volunteering, fun, friendship, lunch and learn programs, fun, rides to doctors, insurance assistance, fun, rides to the grocery, fundraiser and just about anything else you can think of. Our goal is to keep older community members active and independent by offering a wide variety of services.

George Bernard Shaw stated, "We don't stop playing because we grow old; we grow old because we stop playing." So come join us and see how much fun you can have.

Here is a short list of upcoming events:  
September 25 – Cincinnati Symphony Concert

September 29 – Cookout at Hyde Park Senior Center

October 11 – Opera in the Park – Fundraiser

October 30 – Halloween Party

November 8 – Megan Hilty Pops Concert

December 12 – Lollipop Craft Show – Fundraiser

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*[marielders@yahoo.com](mailto:marielders@yahoo.com)*

## VILLAGE

# Gardening in the Village

BY GARDEN CLUB OF MARIEMONT

Summer is passing quickly after providing us with unusual weather of rain and humidity. It's time for us to recognize and thank our Maintenance Department and the Park Board for their excellent service in adapting to these weather conditions.

The South 80, under the leadership of Doug Welsh, has numerous gardeners reaping the benefits of diligent work with bountiful crops of vegetables, fruits and colorful flowers. Doug organized a picnic with folks sharing their produce in creative, delicious ways!

As we look to the fall season, here are some suggestions to consider:

After a few years of use, the coco lining in hanging baskets can look ragged.

Try recycling by placing the coco lining at the bottom of the potted planters for next year's planting. It provides drainage, is 100%

natural and can make the pot a bit lighter.

Here is an idea about prewashing dirty garden gloves. Place gloves in a plastic ziplock bag with soap and water; agitate for a few minutes or leave to soak. If gloves are still not clean after rinsing, toss them into the wash with the rest of the laundry.

STOP feeding and pruning roses that produce new foliage late in the growing season two months before the first frost. They can be susceptible to cold damage. This encourages plants to go dormant gracefully. Some of us enjoy the long-lasting blooms of the Knock-out roses; let them alone and cut back in March or April.

Provide us with any suggestions that keep squirrels from invading your bird feeders or planters. We experimented with sprinkling cayenne pepper in hanging baskets and planters. We needed to reapply but it did seem to deter these critters. The

most humorous idea was placing Vaseline on a pole that was holding the bird feeder – slippery, sliding squirrels!

We would like to extend a warm welcome to anyone in the area to come to any of the Garden Club of Mariemont meetings which usually occur the first Monday of the month. Trust me, we're not all Master Gardeners, but we appreciate gaining knowledge and protecting our native trees, plants and animals in our Village. Please follow us on Nextdoor Mariemont for information about our daytime and evening meetings.

First Meeting: Wednesday, September 3, 2015 at 1:00 pm at the Barn

Topic: The Miniature World of Bonsai by Dave Radlinski

For more information please contact:  
Membership – Judy Kagrise at 561-6141  
President – Carolyn Tuttle at 561-6430  
or 477-2335

## Community Gardens Update

BY DOUG WELSH

It's been a busy summer down at the gardens! As a result of the early spring flood and the highly unusual July and August rains, some vegetables have done wonderfully and others--well, not so much. One crop that has been very prolific, however, are the weeds! Throughout much of the summer, it seemed like a freshly weeded garden on Friday could sprout new full-grown weeds by Tuesday!

The pump continues to be a welcome addition to the gardens as well as the addition of a new row of garden plots—one enterprising gardener has even built a small water tower.

One of the delights of the Community Gardens is when families garden together.



***The gardeners share their bounty at a picnic***

Lauren Renner, a senior at Mariemont High School, helps her dad in the garden. Wondering what to do with the extra food their garden produced, she created a surplus vegetable collection system. She placed collection boxes on a hay wagon at the edge of the garden area so that all gardeners have some place where they can contribute their excess produce. Every

Monday she collects the bounty and delivers it to the Madisonville Education and Assistance Center!

And on the lighter side, we recently had a gardener's picnic at the John Nolan Shelter House where every one was to bring a dish to share that was made from our garden produce. Ed Tuttle, one of the most enthusiastic of gardeners, brought some delicious cabbage eggs rolls and six ears of corn. When someone asked him about the six ears of corn he replied, "I had about 200 corn plants and after the raccoons ate their fair share, this is what I had left!" What better invitation to become a gardener could you receive? So if you didn't garden this year—we (and the raccoons) have space for you next year!



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# VILLAGE Summer Round Up!

Mariemont residents enjoyed a summer of fun with activities like the Memorial Day parade and the annual fireworks extravaganza.



*The girl's rec volleyball team wrapped up in late May. Those on the team included: Mary Bingaman, Abby Black, Brooke Cole, Alexa DeCamp, Daniela DeCamp, Isabelle Donoghue, Sophia Donoghue, Georgia Dragoo, Sophia Emerine, Alex Harris, Elyssa Haynes, Kathryn Hippe, Lillian Hoel, Josie Holt, Laney Hurt, Ally Maier, Ella Malafa, Bella Mason, Esther Medlin, Hannah Medlin, Emily Miller, Kylie Miller, Mia Ramundo, Olivia Simpson, Anne Stewart, Skylar Stimson, Kate Taylor, Mary Tully, Ellison Van Scoy, Campbell Waltz, Anna Welch, Tessa Weyer, Leah Wilson, Carolyn Wolujewicz, Olivia Zaveri*



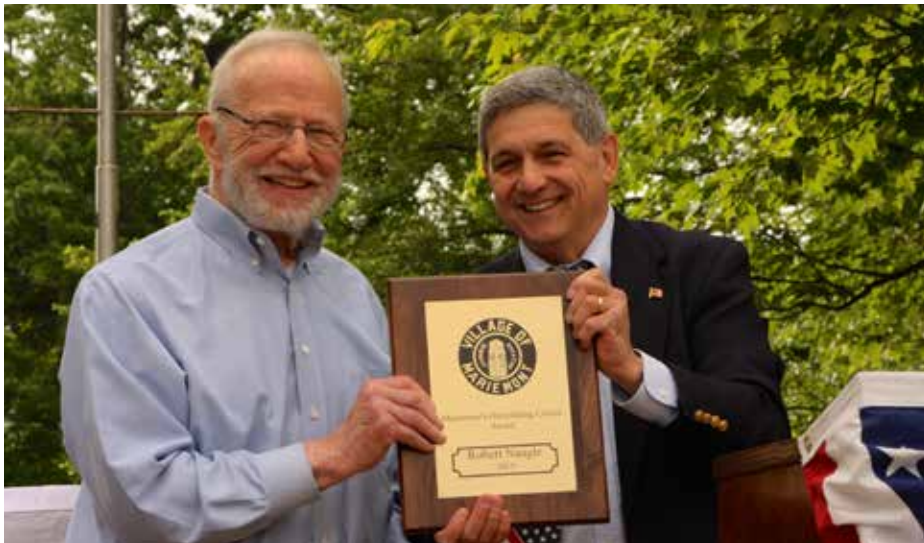
*The Village again put on a great fireworks spectacle at Dogwood Park, where a carillon concert enhanced the booms and bangs.*



*Summer concluded with the annual 'A Taste of Mariemont' at the Concourse.*



*Boy Scouts from Mariemont Troop 149 handle flag duties during the Memorial Day celebration.*



*Bob Naugle was honored as Mariemont's Citizen of the Year at the Memorial Day celebration.*



*Activities continued all summer at the Barn. Here is a blue ribbon watercolor "Santorini!" by Carolyn Hibbard.*



# Nextdoor Mariemont Tips

Because so many neighbors enjoy the Nextdoor Mariemont network we thought a few reminders about usage would be helpful.

Manage your post. If you create a post that merits a reply (i.e. selling a used bike or looking for a trustworthy babysitter), cut down on the number of notifications sent to the entire neighborhood each time someone replies by encouraging interested neighbors to send you a private message instead of replying to the post publicly.

Example: Hi neighbors, I'm selling a bike. If interested, please send me a private message or call my cell at 555-555-5555.

Once you find a new owner for your bike or identify the perfect babysitter, either remove your post so neighbors stop replying or inform neighbors that your request has been handled.

Take into consideration who needs to receive your post. Sometimes it makes sense to only post to Mariemont about something. Bear in mind that whenever you do post to a Nearby Neighborhood ALL replies to your post will be seen by everyone....even those members who have turned the Nearby Neighborhood feature OFF.

Understand the Nearby Neighborhoods feature. The Nearby Neighborhoods feature is designed to connect your neighborhood with other communities close by. There are now seven Nearby Neighborhoods! You have the ability to personalize Nearby Neighborhoods and can choose which (if any) Nearby Neighborhoods you wish to share with on the Nearby Neighborhoods Personalization

each day and contains new updates since the last digest was sent.

Send a Private Message. If you'd like to send a message directly to another neighbor, you can send them a private message. To send a private message: Locate your neighbor in the directory and click the green MESSAGE button next to their name. Enter a Subject and Message. Click Submit. Or if you'd like to simply reply privately to a post all you need to do is click on the poster's name which is highlighted in blue to begin a private message.

Use self-promotional posts sparingly. Nextdoor guidelines suggest making only one post in the relevant Recommendation categories letting folks know about your business (including links to website or Facebook page).

Sign up for and use Urgent Alerts. An urgent alert is a special type of post that reaches Nextdoor members immediately via SMS text message and email. Urgent alerts are intended for rare cases where information is very important and time-sensitive. i.e. tree down across a street, missing child, etc.

Use the green SEARCH box. Can't remember the seamstress that was recommended sometime last winter? You can look up past posts through SEARCH at the top of your screen.

Invite your Mariemont neighbors to join! Welcome those who have recently moved into our village to join Nextdoor.



Page. You will only see new posts in your newsfeed and receive new posts via email from Nearby Neighborhoods which you have switched "ON" in your settings (unless someone from Mariemont chooses to post to All Neighborhoods, then you will see ALL corresponding responses)

Change your Nextdoor email settings. You can customize your email settings to receive only the information you want from Nextdoor Mariemont. To do this, go to your name at the top right corner of the Nextdoor site. Click on the pull down arrow and go to Settings. Then click on the email tab. Here you will see many options for personalizing your notifications. Alternatively, you can choose to receive a Daily Digest, a single summary email that is sent

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## VILLAGE

### ***What's Happening at the Mariemont Branch Library - May***

**Bicycle Basics: Fix-a-Flat Workshop.** Learn how to patch a bike tire and leave with your own patch kit! Saturday, September 12, at 1 pm. Ages 10 through adult.

#### Children

**Stuck on Reading Book Club:** Each month the club features a children's book series. Read at least one book from the series, and then stop by the branch to complete an activity and earn a magnet. Collect three magnets to receive a free pizza coupon from Snappy Tomato Pizza.

**Movers & Shakers:** Wednesdays at 10:30 am. Bring the little ones for stories, songs and dance as they learn about the Library. Ages 1-4.

**Library Babies:** Wednesdays at 11:30 am. Lap songs and books for infants.

**Preschool Story Time:** Wednesdays at 1:30 pm. Join us for stories and crafts. Ages 3-5.

**Crafty Kids:** Thursday, September 24, at 4 pm. Ages 5-10.

#### Teens

**Maker Monday:** Create something new using gadgets, tools, art supplies — even food! Monday, September 21, at 4:30 pm. Ages 10-16.

#### Adults

**Cultivating Your Genealogical Roots:** Join us for an introduction to genealogy. Tuesday, September 1, at 6 pm.

**Book Club:** *The Bluest Eye* by Toni Morrison will be discussed Thursday, September 24, at 6:45 pm. Copies are available at the branch.

**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, September 5, and Saturday, September 19, at 10:30 am.

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# Welcoming “Almost” Fall

BY DELTA CRABTREE

It has been a nice summer break, but it's also nice to look ahead towards all the beauty that a Mariemont fall has to offer. As I am



writing this article, I am preparing to send my eldest back to her second year of college, and my other three still at home back to Mariemont High School. Residents beware – there is a new teen driver in my family on the roads. I

hope I have taught him well by example to obey all the traffic laws; in particular to drive cautiously through our neighborhood that is so often teeming with walkers, runners and cyclists of all ages.

One of my favorite fall events is the annual Kiwanis Club Art & Craft Fair. This year's event takes place on Sunday, September 13. It is always fun to see the different artists display their wares. You can also look forward to a fun Friday Fall evening cheering on the home football team at Mariemont High School, enjoying the concessions that support the Mariemont High School Arts, and the Half-time entertainment provided by the marching band. We are very fortunate to have such a wonderful school district that is truly the backbone of what makes our village a number one ranked “Best Suburb in Ohio”. This is not just my opinion – check out the article at <https://local.niche.com/rankings/suburbs/best-suburbs/m/cincinnati-metro-area/>

This month we are welcoming four new families to Mariemont. Mia Williams and Tim Quale recently moved into the townhouse located at 6739 Murray. Mia first moved to Mariemont as a child in 1967 and lived for nearly 30 years on Hammerstone Way. She attended The Seven Hills School and the University of Cincinnati. After spending the last seven years in Utah, she is happy to be back home. Tim is originally

from the western United States, having lived most of his life in Utah, Colorado, and Washington State.

Dave and Mary Ann Randolph have moved to 6996 Haines Avenue, which they are calling their forever home. Dave is CEO of a large German company which

## New Neighbor News

provides materials for the global railroad industry. Dave's work involves traveling the world and shortly after moving to Mariemont, Dave & Mary Ann were enjoying Sydney & Perth Australia. Mary Ann is a licensed attorney and serves as a compliance officer with Clinton Memorial Hospital in Wilmington Ohio. Mary Ann is a native of Cincinnati, a proud graduate of Edgely College and persuaded Dave there was no better place to live in Cincinnati than in Mariemont. Already, their neighbors have warmly welcomed them with home-baked cookies, bread & fresh produce from the Mariemont garden plots.

Steve and Leah Joos have moved to 3918 Pocahontas Avenue. They are native Cincinnatians who have lived in a variety of neighborhoods around the area, recently moving from Madeira to Mariemont because they loved the feel of the Village and the friendliness of everyone they met. They have made regular visits to the pool, Dilly Cafe, Graeters, and to visit Rory at the National Exemplar bar. They have four cats (they prefer cat enthusiasts, instead of crazy cat people): Calli, Scarlett, Dexter, and Kiwi. Leah is one of the owners of Kitchen 452 ([www.kitchen452.com](http://www.kitchen452.com)), one of the earliest businesses in the recent turnaround on Woodburn Ave in East Walnut Hills. Steve is a Product Director at an education tech/publishing company, and his team is about to launch one of the first responsive web applications in higher education.

Next we welcome Brian Rineair and Corey Pease-Rineair to 4006 Grove Avenue. While driving through the Village

house hunting, they fell in love with the architecture and quaintness of Mariemont. They are coming from a loft in Downtown Cincinnati. The four-legged member of their family is Tucker, a Shetland sheepdog. They love how active the Mariemont community is. From morning to night they see their neighbor's running/walking/strolling around getting their exercise! Corey is an Interior Architect so they have many plans to rehab their “sweet little cape cod”. They are forewarning their neighbors that hammering and banging are signs of major improvements to come!

There are a number of families that joined our community over the summer that I cannot welcome by name, but look for new faces on the following streets: Chestnut, Petoskey, Homewood, Rowan Hill, Spring Hill, Crystal Springs, Nolen Circle, Flintpoint Way, Miami, West St, Fieldhouse Way, Miami Bluff, Pleasant and West Street. I would love to introduce everyone to the community through this article, but completely understand that busy schedules might make it difficult to respond to my letter. Just remember that it is never too late to be welcomed! Feel free to contact me via email at [dcrabtree@comey.com](mailto:dcrabtree@comey.com) or my cell 513-304-4719. I am also happy to greet you in person at our neighborhood Comey & Shepherd office.



Until next month, I leave you with a photo submission of Mary Ann and Dave Randolph's (6996 Haines Ave) beautiful cat Cleopatra. I have two cats (and a dog) in my household – so I couldn't resist!

# The Water's Great!

*As intrepid Town Crier staffer Elizabeth Miller Wood samples all that Mariemont has to offer.*

BY ELIZABETH MILLER WOOD

Growing up, my family belonged to a neighborhood pool in a suburb of Dayton. I could ride my bike to it, meet my friends there, and spend my allowance eating cheap Laffy Taffy until my belly hurt. It was cozy and laid-back. It was safe and secure. And I loved it.

Then, in high school, my parents switched to a fancy country club pool. And, sure, the chair-side beverage service and snazzy locker rooms were nice perks, but it just didn't feel right. I rarely bumped into people I knew and was always concerned about following the proper country club etiquette. It didn't feel like home.

When I visited the Mariemont Pool for the first time this summer, it took me back to those sweet poolside memories from my early childhood. It's not a fancy pool, and I wouldn't want it to be. But it's everything a community pool should be. It smells like grilled cheese sandwiches and frozen candy bars. It sounds like splashing cannonballs and loudspeaker announcements. It looks like people of all ages and all sizes in all kinds of swimwear. It feels easy, relaxing, and

unpretentious.

And it's not completely without perks. The six-lane lap pool is a godsend when I want to throw a few strokes without worrying about interrupting a game of Marco Polo in the main pool. And the covered shelter with lawn chairs, I swear,

## New Kid on the Block

was built specifically with fair-skinned, red-headed people like me in mind. (Who can I thank for that?) Plus, the baby pool, basketball court, corn hole set and grills add just enough variety to keep a family entertained all day long.

Pool Manager Jordan Schad also assured me that it's perfectly allowable to bring in your own food and beverage—even alcohol on three designated nights of the summer. Cheers to that! Every other week, there is a Raft Day during which guests are allowed to use inflatables in the pool for a three-hour time slot. "You should see the rafts people bring in," Jordan told me with a laugh, which obviously made me want to attend one of these legendary Raft Days. I'm envisioning crocodile floats and double-wide two-person rafts and rafts with slides. But I digress.

Let's also talk about prices—and, specifically, how low they are. Daily rates

are just \$7, but that drops to \$5 if you come in after 5pm. A family membership is just \$295 per year, which is astronomically lower than memberships at swim clubs in Madeira, Terrace Park, and Indian Hill. I'll spare you the pricey details, but trust me, our club is a steal.

I should also mention the swim team, which is home to 130 swimmers ages five to 18 and has been the Southern Ohio Swim League champion seven years in a row. That, my friends, warrants serious bragging rights.

What else can I tell you? The lifeguards are friendly. The grounds are clean. The water is refreshing. And there's simply no better way to spend a Sunday afternoon.

Have a suggestion for my next Mariemont adventure? Drop me an email at [elizabethmillerwood@gmail.com](mailto:elizabethmillerwood@gmail.com).

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# Cincinnati Warrior Run: The Race for Life

BY RANDY YORK

It all started on an Indian summer evening in 2008 when a group of friends of Jim Miller met at the Mariemont Square to talk about how they might continue the legacy and spirit of their dear friend. It had to include running since Jim was a lifetime avid runner and it had to include families, kids, and fun since Jim was a "best ever" youth soccer coach who delighted in kids and dedicated himself to the Mariemont Community.

This group established the Jim Miller Memorial Mile that fall. It was organized as a one-mile walk/run followed by a family cookout for the entire community. After the second year of this event Nancy Miller approached the group with the idea to expand the event and to direct the energies of this event to serving the mental health needs of the community. From these humble beginnings the Jim Miller Memorial Mile evolved into the Cincinnati Warrior Run: The Race for Life.

The race benefits a Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center (CCHMC) program called Surviving the Teens, a suicide prevention program that provides assistance, information and other resources to teens coping with mental illness. Surviving the Teens is now in over 24 schools in the area and has helped over 70,000 teens and their families facing the threats of mental illness. The program teaches student's depression and suicide prevention, providing adaptive ways of coping with stressors, ways to connect and positively communicate with parents, how to help themselves or others who may be depressed or suicidal, and how to access referral sources. For more information about this program, please visit [www.cincinnatichildrens.org/surviving-teens](http://www.cincinnatichildrens.org/surviving-teens).

According to the National Institute of Mental Health, suicide is the third leading cause of death in children ages 15-24. Since its inception The Warrior Run has donated nearly \$260,000 to the Surviving the Teens suicide prevention program. Last year's event included 2,100 race participants and raised \$104,000. Of this



photo by Ron Schroeder

amount, the majority of our funds were donated to the Surviving the Teens® Suicide Prevention Program at CCHMC. In addition, in 2014 we were able to expand our reach to include funding for in-school mental health programs at 5 area colleges and 4 selected high schools.

The Warrior Run will be held in our beautiful village and will begin at the Mariemont Bell Tower on Pleasant. Concurrent with the USATF-sanctioned 5k Warrior Run will be an untimed one-mile walk through the Village. Both courses start and finish at the Bell Tower in Dogwood Park, off Pleasant Street, in the Village of Mariemont.

The race will begin at 5:30 pm and will be followed by a night of music, carnival-style kids' games, and food. Food for the event includes City Barbecue pulled pork and chicken, homemade chili, LaRosa's pizza, UDF ice cream, hot dogs, hamburgers, and cookies and muffins. The event will also include a Bid-n-Buy event with merchandise donated by area merchants. There will be music, and at dusk the event will conclude with the showing of a movie on a temporary big screen erected in the center of the Bell Tower Park.

The Early Registration (by September 5) fees are \$25 for the run and party or \$20 for the

Walk and party. Children five and under are Free, \$5 fee for children 5-12 and the fee is \$12 for Children 13-18 (without t-shirt). Teams of four or more receive a 25% discount. Check online for fee information from September 6 to October 6. Pre-Registration includes race t-shirt, parking, electronic goody bag plus admittance to after race party. Please postmark mail-in registration by Friday, October 3, 2015 or pre-register online by October 6, 2015 at [www.cincywarriorrun.org](http://www.cincywarriorrun.org). Early Packet pickup is on Friday, October 9, 2015, 10am to 7 pm, Bell Tower Park, Corner of Wooster and Pleasant., Cincinnati, OH 45227 and late/race day registration begins at 4:00pm at the Bell Tower. Race Day registration fees are \$35.00 for the run and party or \$30.00 for the Walk at party. Awards will be given to the top overall male and female plus top Mariemont male and female. The top 3 in each age division. Male/female runners: 10 and under, 11-14, 15-18, 19-24, 25-29, 30-34, 35-39, 40-44, 45-49, 50-59, 60-69, 70+. Top 25 walkers. Complete race results will be posted online Sunday morning at [www.cincywarriorrun.org](http://www.cincywarriorrun.org).

There are many ways to be involved in this event, not only as a walker or runner but as a volunteer as well. Registration information as well as the course map and more race history can be found at [www.cincywarriorrun.org](http://www.cincywarriorrun.org).

# Business Beat: The Oxford Prep Company

BY JOAN WELSH

Allison Michael Phelps has just opened the The Oxford Prep Company. This store is a high-end clothing/accessories boutique in the Mariemont Promenade offering classic, preppy brands. Allison is a busy professional physician who also is a wife and mother of four children. When she was in college and graduate school, Allison always enjoyed the classic looks of conservative clothing. She decided to open her own retail store as a creative outlet. Allison grew up in Mariemont on Hammerstone Way where her parents Bill and Darla still reside. Her father, Bill, is the biggest cheerleader for the store, providing lots of assistance along the way. Allison originally thought she would open her store in Oxford, Ohio (hence the name) where her younger sister Marsie attended Miami University. However, she decided she could manage the store better if it were locally based.



The Oxford Prep company carries quality clothing lines including Castaway Clothing, Lauren James, Just Madras, Tucker Blair, Harding Lane, Krass and Company, Fraternity Collection, Southern Marsh, Holbrook. Coming this fall... Southern Tide. They also carry an extensive line of monogrammed sterling silver and acrylic jewelry. Allison believes most of her customers will be high school and college-age young adults

who enjoy the clean cut lines of her clothing and accessories. However, there are items for sale sure to please everyone. Rope bracelets retail for \$8. Baseball caps can be ordered with your monogram. Monograms can be added to the pocket of your favorite t-shirt. Accessories such as key fobs and belts are popular. Two companies represented in the store are local Cincinnati ventures.

The interior of the store is clean and fresh with beautiful dark hardwood floors. Much of the décor reflects the nautical theme found in many of the clothing items. In fact, there is a sign up to join the Preppy Paddle Group if you have an interest in enjoying kayaking, canoeing, or paddle boarding with other enthusiasts. There is a sofa and chairs to sit down and relax. While Allison is busy with her medical practice she will be hands on at the store, too. She has hired a store manager and will be looking to hire additional part time staff.

Oxford Prep is on both Instagram and Facebook and they also have a website [www.Oxfordprepc.com](http://www.Oxfordprepc.com). As one of their first community events The Oxford Prep Company participated in the Mariemont School Foundation "Village Scavenger Hunt" on August 15. The Oxford Prep Company will be open Monday – Saturday from 10:00 – 6:00 and on Sunday from noon – 4:00 pm. Why not stop by and enjoy her shop? The shop's motto is "Treat Life Like a Party." It's easy to locate right next to the Orange Leaf frozen yogurt store in the Mariemont Promenade!

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# The Older They Are, The Better They Were

Kusel Stadium hosted one of the longest running continuous high school alumni games in the Cincinnati area on August 1, 2015 - the 2015 Mariemont High School Varsity Soccer Squad vs. Mariemont High School Soccer Alumni in the 36th Annual Alumni Match.

Mariemont Recreation Soccer Commissioner Jon Morgan and Terrace Park Mayor Jay Gohman were two of the 37 alumni players that returned for this game. Jack Hecksher, 1970s-era MHS Coach, stepped back in that role for the alumni squad. Coach Erik Vanags is returning to MHS Soccer in his fifth season as Head Coach and led the MHS Varsity team to victory.

Varsity won 3-2 in overtime. Andre Melling scored on a beautiful strike from 30 yards out to open the scoring for the alumni. Brennan Hand scored a header off a corner kick to tie it up. Connor Jacob scored off of a beautiful cross from Adam Romick to put the varsity ahead 2-1 before Nick Walter tied the game for the alumni. Jesse Glaser eventually scored the winner for the varsity.

The scrimmage wouldn't be complete without involving the entire community! The future girls/boys MHS soccer squads took the field during halftime for open play. The Mariemont High School cheerleaders were there to cheer on the Varsity adding to the festive atmosphere!



Generating funds for the current soccer season is an added benefit to this terrific event, this year hitting a record total! Thanks to Tom Nerl, MHS AD, for assisting with school facilities. Thanks to the Varsity team families for concession donations to both sell and feed/hydrate the players. Thanks to community sponsors Dinsmore & Scholl Law Firm; FMG, Financial Management Group; Jerry T. Garrison / Keller Williams Advisors Real Estate; Manley Burke Law Firm; Mio's Pizzeria, Mariemont and National Exemplar Restaurant. Game Photos are courtesy of Steve Spooner, [www.mariemontstuff.com](http://www.mariemontstuff.com).

The long-standing tradition continues for the Senior Class of 2016 on Soccer Senior Night when each senior player receives their red soccer alumni shirt. Hopefully all 13 players will be back next year to play with "The Old Guys!" Coach Vanags summed it up nicely, "The game was played in great spirit as alumni from the 70s, 80s, 00s, and 10s (90s; we want you!) joined with the current crop of players. They shared memories of past glories and challenged the boys to continue the program's upward trajectory."

Here's to a successful season for the entire Mariemont Soccer Program! Go Warriors!

## Preschool Parent Group Kicks Off '15-'16 Year

The Mariemont Preschool Parents Group (MPPG) welcomes all expectant parents and parents of birth through preschool-aged children to its 2015-2016 opening meeting on Thursday, September 10 at 7:00 pm at the Mariemont Community Church Parish Center. The evening's activities will include a social reception, an information session for potential and new members, and an announcement of the group's events and activities for the upcoming year.

"We are excited to continue the tradition of this fantastic group in our community," says Gretchen Griffith, the group's 2015-

2016 President. "We have a unique variety of activities for parents and families to meet, connect, volunteer, and have fun."

Despite the group's name, membership is not restricted to residents of Mariemont. MPPG provides activities for families with young children as well as a forum for parental education, discussion, and social interaction. Membership benefits include exclusive access to playgroups, monthly informational and social meetings, seasonal family events, couples gatherings, and online resources. Members give back to the community by coordinating Mariemont's

annual Village Tree Lighting and Luminaria Night. Proceeds from the event support various charitable causes and community parks and programs. Recent donations funded fencing and playground equipment at Dogwood Park and playground equipment at Ann Buntin Becker Park in Mariemont. The group also donated to the Good Shepherd Catholic Montessori natural playscape, the SonRise Church Backpack Ministry, Ethel M. Taylor Academy, and the Caring and Sharing Program at Mariemont City Schools.

For more information, visit the group's website at [www.mariemontppg.com](http://www.mariemontppg.com).

# Think vibrant, relevant, and ARTS -- Think - The Barn!

It's through your support and contributions that the Woman's Art Club Cultural Center continues to bring quality entertainment, enrichment, art education, and other arts outreach programs to artists, adults, families, and children in this very special place. This past year The Barn hosted the Cincinnati Ballet, Playhouse in the Park, Cincinnati Opera, Taft Museum of Art, ArtsWave, and Mariemont Preservation Foundation programs. We offered more than 20 adult art classes each week. Throughout the year, there were 40 childrens' art classes, more than 20 artist workshops, 15 exhibitions, and dozens of cultural art-making events for families in our community.

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## *In the Gallery...*

Rick Koehler and Francesca Padjen "ARCHITECTS to Artists": Through September 4. Colleagues as architects, Rick



and Francesca are collaborating on a new artistic endeavor, combining their love of the world around them with their interpretation of the scene. This joint exhibition displays fine works in oil and watercolor. Gallery hours from 10 am-2 pm September 1-4.



Bill Taylor "Another 7": September 12-27. Nationally and regionally known artist, art restorer/conservator and consultant Bill Taylor is coming to The Barn with a new show, his first one-man show in over 40 years. Mr. Taylor describes his work as "... Modern, or semi-abstract". When asked about influences in his art, he said that music



serves as a major inspiration and would subtitle this show, "Music in the Air". The



show is a retrospective of his over 50-year art career. He has exhibited in numerous museums, galleries, and universities and has been the recipient of many art awards. His work hangs in private collections in the US, Africa and Spain. He invites the public to the opening of the show on Sunday, September 13 from 1-4 pm. The show runs on weekends from 1-4 pm and weekdays during Gallery hours.

## *New Classes...*

### *For Parents and Children:*

Ritmo Chiquito – A fun, engaging rhythm and movement class ideal for toddlers ages 1-3. Each session stimulates the senses, working to strengthen motor control, cognitive skills, social interaction, and language development. This lively program targets important mind-body skills, such as Coordination, Listening, Creativity, Self-Expression and Independence. Classes are Tuesdays 10:30-11 am, August 25-September 29. Contact the teacher to start anytime! Cost is \$12 per class. More info from teacher Liz Wu at [ritmoclasses@gmail.com](mailto:ritmoclasses@gmail.com) or 513-580-8289.

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### ***Classes Coming Soon***

Zentangle – What is a Zentangle? They are miniature pieces of unplanned, abstract, black and white art created through a specific method. They are fun and relaxing to create and the process of creating a Zentangle can be thought of as artistic meditation. Anyone can do it! Joy Ritter is a certified Zentangle teacher and can be reached at 513-508-8621. Call Joy to see when her next class is to be held.

### ***Yoga Continues to Grow at The Barn***



Yoga continues to grow in popularity and you can find many opportunities to participate at The Barn. Currently there are classes offered five days a week at various times, so see what fits your level of practice and your schedule and contact a teacher to begin!

Teacher Karen Johns teaches Align Level

1 and Align Level 2. These classes specialize in alignment yoga for women and men warriors, especially age 40+. Karen currently teaches Monday, Tuesday and Thursday mornings. Karen can be reached through her website at [www.karenjohnsyoga.com](http://www.karenjohnsyoga.com).

Layla Gilman Reed teaches Gentle Yoga, perfect for the first-time yogi or those who like a gentler practice. Layla teaches Monday and Thursday evenings and Saturday mornings. She can be reached at [layla@fuse.net](mailto:layla@fuse.net) or 513-374-7723.

Heather Proast teaches Restorative Yoga, a class of gentle stretching and pure relaxation, great for beginners and advanced practitioners looking to have an hour of stillness. Heather's class is currently on Wednesday afternoons. You can contact Heather at 513-795-2660 or visit [www.heatherfeather360.com](http://www.heatherfeather360.com) for more information.



### ***More for Families...***

"Mariemont Preservation Presents..." is back for a third year! Thanks to a generous grant from the Mariemont Preservation Foundation

(MPF), The Barn is proud to present a new year of programming for families. Once a month on Saturday morning, "Mariemont Preservation Presents..." unveils a new activity for families to share together, whether it is an arts performance, a craft workshop or a musical experience. All programs start at 10:30 am and the admission is \$5 per person. Online registration is available at [thebarn.cincyregister.com/MPF2015](http://thebarn.cincyregister.com/MPF2015).

### ***Schedule for 2105-2016***

October 17 "High School Alien", Cincinnati Playhouse in the Park  
Nov. 21. "Ritmo: Make Music Together", with Liz Wu  
Dec. 19 "The Elves & the Shoemaker", Children's Theatre  
Jan. 16 "Making Waterless Snowglobes", Artist Beth Renick  
Feb. 20 "Under the Bonsai Tree", Madcap Puppets  
March 19, "Chamber Music for Kids", Ensemble Fioratura  
April 30, "Rikki Tikki Tavi", Cincinnati Playhouse in the Park  
May 21, "The Joy of Zentangle", Artist Joy Ritter.

### ***A Look Back at Summer...***

How quickly the three weeks of summer camp at The Barn passed by, but the fun and new skills learned by all our campers will be remembered a long time. Here are some photos of summertime fun at The Barn!

Don't forget to look for the Woman's Art Club and The Barn at the Kiwanis Art Fair, Sunday September 13!!





## VILLAGE GOVERNMENT

### Council Meeting - June 8, 2015

The following members were present: Mayor Policastro, Mr. Hlad, Mr. Marsland, Ms. Palazzolo, Ms. Schwartz and Mr. Wolter.

Mr. Marsland thanked the Police Department for the program they have allowing residents to leave a key with the department as they needed to utilize it when the baby sitter was locked out of the house. Mr. Wolter said it is a great program and suggested the Mayor put notice of it in the next Mayor's Bulletin. The Mayor said we are thinking of auctioning off the old truck from the service department along with the skateboard ramp and extra equipment in late July.

Building Commissioner Hodulik said May was an all-time high with 57 permits. The total for permits issued for the first quarter was 78. They include up-grades and remodels to homes. Mayor Policastro said we got the cleaner needed to remove the graffiti off the brick building by the church. Mr. Wolter asked if there is a power washer to use to clean it with. Superintendent Scherpenberg said yes there is one if needed. Mr. Wolter said he may lean on someone from the department to assist him with the clean-up.

Mrs. Busam, Village Tax Administrator, said we are up 6.44% for the month and the trash fees are coming in nicely. Mayor Policastro said he has not seen the balance so high mid-year in a long time. Fiscal Officer Borgerding said we had a good month with tax collection and pool/tennis fees.

The Mayor shared an article from Cincinnati Enquirer dated June 4, 2015 re: Part of Eastern Corridor Roadway Killed. ODOT is not going to go through the South 80 valley at all but instead run the route along Old Wooster to the Beechmont Levee and then up St. Rt. 32. This is great news for the Village of Mariemont. He plans to thank people instrumental in this in the next Mayor's Bulletin.

Mayor Policastro referred the matter of our No Solicitation ordinance to the Rules and Law Committee. The Solicitor claims that our 'No Soliciting' ordinance is outdated. He is going to have the Solicitor prepare what we need to do and then have the Rules and Law Committee meet with the Solicitor present. Hopefully by the next Council meeting we can have a report and

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Mayor:	Dan Policastro	mayordan1@gmail.com

Ordinance ready to be passed as an emergency.

Mayor Policastro said we paid approximately \$1200 in PayPal fees for online registration for the pool and tennis memberships. He referred the matter to the Health and Recreation Committee. Is it fair to those who walk up with their payment etc.? It averages approximately \$8 per person extra that we pay for those who sign up online. He would like the committee to discuss whether or not to have the resident pay the online fee or to leave it the way it is.

Mr. Mike Kintner, 6504 Miami Bluff was granted permission to address Council. He asked Council to prioritize the work needed to be done by his house at the corner of Miami Bluff and Mariemont Avenue. He would like the area cleaned up and fir trees planted. He had believed that the work would have been done this past spring but now is being told it should get done sometime this fall. Large trees fell down several years ago and this project has continually been pushed back. He would like affirmation that the work is a priority will

commence by this fall.

Mr. Wolter said we have been cleaning up other areas. They have discovered once they get the honeysuckle off the area around the perimeter where it has been for several years allowing light to come in the area other invasive species are coming back with a vengeance. A lot of time has been spent trying different methods to deal with these plants. There is also a situation where trees have fallen and it has started to erode in a resident's back yard creating it to be a priority. In addition, there are trees that are ready to come down on their own. We are trying as hard as we can to get all the work done in a timely fashion. A lot of work is done by volunteers so it is sometimes hard to get all the work done that needs to be done. The Beech Trees are one of the last remaining large stands of Beech woods in the State. That is one of the reasons it is such a priority. If we lose them there is almost no way to get them back

Mr. Kintner said he is sensitive to other priorities but this project has been pushed back

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Stop in and visit Tom Walsh, Mariemont resident and Founder of Walsh Asset Management.

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and back and all he is asking is that it will be done by the fall of this year. With the loss of the trees there has been an explosion of weeds, poison ivy etc. Plus the wood is still sitting there from when the Fire Department cut the trees up.

Mr. Marsland asked how projects are prioritized. Mayor Policastro said the Beech Grove is the main priority because when people are driving through the Village it is seen by many. The trees are all Beech trees which are very important to the Village. He hopes to have the work completed this year. They are also working at the Boathouse – which had a patio poured. Mr. Jerry Vianello is working with the Boy Scouts to clear the area between the Boathouse and Wooster Pike so people driving along will be able to see one of our greatest relics. On Mariemont Avenue we had a landslide. We already have a \$75,000 grant and are looking for a matching grant which we can apply for in October 2015. He is hopeful that Dr. Tankersley will be here in July. Whatever we do we need to be very careful because a good portion of the serpent mound is on the hill that Mr. Kintner is referring to. He would like to see the trees built on the top of the mound so it is protected. We also want to put grass in the area so a sign can be placed similar to what is at the South 80 Trails.

Mr. Marsland said trees will be needed to buffer the train noise. Mayor Policastro said White Pine is a good fast growing tree. Mr. Marsland said he has a contact at Ohio State University and indicated that he may be able to get 4-6 White Pine trees 2-3" diameter. Mayor Policastro said he learned with White Pines you have to plant them on a raised area so the water can run off. They will drown if the water cannot runoff. Mr. Wolter cautioned that deer love White Pine trees – you are not out of the woods once you get them in the ground. The fast growing aspect though is a good plan.

Mr. Wolter asked if the Service Department could haul the logs away. Until they are out of the way it would be hard to do any work. Superintendent Scherpenberg said they could.

Mr. Marsland moved, seconded by Mr. Wolter to accept the recommendation of the Safety Committee which met to discuss safety concerns around narrow streets in the Village in case of a fire emergency. Present in attendance were: Committee Members Lorne Hlad, Joe Miller, Maggie Palazzolo, Mayor Dan Policastro,

Chief Hines and Assistant Fire Chief Jason Kiefer. When cars park on both sides of the street throughout many of our streets it prohibits a fire truck from passing. Fliers were distributed to residents on Center Street and Flintpoint Way in advance of the meeting. No citizens attended the meeting. Streets in discussion were Center Street and Flintpoint Way. It was decided to propose legislation to make parking available on only one side of these streets (between Mt. Vernon and Miami Bluff). The no parking side would be on the same side as the fire hydrants. The Committee asks that the Solicitor prepare the necessary legislation. On roll call; five ayes, no nays.

Mayor Policastro said as the Safety Committee moves forward he would like for them to meet, discuss and make a recommendation for Mt. Vernon and Hammerstone for 'No Parking'. Mr. Wolter said he has the original map with markings on what streets have been completed as of the Safety Chairman transition. Mr. Hlad said that would be very helpful.

Mayor Policastro referred the matter of farm animals to the Rules and Law Committee. It has been requested by a school-aged resident to have a teacup pig as a pet. They can grow to 50 pounds. There is nothing in the current code prohibiting such a request. If it disturbs the peace it would be a problem. He would like for the Committee to look further at this.

The meeting adjourned at 7:29 p.m.

Mayor Policastro reconvened the meeting at 7:30 to discuss a request from Ms. Lynn Long and Mr. Doug Welsh at the Woman's Art Club Cultural Center. The Barn is a great asset to the Village, having attracted 10,000 individuals last year and representing the investment of the community in adaptively reusing this historically significant building (originally as "Resthaven Barn"). However, there is currently no signage on Wooster Pike, one of the main arteries in the Village to help people realize the presence of/find their way to this Ohio Cultural Arts Center. The proposed signage would help visitors find their way by placing signs in locations owned by the Village of Mariemont, yet not facing the square (the Beech Woods median separating Wooster eastbound and westbound traffic, and the triangular Beech Woods Park between Wooster and Miami). Existing signs will guide visitors

from Miami Road to the Barn. Mr. Marsland asked if these would be permanent signs. Mayor Policastro said yes. Ms. Palazzolo moved, seconded by Mr. Wolter to approve the request. On roll call; five ayes, no nays.

### ***Council Meeting – July 20, 2015***

The following members were in attendance: Mayor Policastro, Mr. Hlad, Mr. Miller, Ms. Palazzolo and Ms. Schwartz.

Mayor Policastro said Police Officer Adam Geraci has successfully completed his 180 day probationary period. Officer Geraci was hired on December 8, 2014 and came to Mariemont from Xavier University Campus Police where he served from March 2010 until December 2014. He graduated from Norwood High School in 2006 and studied at Cincinnati State College. He is a 2009 graduate of the Great Oaks Police Academy. Chief Hines said Officer Geraci is doing a great job and is proving to be a huge asset to the Police Department. He serves as the department's IT person and is assigned to third shift. Ms. Schwartz moved, seconded by Ms. Palazzolo that Officer Geraci be removed from the probationary period and be made a Regular Employee with the Village of Mariemont. On roll call; four ayes, no nays.

Chief Hines said Safety Services Night Out will be Tuesday July 28, 2015 from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm. He encouraged everyone to attend. They will have the police band "Most Wanted" along with Air Care (if they are available), police & fire equipment, food and ice cream.

Ms. Palazzolo asked how long the area along Beech Street will be closed due to the work being done in the area. Ms. Schwartz said she just drove in that area. Mr. Hlad said he and some neighbors are helping to clean up the Boathouse and noted that there are several dead trees in the area which may cause a safety concern. Superintendent Scherpenberg said there are a few on the list already.

Building Commissioner Hodulik said we had 64 permits the month of May with 133 for the quarter. It has been a busy month and consistent with last year. Commissioner Hodulik said we are in the process of working with Hamilton County to have a Board of Building Appeals for

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residential applications. The Board of Appeals is strictly for building – it has nothing to do with zoning. It is an appeals process for someone who feels that the Building Department is not following state code for residential applications. This is done at no cost to the Village. It requires a signed agreement and the Resolution adopting approval.

Mayor Policastro said we should have added Hawthorne/Settle resurfacing to the Street Rehab work and now have an estimate of \$1500 to do the desired work. Mr. Miller moved, seconded by Ms. Schwartz to add it to the 2015 Street Rehabilitation work project and to authorize payment. On roll call; four ayes, no nays.

Engineer Ertel said we have an 80% grant for extending the Murray Bike Trail from the terminus at Settle Road. We have to do a selection-based process for the design consultant to put together plans to build the trail. Mayor Policastro referred the matter to the Health and Recreation Committee for further discussion.

Mr. Mike Manzler, 4034 Lytle Woods Place, was granted permission to address Council. He stated that one hour ago he e-mailed to all Council a six page letter outlining his concerns because he knew the three minute limit at Council is not going to be enough time. He is a 23-year resident and on their street is/was a garden island with a beautiful stone wall with flowers. A few months ago a couple of the neighbors started talking about wanting to make some changes to the island. The Mayor told all the residents along Lytle Woods to discuss the issue and reach a consensus as to what would be done. There was discussion and very clearly no consensus. Unfortunately three of the neighbors took it upon themselves to get an “up or down” vote on a petition which many of us had been told was a first draft of a starting point for discussion. Before anyone knew it there was an e-mail from the Mayor saying not that we are going to do this and not that we are going to do this a year from now when the street paving work is to begin, but we are going to do this within the next month. We are going to tear out the stone wall and we are going to leave it that way for a year. The end result is people are going to disagree on aesthetics – his main concern is the process that occurred. He is ashamed of the Village and the way the process played out. Three people, two of which have lived on the street for two years, moved in, got

the Mayor's ear and railroaded this through. There was no reason this had to happen at all and no reason this had to happen now. At a very bare minimum of courtesy to our citizens he cannot think of any excuse under the sun why we could not have been given notice. We were told on paper that this would happen next month (August/September). Last Thursday a bulldozer shows up on the street and plows away the wall and half of the flowers with not one minute of notice. That was unacceptable. He and his wife have taken care of that circle for 15 years. At the time when the wall and plantings were put in the agreement with the Village was that the residents would maintain it. Most of the neighbors have changed over the years. Bottom line even two hours of notice would have allowed them time to replant some of the flowers. They have spent hundreds of dollars and hundreds of hours over the years taking care of the wall. He does not understand why this had to be rammed through. The Mayor said it was about the cost – he told the Mayor he would fix the wall himself for free. He did fix part of the wall just last week. We just heard that the Village's finances are in good shape. He cannot imagine that it would cost more than a couple of hundred dollars to fix the remaining part. He hopes that Council will look into this because this is not the way things should happen in a community.

Mr. Bill Brown, 4030 Lytle Wood Place, was granted permission to address Council. He has been a resident of the Village for 35 years and a graduate of Mariemont High School. He thanked the Mayor for his participation and patience with this project. There was fair, open and adequate discussion among the residents of Lytle Woods. There was a general plan that was arrived at that was committed to paper which was submitted to the Mayor and shared with the Building Commissioner. After that the Mayor suggested that there be a paper vote. That was done and there was a consensus majority reached at that time. There were dissenters and it was agreed that we would have further discussion. There was a meeting held at one of the resident's houses which there was a representative from every single household. The meeting lasted well over an hour. A summary of what was discussed was presented to Mayor Policastro. At that time the Mayor circulated a letter showing three examples of different curbing that the residents needed to decide upon. That was done and again the majority consensus was they wanted the wall out, sooner

rather than later, for a number of reasons. It was unsightly. This is a classic example of basic democracy 101 in action regardless of what was said by Mr. Manzler. It was openly and fairly discussed. A vote was taken and a consensus was reached.

Ms. Kate Brown, 4042 Lytle Woods Place was granted permission to address Council. They have lived in the Village for four years and are no relation to Mr. Bill Brown. One of the points she wants to make is their neighbor at 4046 Lytle Woods Place had a fire in their residence this past spring. It was a scary moment pulling up to her house with her daughter in the car seeing fire trucks. The wall was mostly damaged because the new large fire truck could not put its supports down because there was not enough room in the street. Many times both the Mayor and the police have reminded us not to park on the street. As pretty as the current structure is it is a safety hazard and to her that is what should be considered. A fire truck and or other trucks cannot make it through the turnaround safely. She is appreciative of the efforts of her neighbors to make changes and she was happy to sign off on them for the sake of safety.

Ms. Deborah Brown, 4030 Lytle Woods Place, was granted permission to address Council. She has been a resident of the Village for 50 years growing up and going to school here. She thanked the Mayor for all of his time, effort, diligence and fortitude in seeing this wall come down. She sees it as a huge improvement. She distributed pictures of the area now that the wall is gone. The wall was old, damaged and it was time for it to come out. This, of course, is phase one. Once the street is repaved the residents will again talk to see how we want it to have it finally landscaped.

Mr. Mike Manzler began to speak. Mayor Policastro said you do not speak without permission and if he continued to do so he would ask him to leave Council chambers.

Mr. Miller asked who was going to volunteer to sweep up the mulch. Mr. Brown said with the amount of rain we just had the runoff of mulch was minimal. He said he and another neighbor will volunteer to keep the area clean. Mayor Policastro said the main reason he did what he did was the fact that the wall is a major safety problem. Four families want slanted curbs as

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does the Fire Chief. We cannot afford to have damage to the \$750,000 fire truck as they almost did hitting the wall. He will not compromise when it comes to safety – he never has and he never will. The Service department also had a hard time plowing around the area. We do not have back and forth conversations. We do not fight we just get our ideas out in front of everyone.

Mr. Manzler commented that is a good way to lock people out and not give them a voice. Mayor Policastro shook his head and said never mind. Mr. Manzler said half of what was said was not factual. Mayor Policastro asked Chief Hines to escort Mr. Manzler from Council Chambers.

Ms. Hlad moved, seconded by Mr. Miller to

accept the recommendation of the Rules and Law Committee. The Committee resolved to adopt new wording of the no solicitation ordinance to bring it into compliance. The current wording is not constitutional. The Committee unanimously recommends that Council adopt the new language as drafted by our Solicitor. Mayor Policastro said he was in Silverton and noticed a sign indicating that you must get a permit. Ms. Palazzolo said our current legislation is unconstitutional with the State Constitution. The Committee reviewed the hours during which you cannot solicit. They also discussed an “opt out” list where residents can register. However, they would also have to have it posted no soliciting on their private property. Solicitors will not be given a permit if they should have a violent crime or drug crime. If

the solicitation is by a minor there does need to be an adult present with proper id. Mayor Policastro said the Solicitor should make the application for permit. On roll call; four ayes, no nays.

Mr. Hlad moved, seconded by Mr. Miller to accept the recommendation of the Finance Committee that the Village of Mariemont continue their relationship with Hylant insurance and renew our policy as we have enjoyed many years of exemplary customer service and reasonable rates from their organization. It is recommended that the legislation be passed on an emergency basis so there is no lapse in coverage. On roll call; four ayes, no nays.

# Rhythm and Movement Keep Kids Active

BY CLAIRE KUPFERLE

Mariemont resident Liz Wu does not like peace and quiet. She is happiest when the children in her classes are dancing around, keeping the beat with an egg shaker and shouting words in Spanish. Her love of rhythm, movement and language led her to develop Ritmo and Ritmo Chiquito music enrichment classes for children.

Ritmo, a mash up of Rhythm and Movement, is a fun, engaging enrichment class for ages 4 to 10. Ritmo Chiquito is aimed at toddlers, ages 1 to 3. Both feature live musical instruments and hands-on learning, designed to develop important mind-body skills as the children drum, dance and play. Each session works to strengthen gross and fine motor control, cognitive skills, social interaction, and language development, while targeting six fundamental areas: Timing, Coordination, Listening, Creativity, Teamwork, and Fun! There has been recent research indicating that music-making stimulates brain development, especially in language areas, but also in motor development. The Ritmo class is specifically designed to fully engage both mind and body through fun games and musical exploration

Liz is offering these classes through The Barn on Cambridge in Mariemont, as well



as at her studio on Roundbottom Road. You can email [ritmoclasses@gmail.com](mailto:ritmoclasses@gmail.com) to register or to get more information. Liz said, “I developed the Ritmo program from three activities I love - music, movement and language. I am a professional musician (CCM graduate in Jazz Performance) and fitness instructor, and have spent a lot of time traveling through Spanish-speaking countries. I had been teaching music and movement classes to children separately for years, and about five years ago, it occurred to me to combine them (also adding the Spanish language component).”

She and a partner, Wes Davidson, opened a studio called The Turtle and

Stone Productions in June. Located on Roundbottom Road, the studio offers private and group lessons for all ages, specializing in guitar, keyboard, drums, voice and Ritmo. The Ritmo classes have been very well received, and Liz is hoping to reach a wider audience with the classes through the Barn. “This program is great for small groups, but has also worked with groups of 75+,” Liz said. “It can be offered as an ongoing class or a one-time workshop. It’s great at birthday parties or youth groups. It’s unique, it’s fun, and when my students greet me with a barrage of all the Spanish words they know, I can tell that there is an impact. As a teacher, that is an extremely rewarding feeling!”

# (Not Quite) Off the Grid

By REX BEVIS

Have you ever wondered how people generate their own solar energy and become energy independent? I had the opportunity recently to interview a Mariemont couple who have done just that. Peter and Jane Nurse of 4319 Joan Place moved to Mariemont from northeastern Pennsylvania a couple of years ago. Peter is an environmental engineer by trade and became interested in exploring energy independence via solar panels. He and Jane were interested in energy conservation and reducing their carbon footprint. As Peter explained to me, his objective was not to store self-generated electric power (in batteries) but to configure a system which would be able to generate 75% of the household power. He set the 75% objective in order to establish a significant level of power independence but also make his purchase affordable.

Working in conjunction with Carl Adams of SunRock Solar, Peter configured and ordered a 21 panel 6.48kW Solar System designed for rooftop installation. The Nurses decided to re-roof the house prior to installing the solar array, and applied for and received building permits from the Village for both the electrical work and the re-roofing. All work was also inspected by Duke Energy via the Inspection Bureau International. The system went 'live' on May 22, 2015.

The early results are in. Peter is able to view (and print out) daily, weekly, and monthly



energy production data which he shared with me. Since going live on May 22, the system has averaged 21.7 kW Hours/day for a total of 1325 kW Hours through July 22. The Nurses have used 1717 kW Hours over this timeframe. Dividing 1325 by 1717 yields 77% solar for the first two months! Ok, but this is summertime and the sun is shining. What about November and December? Peter showed me that on days of heavy clouding, rain and thunderstorms, such as May 31 and June 27, the system still generated 9.0 kW Hours/day. He also contends that on sunny snow-covered days, the solar power generation will exceed a sunny summer day due to the reflection off of the snow. As previously mentioned, the Nurses have not elected to store energy via batteries, but that is a step they may consider in the future. For now, when they

generate more power than they consume, the surplus goes to Duke Energy. Peter says there are no maintenance costs since the panels are self-cleaning. They have panel-by-panel monitoring and a 25-year warranty. I'll follow up with Peter and Jane next May and take a look at the annual results, and report back to the Town Crier community.

Peter and Jane were very satisfied with Carl Adams and SunRock Solar. The \$23,000 investment they made is significant, but there are tax credits available and Peter expects a positive return on his investment over a period of several years. The Nurses are delighted to be conserving energy and they are happy to share their experience. I thank Peter and Jane for educating me on going (not quite) off the grid!

## MPF Announces the Millard F. Rogers, Jr. Lecture Series

*Dr. Bruce Stephenson to Headline  
Inaugural Lecture  
Thursday, September 24, 7:30 pm  
Mariemont Memorial Chapel (Historic  
Mariemont Community Church Building)*

When the Mariemont Preservation Foundation (MPF) learned of the death of longtime Mariemont resident and

MPF Trustee, Millard F. Rogers, Jr., the organization was determined to keep his name prominent in the MPF and the community.

It was decided it was time to reinstitute a Lecture Series, something that Millard himself had initiated years ago but had not been kept up for several years. According

to Millard's wife, Nina, "A lecture series was something Millard felt very strongly about and he would be so pleased that it is coming back."

MPF is pleased to announce that Dr. Bruce Stephenson, director of the

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department of Environmental Studies and Sustainable Urbanism at Rollins College, will be the first speaker of the new series on Thursday, September 24 at 7:30 pm in historic Memorial Chapel, the original building of the Mariemont Community Church.

Dr. Stephenson's presentation, "John Nolen and Mariemont, the Lessons of an Exemplar Community," will focus on the career of John Nolen and his impact on the development of Mariemont as well as

hundreds of other communities in the US. For those of you not familiar with the history of Mariemont, John Nolen was hired by philanthropist Mary Emery to design and plan the new Village. Mariemont marked the pinnacle of Nolen's career and to this day remains a National Exemplar; highly influential in the development of other new communities.

Dr. Stephenson's newest book, "John Nolen, Landscape Architect and City Planner,"

is considered the first biography of a major American landscape architect and the founder of the modern planning profession.

There will be no charge to attend the lecture, but reservations are requested and donations to MPF will be greatly appreciated. Dr. Stephenson's book will be available for purchase. Please make your reservations by calling MPF at 272-1166 or [administration@mariemontpreservation.org](mailto:administration@mariemontpreservation.org).

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