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The Ohio Valley Region (OVR) Porsche Club of America has selected Mariemont for the site of a new, signature event concept called Rallye Porsches in Mariemont (RPM). The event at Mariemont Square is expected to feature 300 Porsches and will be open to the community on Sunday, October 7.

"Mariemont was selected as an ideal place for this event because it provides a spectacular architectural backdrop and a pedestrian-friendly venue to showcase the cars and interact with the community," said Mariemont resident Grant Karnes, Public Relations and Signature Event Committee Chair for OVR. Village Council gave approval for the event on February 27.

The Porsche marquee has widespread appeal and has always attracted a lot of attention and interest. The OVR committee anticipates a fun day of sharing the cars with the community and bringing people to Mariemont. Karnes noted that the OVR committee is planning some special events as a part of the day to make it interesting



Resident Grant Karnes is President of The Ohio Valley Region (OVR) Porsche Club of America.

RESIDENT REVS UP PORSCHE RALLY FOR FALL



and enjoyable for everyone. There will be some special displays for kids and a lot to see and do. A professional photographer may be on hand to provide tips about how to photograph cars to make them look their best. The winners from OVR's concours series held during the summer will have a special display and the committee expects some special cars, including some race cars, will be displayed. Dilly Café is even planning a special German beer garden for the day.

Mark your calendars now for October 7 to explore Porsches and the many things owners do with them. The Porsche Club membership represents a rich fabric of interesting activities that include racing, autocross, high performance driving, social, technical, and charity events. Special displays will highlight these activities and provide some interesting facts about Porsches. For example, you are likely to find out why the ignition on a Porsche is located on the left side of the steering wheel!

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'Porsche,' continued:

The OVR committee is working with Chief Rick Hines and the Economic Development and Zoning Committee to ensure all of the traffic and parking issues are addressed appropriately. Traffic along Wooster Pike through Mariemont square and for two blocks both east and west will be consolidated to one side of the median, enabling Porsches to be parked on the streets around the square and in the median in front of the Mariemont Inn. "This was important in order to be able to create a safe, pedestrian-friendly event," said Karnes. It should also create some fantastic photo opportunities!

"This will be a special day for everyone involved and especially for the businesses and residents of Mariemont," said Karnes. The event is expected to draw the largest collection of Porsches to the Cincinnati area in nearly 20 years.

FROM THE EDITOR

Support *The Town Crier* with a Donation

You hold in your hands the last *Town Crier* issue of our publishing year. Since our staff is made up of volunteers, we take the summer off and will return with another jampacked issue in September. As always, we welcome your ideas for stories.

I hope you have enjoyed reading each issue! We try to include a variety of stories and features so there is something interesting for everyone. You may have noticed the *Town Crier* has gotten bigger this year (and better, we hope!).

In many months, we have had so much to write about the paper has been 28 pages long. This is a big jump from past years where it was usually 16 or 20 pages. Of course, larger

issues mean more expense!

Please consider making a contribution to the *Town Crier* over the summer. The copy you are reading costs over \$1.50 to produce. That means the eight issues we produce each year cost about \$12 for each individual home and business. We deliver 2100 copies free of charge to everyone in Mariemont, Spring Hill, Williams Meadow, and Mariemont Landing. For your contribution, you will be listed as a member of the Crier Club in each issue. If you contribute \$25 or more, we will print your name in bold type.

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(Siblings listed together share routes; siblings listed separately have their own routes)

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Meet the Mariemont Recreation Association

BY MISSY FIELDS

The Mariemont Recreation Association (MRA) has been in existence for over 25 years. Although the faces change every 10 years or so, their mission remains the same: to organize, supervise, and help fund the playing of recreational sports for all children in our community. Its members meet officially three times a year, but spend many more hours keeping websites up to date, removing rocks from soccer fields, managing uniforms and coaches' shirts, cleaning out storage sheds, putting up goals, lining fields and keeping track of registration fees, to name a few. Here is a rundown of our MRA team:

Bob Rich has been President for the last 11 years. Our fearless leader keeps us all on schedule and has provided a wealth of knowledge and organization. He is currently passing the baton to John Getgey, (President in Training) who no doubt is up for the challenge.

Rich Ewald has been the MRA Treasurer for 12 years. He has impressed us all with his colored pie graphs, and works to make sure all sports are held accountable for all spending. He also has the unfortunate job of finding those who forget to pay their registration fees.



Steve Barker has been serving as Soccer Coordinator as well as Website Master for the past 11 years. Not only does he organize and supervise 2 seasons of soccer with more than 600 children participating, he also keeps our MRA website up and running.

Mike McCracken has been serving as Softball Coordinator for the past 13 years. He has taken a sport that had very few participants (and fewer coaches) and built it into a program that is competitive and is 75 girls strong.

Randy York has been serving as Baseball Coordinator for the past 5 years. He and Mike work together to keep fields and schedules running smoothly. Randy helps to provide baseball knowledge to "Friday Night Kids" (4 and 5 year olds) and to "C Minor" (high school players).

Hal Northrop and Marty Zack are relatively new to the group but are working hard as Basketball Coordinators to help our young athletes. Their work has been challenging this past season with the many school renovations limiting space for practice and games. They both look forward to next year and three new gyms opening in the district.

Robert Pettifer is currently working his first year as Track Coordinator. Robert



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is coordinating a team of coaches and enthusiastic parent volunteers to provide our kids a chance to try track. Organizing the annual home meet, which hosts up to 1,500 participants, is an enormous undertaking. Thank you to Robert and team for stepping up to make this meet a success, despite the rain.

Missy Fields has been serving as secretary for the past ten years. Her role on the board is to take notes (and usually distribute them late) and to give a much-needed mother's voice to the rest of the group.

Lastly, we are excited to introduce a new opportunity for our children and our newest board member, Wes Iredale, Volleyball Coordinator. The turnout for the new Volleyball league for 3rd-6th grade girls has been great, with about 30 girls participating. Because of the late start this year due to gym space restrictions, the girls will just practice, develop their skills, and have a few scrimmages among themselves. Starting next year, the program will be held during the winter sports season, with a goal of getting into leagues with other area elementary schools.

Over a one-year span, the MRA Board members serve about 1200 community youth athletes with the help of about 100 coaches. It is an active, thriving organization always looking for new recreation athletes, coaches and Board members. Visit our website and contact us with any comments or suggestions. Go watch a game, match, or meet and enjoy!



Carillon Concert Series Kicks Off in May

The 2012 Summer Carillon Concert Series will be held at the Mary M. Emery Memorial Carillon. The first concert of the series will be held on Sunday, May 27, beginning at 7 pm. Concerts will continue throughout the summer. Be looking for the complete program, which is being mailed to all residents later this month. Sunday concerts are held starting at 7 pm, and holiday concerts begin at 2 pm.



June 17 – Guest carilloneur Geert D'Hollander from Belgium will perform.

July 8 – Bells and the Spoken Word, with Richard Gegner, carilloneur, and Rev. Robert Jencks, reader.

July 29 – Carillon Duets, with Richard Gegner and Richard Watson, carilloneurs.

August 5

– Lollipop and Balloon
Concert, featuring
Richard Gegner,
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Services Held for Retired Fire Chief Jack Phifer

The funeral procession consisted of several new and vintage fire trucks, draped in black for the solemn occasion. The procession wound its way through Madeira, Indian Hill, and Mariemont, passing Jack's former firehouses and ending at the Mariemont Community Church, where funeral services for Chief Phifer were held.

It was a stirring sight as the coffin passed beneath two fire trucks with their ladders raised and flags hanging from the ladders. AirCare performed a fly-over about the time the procession arrived at the church. Inside the church, the folded flag and Chief Phifer's fire helmet, which had rested on the casket, were presented to the family during the service. As the pallbearers carried the casket out to the hearse, a lone bagpiper played a final farewell.









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IT TAKES A VILLAGE...

BY DENIS BEAUSEJOUR

On this quiet pedestrian section of Murray Avenue, time seems to stand still. This little "nook" is a beautiful example of the unique blend of homes, parkland, walkways and trees in Mariemont. It's a sunny day as I pull up to number 6980, and swaths of shade cover the front door and the gently flapping flag. This is the place Tom and Nina Coates have called home since 1966. They are living treasures, embodying the history of our Village, engaged in the present, and hopeful about the future.

Tom and Nina met through friends in Somerset, Ohio. Tom was fresh out of the Army Signal Corps, having served in Tokyo

under the command of General MacArthur in 1945-46. Their first date was a dance held at Little Phil's Inn – named after Somerset's

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

Civil war hero General Philip Sheridan. Tom is a drummer and played dances growing up, so obviously he could keep a beat - and a romance going! They married in 1949 - yes, that means they will celebrate 63 years in June! Soon, three boys came along - Dean, Dale and David – and so did Tom's career at Metropolitan Life Insurance. With a stop in Columbus, Tom was promoted to District Manager of the Mount Lookout office in Cincinnati. After a few evenings and weekends spent scouting out neighborhoods, Tom found Mariemont. He was impressed with the friendliness of the neighbors, the design of the community, and the reputation of the schools. After a visit with Nina, it was settled - the boys were 13, 8, and 6 - perfect timing to discover new vistas which they could safely and freely explore by bicycle.

Tom was amazed that the house had no keys. He was used to locking up in Columbus, but the neighborhood was that safe. Their milkman then was Jack Schreckenhofer, a friend from church – he would deliver milk

into the fridge, and then eventually into an insulated box on the stoop. Yes, you could also buy soda and ice cream! They have had excellent neighbors since day one, and fondly remember the Ice Cream Socials that brought people together. They love how compact and convenient everything is, walking all the time until a few years ago, when bad knees required some slowing down.

As idyllic as much of their story is, Tom and Nina are no strangers to hard work and to tragedy. Tom traveled a lot and still found time to serve on the board at church. Nina worked at Mercy St. Theresa for 13 years. She worked the night shift for 5 years so that someone would always be home for the kids. Their oldest son Dean died at age 37 after a motorcycle accident and a lengthy coma. Despite the loss, they continued to be positive and to dwell on their blessings. They have seven grandchildren and three great grandchildren that they see regularly, including special celebrations at Thanksgiving and Easter.

For about ten years, Nina helped David's kids get ready in the morning. David and Carrie both leave the house early – he to paint and she to teach in Terrace Park – so that required some extra help. Recently, Carrie drives Molly and Hannah, while Tom picks Kane up for a lift to the High School. Uncle Dale pokes fun at Kane (I used to walk!) but Kane points out that Dale did not have as heavy a backpack, or the baseball gear! Tom is excited to report that Kane is a freshman playing Varsity baseball. The clear sense is they celebrate their family growing, learning,



and succeeding.

As we chat in their living room, I once again realize why we call them "the great generation." Nina still attends her Tuesday morning Bible study. She checks in on her neighbors. She plants flowers at the church. She has Molly over after school. This spring, she quizzed Molly on Ash Wednesday – after considering giving up candy for Lent, Molly decided to give up exercise instead (while shaking Tom's candy tin!). Nina is engaged and hopeful. Tom is still teaching continuing education classes for insurance agents, and just finished a tax season where he did 162 returns! It's easy to see why they are vibrant.

As I reflect on Tom and Nina's story, it can be summarized in one word – faithfulness. It runs through their marriage, their parenting, their friendships, their family, their neighbors, their work, and even their trials and tragedies. They are faithful in the little things - one small act of service at a time, one encouraging word at a time, one prayer at a time, one meal at a time, and one day at a time. That adds up to a great life. That makes me take stock of my life and gives me a target for the future.

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Letter to the Editor

I have enjoyed a strong partnership with the citizens and officials of the Village of Mariemont over the last four vears. Because of our association, my company and partners will invest \$50 million in Mariemont when the last phase of our condo development is completed. The proposed apartments in Columbia Township, across the street from Emery Park's tennis courts, will add another \$10 million to the total.

This equates

Proposed roundabout at Murray and Plainville.

to 221 households and an estimated 337 customers that will support the Village Square businesses. These customers do income on dining and entertainment

not need a parking space when visiting the Square, and will spend more disposable because they are empty nesters and young professionals. A vast majority of these newcomers and longtime Mariemont residents do not have children and do not

impact the schools and make a positive impact on the community on many levels.

The reason my company was attracted to Mariemont is your healthy town center, great architecture, walkable streets and beautiful parks. It is truly one of the few communities in the city that offers such an attractive lifestyle.

Mary Emery set the stage for these developments with her Nolen Plan. It laid

out a framework for rental, multifamily and single family housing within walking distance of the Village Square which is a unique asset of Mariemont. My recent proposal to build a modern day, high-quality apartment community presents an opportunity to build upon this strength.

The new 110 apartment community would frame two sides of a proposed roundabout at the Murray and Plainville intersection. It would fill the missing gap

in the circle of investment that has occurred around Emery Park with the Elementary School addition, Parish Center rehab, Emery Park, and future Emery Row condominiums.

The proposed roundabout is a critical element in the financing of the land acquisition for this apartment development. It will also solve the traffic flow problem at the intersection and provide a beautiful gateway to Mariemont.

I encourage you to embrace another opportunity to build upon Mary Emery's legacy.

> Sincerely, Richard J. Greiwe, Principal **GREIWE DEVELOPMENT**





WOMAN'S ART CLUB CULTURAL CENTER

The Taft Museum's 80th Anniversary Celebration

This year the Taft Museum is proudly celebrating its 80th anniversary. So how does the Barn fit into this grand celebration? Because of our special relationship with the Taft Museum (the Woman's Art Club Foundation sponsorship of the Brettell spring lecture series on Impressionism), the Barn has been chosen to be the site for one of its 80 full size, weatherproof reproductions. These significant works from the Taft collection will be shown in public areas within or near the I-275 loop. Our painting will be in place from June 1, through September 30.

These digital images of paintings will be created from new photos of the collection. The quality of the photos is so excellent that brushstrokes are plainly visible. All is mounted on a durable non-canvas backing, framed, varnished and weatherproofed. Lynne Ambrosini (chief curator at the Taft) had to get within 2" of it to say, "This isn't real." The image is also quite large, 36"x 48." Go to www. taftmuseum.org for more information on "Art for All" and an interactive Google map with all the locations for the rest of the paintings.

Mystery Artist Contest!

Can you guess the name of the artist who painted the reproduction that will be on display at the Barn?

Here are some clues:

- I was one of the founders of the Barbizon School in rural France.
- I was the first painter to make the peasant a heroic figure.
- My paintings were an inspiration to Vincent Van Gogh.

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to try to guess the name of the artist, send your answer to us via email to womansartclub@zoomtown.com with your name, address, and phone number. The first 10 correct answers that we receive will win a certificate for a free ice cream cone from Graeter's!

IN THE GALLERY

Do Not Miss! The Visual Experience: A Celebration of the Visual Arts at Mariemont Jr. High School

The Barn is pleased to host Mariemont Jr. High's digital art show. This exhibit of work by these incredibly talented students opens on Thursday, May 17 and runs through Tuesday, May 22. The exhibit will explore with the viewer many of the amazing possibilities available with the digital process, including 2D and 3D artwork, Flash Animation and Dreamweaver sites. Students are excited to

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Woman's Art Club Activities at The Barn (continued)



Girl with Sash by Isabella Bernardini

demonstrate Adobe applications at hands-on workstations throughout the exhibit for parents and community participation. Exhibit hours are: Thursday, May 17, Opening night, 7:00-9:30. On May 18, 21, and 22, the show will be open from 9:00 am -7:00 pm.

Queen City Art Club

Don't miss this beautiful exhibit, "The Color of Spring." Exhibiting artists are active members of the "Queen City Art Club." The opening reception is Sunday, May 6, from 2:00-4:00 pm. The exhibition runs from May 4-13; Tuesday-Friday, 9:00 am-2:00 pm and Saturday and Sunday; 12:00 -4:00 pm.

Exhibit by Pat O'Brien, "It's A Moving Sale"

Artist Pat O'Brien will be exhibiting work using a variety of media including, oils, pastels, watercolors, batiks, silk painting, and needlepoint. Pat's artwork explores the scenes that are part of everyday life that we often ignore. She says, "I take great comfort and joy in my ability to present my window of

the world, as I see it. Color is my avenue in creating a harmonious aesthetic image. Hopefully, the observer might become a participant in this world."

"It's a Moving Sale" runs from June 8 through the 20. The opening reception is June 8 from 6:00-9:00 pm. Refreshments will be served. Show hours are Saturday, 1:00-5:00 pm, Sundays 1:00-5:00 pm and Tuesday to Thursday, 9:00 am -2:00 pm.

MAY EVENTS JUNK? In the Trunk! or Loot? In the Boot!

May 19, from 8:00 am-2:00 pm on the lawn/parking lot of the Barn.

Come and participate in the Mariemont Village-wide yard sale by renting outdoor space from the Barn. We have several options available that you can choose from that will best fit your needs and amount of "junk." You can park your car and sell from your

trunk, set up a 10'x10' tent on the grass (limited spaces), or display your "treasures" on your own table or tables not to exceed 10'. All spaces are available for \$20.00. Set up is 7:00 am, Rain or Shine!

Delectable pastries, breads and cookies baked by Art Club volunteers will be available for purchase. This year we will also have a hot dog stand. Please call the Barn at 272-3700 to reserve your spot. Space is limited, so call now!

Cupcakes and Canvas -May 12, 10:00-11:30 am

Local artist Keli Oelerich, will be conducting a one-day session at the Barn for elementary level boys and girls to paint and have a cupcake. The class is \$15 per child and includes all supplies and, of course, a cupcake, as well as a beautiful piece of art. Please call the Barn at 272-3700 to register for this fun class!

Looking Ahead to July...



SUMMER ART CAMP AT THE BARN July 9-July 27, 2012

Don't forget to register your child for our summer cultural opportunities, which include art, music and drama classes for children and teens. The deadline for Summer Art Camp registration is Friday, June 15. For class descriptions, updates, schedules, teacher biographies and a downloadable registration form go to www. womansartclub.com. You can also call the Barn at 272-3700. Class size is limited to ensure individual instruction.

Cincinnati Art Museum's "Off the Walls" Program at the Barn and Docent Presentation

"Off the Walls" is a series of thematic traveling exhibitions based on the collections of the Cincinnati Art Museum (CAM). Authentic objects and reproductions include paintings, sculpture, textiles, prints, ceramics and other media. The Barn Gallery will be displaying "Museum Masterpieces" during the month of July. This exhibit demonstrates the variety and importance of objects that have been collected by CAM. You will see samples of visual arts from around the world that date from ancient times to the present. Some of our summer art camp teachers will be using this exhibit as a motivational and teaching tool to stimulate the children's imaginations and creativity and to learn art principles.

A docent from CAM will be at the Barn on Saturday, July 14 at 11:00 am to present and lead a discussion of the "Museum Masterpieces" exhibit.

Contemporary Arts Center Family Day Comes to the Barn!

"Family Saturday" is a program by the Contemporary Arts Center to inspire learning and creativity through guided art making activities. Normally held downtown at the Contemporary

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Arts Center, on July 28, from 9:00 am -1:00 pm they are bringing this program to the Cultural Center. Judy Dominic will lead the session. A participant in last year's Appalachian fest, she has taught programs for families involving mud cloth, paper making, simple bookmaking, and basketry. Check back for updates and details of July's "CAC Family Saturday at the Barn" on the Woman's Art Club website.

PAVER PROJECT

Support the Barn by buying a paver inscribed with your name, business, or pay tribute to a special person. The 5" x 8" pavers are \$50.00 and can hold three lines of text. Pavers measuring 8" square are \$100.00 and will hold up to 6 lines of text. Go to www. womansartclub.com for details and order forms. The sale ends in May so pavers can be engraved before installation and dedication of the stunning enhancement in August. (See paver insert in this month's *Town Crier*).

OPEN PAINT

Do you want to paint and be creative but you just can't find the time in your busy day? The

Woman's Art Club Cultural Center (WACCC) makes this easy by providing "Open Paint "sessions at the Barn on Tuesdays from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. The summer schedule is May 1-August 14. This is free for WACC members and \$5 per session for non-members. Pack a lunch and come and paint with your friends! Tables and easels are available.

ART SHOW AND SALE, EVERY SECOND SUNDAY AT THE BARN.

The Woman's Art Club of Cincinnati holds a public art exhibit and sale every month on the second Sunday of the month. Art media varies month by month. Freshen up your home or business with new accents of original art. Summer dates are May 13, June 10, and July 8.

USE OUR STYLISH BARN FOR YOUR NEXT MEETING OR EVENT?

Make use of our creative and inspiring environment. The WACC Barn's classrooms and gallery are available for weddings, meetings, gatherings, and art exhibits at friendly prices. Go to www.womansartclub. com for complete rental information including

a printable brochure with details about rates, decorations, music, etc.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

The Barn depends greatly on volunteers with a wide variety of talents. To inquire about volunteer opportunities, contact us by phone at 272-3700 or email: womansartclub@zoomtown.com.

Remember: Check out our website for ongoing news about art classes for adults and children, events, schedules, and many other artsy opportunities. www.womansartclub.com

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Dale Park Building Survey

Mariemont Preservation Foundation is sponsoring a survey to gather opinions and ideas concerning the future use of the Dale Park School building. The survey is included in this issue of the Town Crier and should be mailed to the Town Crier (3844 Indianview) for tabulation. To take the survey on line, go to http://www.surveymonkey.com/STM96MFK and complete the brief study by May 21. MPF will publish the results in the September issue of the *Town Crier* and will share results and comments with the Mayor and Council.

In November of this year, the Dale Park building will no longer be used as a junior high school. By law, the school board must first offer to sell the building to a municipal government organization, namely, the Village of Mariemont. If the Village doesn't buy the building, it will be sold at public auction. The Dale Park building is one of a handful of truly historic buildings that Mariemont has to protect. As a preservation group, MPF believes it is important for Mariemont to maintain control of a building like Dale Park so that private owner changes cannot endanger the Landmark status of the Village. However, we are also aware that there are significant costs associated with conversion of the building to another use and for long-term maintenance and operation of the facility.

Consider an MPF Membership

Have you joined the Mariemont Preservation Foundation (MPF) this year? Your membership contribution supports our many projects. Recent MPF accomplishments are:



- Achievement of National Historic Landmark Status
- Development of a vision plan to help guide Mariemont's future
- Presentation of the annual Taste of Mariemont
- Establishment of a Sister City Program with Hampstead Garden Suburb, London, UK
- Placement of historic plaques around Mariemont
- Publication of "A Pictorial History of A Model Town" – a beautiful coffee table book celebrating the history of Mariemont

Please join us as we honor the past and embrace the future of our wonderful village.

There are a variety of membership levels to choose from:

- \$20 Individual Carillon Level
- \$35 Family Statuary Level
- \$50 Pavilion Level
- \$100 Concourse Level (This level receives a collectible Mariemont seasonal photographic print)
- \$1,500 Mary Emery Club Lifetime Membership (payable in 2 annual \$750 payments)
- Lifetime members will receive either a limited edition John Ruthven cardinal print or a set of 3 Mariemont scene fine china plates

If you are a member, thank you for your support. If not, please join your neighbors in keeping Mary Emery's dream alive!

Checks can be made to: Mariemont Preservation Foundation 3919 Plainville Road Cincinnati, Ohio 45227

If you have any questions about MPF or would like more information you can call (513)272-1166.

Neighboring with Nina

BY NINA IREDALE



It's hard to believe another season of publishing the *Town Crier* has come and gone. For those of you who are new to Mariemont, we

don't publish in June, July or August. Over the summer, I'd love to hear from anyone new to Mariemont, so please pass my info along if you happen to meet a "new neighbor." Thanks so much!

Scott and Jennifer Degerberg moved from their home of 22 years on Mariemont Avenue to 3855 Oak Street. Their new home, built in 1927, is one of the four original Tudor structures that make up the Charles Short group in the Historic District. Jennifer commented, "We are excited about our new home and look forward to living in Mariemont for many years to come."

John and Ingrid Keating purchased 6711 Mariemont Avenue at the end of March. They are moving from Chicago to be closer to Ingrid's family and escape urban living. They have three young boys; Jack is three, while the twins, Finn and Cameron, are one. John

is a VP at Hybris, a Munich based software company. Ingrid is an Occupational Therapist and has a Masters in Chinese Medicine. John will be spending his spare time down at Lunken Airport enjoying his passion for flying. Ingrid, meanwhile will be a regular at the Mariemont pool, rekindling her days representing the USA as a synchronized swimmer.

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 or email is nina90@cinci.rr.com.

Pool Season is Here - Be Sure to Get Your Pass

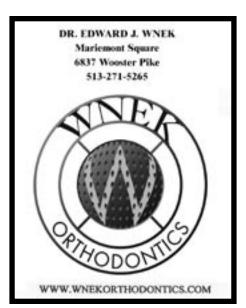


Join the Pool!! What could be better than spending a warm summer day relaxing at our beautiful pool?

Did you know that you can relax poolside and enjoy music through our new speaker system?

Did you know you can have a drink at your chair ---just be sure to use a lidded plastic container?

Did you know that any evening you can light up the grills and dine on perfectly cooked steaks while the kids swim?



Did you know that another ping pong table has been donated to the pool this summer for the enjoyment of all?

Did you know that the snack bar will remain open until 4:30 for late afternoon snacking?

Did you know that we will once again offer a weekly water aerobics class?

Did you know the pool will have Sundae Sundays every other week for a nominal charge? Check out the pool calendar for dates.

Did you know we will be having an evening movie night at the pool to celebrate the Summer Solstice?

Purchase your individual or family membership so you don't miss a minute of fun this summer. Remember you can purchase your membership on the Village website using PayPal. Come and take advantage of all the pool has to offer!!



New Fire Museum Award Named for Former Resident Tom Kiger

In April, during National Volunteer Week, the Fire Museum of Greater Cincinnati named Robert Blasing the first recipient of the Thomas W. Kiger Volunteer of the Year Award. He was chosen for his many years of volunteer service to the Fire Museum as a 'Jack of all trades," to whom no task or project was too much to take on.

The award recognizes individuals who, through their meritorious contributions of community service, have enriched those that have toured the Fire Museum of Greater Cincinnati. The award is being named in honor

Hats Off!



...to Ken
White, a twoterm member of
the Mariemont
Board of
Education, who
was honored
with a 2012
Award of
Achievement
from the Ohio

School Boards Association (OSBA).

White is currently in his second 4-year term for the Mariemont School District. He served as board president for 2010 and currently sits on the superintendent's policy and student achievement subcommittees. He is also a board member with the Great Oaks Institute of Technology and Career Development and an OSBA delegate for the Mariemont school board. White has lived in Mariemont since 1986 with his wife, Joy, a teacher. Their daughter is a graduate of Mariemont High School and their son is a sophomore there. White is also active in both the Mariemont Kiwanis Organization and the Mariemont Civic Association.

With the Award of Achievement, the OSBA recognizes board members for dedication to learning and leadership. Less than 3% of School Board Members in Ohio receive this recognition annually. The award was presented at the Southwest Region Spring Conference for OSBA on March 13 at Great Oaks ITCD Scarlet Oaks campus.



of Thomas W. Kiger. Tom Kiger volunteered from the early 80's until 2009. Director of the Fire Museum, Betsy Hammond said, "Tom served for many years

as a volunteer guide at the Fire Museum of Greater Cincinnati. Tom took great pride in teaching children the history of firefighting in Cincinnati and basic fire safety lessons like no other has done."

Tom Kiger was the consummate volunteer. He was present at the appointed time, ready and eager to talk about the Fire Museum and its treasures and always in a good humor. He brought in news clippings and articles pertinent to the fire service or firefighting artifacts, news of other fire museums, and was always interesting and interested. Tom commanded his group's attention and relayed the story of America's first firefighters and the lessons of fire safety so very well. Now that Tom Kiger is no longer with us, it is indeed fitting and a source of pride to name this award in his honor and recognize a volunteer annually in his memory.

Director Hammond suggested naming the award for Tom Kiger. She said, "When Tom announced he was no longer available to give tours, I was saddened, as I knew I would miss him, and I was aware that this was one of those passages that one never looks forward to. We will never enjoy someone like Tom again, he was that unique, he made the Museum that much stronger. I feel Tom's work with the Fire Museum of Greater Cincinnati, and the visitors, truly represents actions this award seeks to recognize."

His son, Jon Kiger, was on hand April 11 to help present the award to this year's winner. Jon said, "The Kiger Family is honored that the Fire Museum of Greater Cincinnati has chosen to name the Volunteer of the Year award after my father. I remember his enthusiasm when he first learned of the opportunity to help out down there." He continued, "The importance

of volunteering and serving his community was instilled in my dad at an early age. He attended Phillips Exeter Academy - a boarding high school in New England. The school's motto is Non Sibi, literally "Not for Oneself." I think he was particularly pleased that he could use so many of his talents over the years at the museum. Of course he gave tours, but also collected articles that might be of interest, and also used his accounting skills to count and deposit funds from the museum's various fundraisers over the years. When my children were younger we would visit the Fire Museum with my dad and they were so thrilled that their grandfather 'worked' there. I owe much of my own volunteer activities to the inspiration my father gave me as he supported organizations such as Exeter and the Fire Museum. Thanks to everyone involved for including our family in this tribute," Jon concluded.

Tom Kiger was a former resident of both Mariemont and Hyde Park.

Village Directory on Sale Now

Pick up your 2012-2013 Mariemont Directory for only \$10! They are available at The Villager, MariElders, or at the Mariemont Preservation Foundation



building at 3919 Plainville Road, opposite the tennis courts. This handy resource includes a complete listing of residents in Mariemont, Williams Meadow, and Mariemont Landing. It also contains a listing of local businesses that have supported the Directory through advertisements. All proceeds benefit the Mariemont Preservation Foundation, helping to keep Mary Emery's dream alive.

What Makes Mariemont Work: The Swim Commission

BY REX BEVIS

The fourth in a series of articles on the Boards and Commissions of the Village.

It won't be long until the Pool is open and summer activities are underway. Behind the scenes, supporting the efforts of Pool Manager Ed Beck, is the volunteer team responsible for the summer swim pool season. The Mariemont Swim Commission members assist Ed in determining capital needs from the 'operational,' such as pumps and filters, to the niceties that we take for granted: lounge chairs, shade umbrellas, and propane cooking grills, for example. The Swim Commission assists in developing the summer pool activities including swim lessons, swim team, youth parties, adult parties, and even special days such as raft days. Before any of these activities begin, the Swim Commission and Ed establish the summer schedule, create pool calendar flyers for Swim Pool Members, and then assist in the sale of Swim Pool Memberships during May.

Organizationally, Village Council established the current Swim Pool Commission in 2007 with the responsibility to "oversee, plan, and make recommendations to the Swim Pool Manager regarding daily operations of the Swim Pool, capital needs of the Swim Pool, and otherwise assist the Pool Manager as necessary." Originally consisting of five members, the Swim Commission



Pictured (left to right): front row, Pool Manager Ed Beck, Jenny Baker and Merilee Turner; back row, Maria Borgerding, Wes Iredale, Scott McIntosh, Gretchen Thomas, Don Slavik, Denise McCarthy (Chairperson of the Village Council Health & Recreation Committee). Not pictured: Maggie Palazzolo. Photo credit: Maria Borgerding.

was expanded to seven members, and now consists of nine members. They are appointed by the Mayor with approval

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of Council to two year staggered terms. Suggestions (for example, ideas requiring expenditures of money for Pool capital needs) from the Swim Commission and Mr. Beck require Village Council approval. The Health & Recreation Committee of Council initially evaluates these Swim Pool needs. Committee recommendations are then submitted to the full Village Council for their approval.

So what makes Mariemont work?....the energetic and enthusiastic Pool support team known as the Mariemont Swim Commission. As you enjoy the 2012 summer season at the Pool, please take time to thank these citizen

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A Shelter in Memory of Collin

Just a few short weeks ago, we lost one of our own. Collin Barton, a student at Mariemont High School, was tragically killed walking along the shoulder of Wooster Pike toward his home in Terrace Park. Since then,

Please make checks payable/send to: The Shelter Campaign for Collin Jean-Marie Nelson, Treasurer 607 Home St, Terrace Park, OH. 45174 (A 501(3)c non-profit)

the community has rallied around the Barton family. Simply put, their loss is our loss. Their pain is our pain. Many of us throughout Terrace Park, Mariemont and Fairfax, as well as friends and family near and far, have asked what more can be done to best remember the bright and shining spirit that was, is, and will always be Collin.

Sean and Deborah Barton have an answer.

The Bartons have joined with several other families in launching a campaign to raise funds for the construction of a

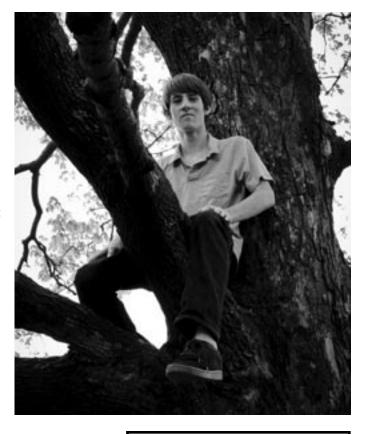
> shelter at Terrace Park's Drackett Field... a place Collin loved to play and referee sports, wander with friends and explore the forest along the bike path and banks of the nearby Little Miami River. They envision a space where families can gather, teams can meet, and all can seek a central, safe and sheltered haven during the inevitable

occasions of inclement weather.

The Shelter Campaign for Collin is completely volunteer based. All proceeds will be used for the planning, construction and care of a place our families will enjoy for generations to come. And done so in the name

of a son, a brother, and a friend. Our goal is to raise \$25,000. Please help...no gift is too small.





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3919 Plainville Road

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SCHOOLS

Recognition Wall Unveiled by Foundation

The Mariemont School Foundation recently unveiled a new Donor Recognition Wall located at the High School near the auditorium entrance. Designed by Mariemont resident and school alumnus Peter White of White Design Studio, the Recognition Wall features clean lines and a modern style that utilizes a repeating hexagonal shape patterned off the architectural design of the school. Interlocking cubes highlight photographs of students with plaques recognizing the donors who have made a significant contribution to the Mariemont School Foundation.

The Wall anchors the space between the auditorium entrance and the Spirit Walkway, another Foundation initiative that features



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Individuals who worked closely on this project, include (left to right) Christy Kauffmann, Wendy McCracken, David Faulk, MHS Principal Dr. James Renner and designer Peter White.

personalized brick pavers honoring graduates, teachers, coaches and other supporters of the Mariemont schools. Students have come to appreciate the wall's built-in bench since it creates a comfortable place to meet friends or parents near the school entrance. The Foundation Trustees are grateful to Peter White for his work in bringing the Recognition Wall to completion, from design to construction and installation. Trustee Wendy McCracken was especially thankful to have the wall completed during her tenure as Foundation President. She states, "We have wanted to publicly honor our key donors for many years. After all, it is the donors who allow the Foundation to do its important work enhancing the experience our students have at Mariemont Schools. Peter's design is a strking as well as functional, and is a fitting tribute to our generous supporters."

For a unique "tour" of the new Recogntion Wall, visit the link from the designer's studio: www.whitedesignstudio.com/portfolio.

The Mariemont School Foundation is an independent non-profit organization whose mission is to raise funds to enhance the educational excellence throughout the Mariemont School District. Find out more @ MariemontSchoolFoundation.org.

Meet the New Mariemont Tennis Association Pro



As the new Director of Tennis for the Mariemont Tennis Association, I would like to introduce myself and fill you in about plans for the upcoming 2012 season, which, believe or not, is just around the corner. I am from Buffalo, New York where I was a two-time All-American high school athlete. Following high school, I attended Indiana University on an athletic scholarship and was a four-year starter on the Varsity Tennis Team. I maintain an USPTA certification and spent the last five years as the head tennis professional at Kenwood Country Club.

It is my goal to revitalize the tennis program by utilizing my high-energy personality to promote and continually communicate with the tennis membership. Accordingly, one of the first items I would

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like to address is the expansion of the tennis season. In addition, I would like to announce the offering of several clinics throughout the months of May through October, as well as the offering of other tennis-related activities during this same time period.

May clinics will include, but will not be limited to, the following: (1) a weekly complimentary clinic; (2) an evening HIT clinic (High Intensity Clinic); (3) Saturday morning kids clinics; (4) early morning cardio clinics; and (5) a ladies morning clinic. As I continue to receive valuable feedback, I will be communicating more offerings to meet member expectations before the summer season commences. I am in the process of finalizing a full schedule of 2012 summer offerings and hope to have those published and posted by the first of May.

I look forward to personally meeting everyone throughout the season and would welcome any feedback.

Sincerely, David Russell

MARIEMONT CITY SCHOOLS

DALE PARK/ MARIEMONT JUNIOR HIGH TRIBUTE EVENTS



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As the District prepares to move the Board of Education office adjacent to Mariemont High School and next year's junior high students to their beautiful new building in Fairfax, it's time to honor the rich history of the Dale Park Building.

May 15 - 7pm The final Board of Education meeting located in the Dale Park/MJHS School. District and community leaders will reflect on the important roles this building has played in our schools and our community. Everyone is invited.

May 24 - 4:30-7pm Community Open House - Walk through the halls and classrooms and celebrate the many ways in which this building has served the school district and community. Highlights include a Dale Park history timeline, student performances, slide show and memorabilia stations throughout the building. Weather permitting, stay to enjoy the Mariemont Junior High student outdoor concert. Learn about the future of the new Mariemont Junior High in Fairfax as well as possible future plans for the Dale Park building.

DAR Connecting with the Military

USAF Majors Jeffrey Simmons and Matthew Wallace, both anesthesiologists and participants in C-STARS Critical Care Air Transport (CCATT), presented an informational program to the Mariemont DAR (Daughters of the American Revolution) at the Barn, Women's Cultural and Art

New Date for Ruthven Art Show

In our interview with John Ruthven, internationally renowned wildlife artist, we gave May 6 as the date for an open house at his Georgetown studio. The date has been changed to May 20 from 12 to 5 pm. John will be in the gallery from 12:30 to 4:30 pm.

Visit his website for more information: www.ruthven.com.

Center, on March 17, 2012.

The presentation included information regarding the CCAT Team as crucial to saving wounded personnel in Iraq and Afghanistan through immediate air transport to Germany or the US, saving lives that might otherwise have been lost. Major Simmons and Major Wallace are a part of the joint program between the Air Force and the University Hospital Cincinnati Trauma Center designed to offer training for military medical personnel in the areas of trauma and critical care by working side by side with civilian colleagues to treat trauma and critical care patients. A simulation lab is a major part of this training. In addition to information regarding the program, Majors Simmons and Wallace also shared personal experiences from time spent in Afghanistan and insights into the terrain in the areas of Afghanistan in which our soldiers are involved.

Support of military personnel and veterans is a very important mission of the Daughters of the American Revoluton. Mariemont Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) continues to collect toiletries, lap robes, and personal care items for the local VA hospital, as well as to support deployed service people through donations of requested food, magazines and special care items. A letter received from one of our Clermont County soldiers, Marine Lance Corporal William Kozioski, thanking the Mariemont members for the Care packages and letters were shared with the chapter members at the meeting. For more information regarding DAR please go to www.dar.org.

> Submitted by Rebecca Lubitz, DAR Mariemont Chapter



Asparagus Season is Here!

BY SHELLEY PADEN & MIKE BENSON

Thanks to high-speed jets and the globalization of the agricultural industry, fresh asparagus is no longer just a springtime treat for vegetarians. However, even though fresh asparagus is now available year round, like almost all produce it's best when it's grown close to home and harvested during the traditional growing season in North America, which runs from April through June. So, by the time you receive this issue of the *Town Crier*, the local asparagus season will be in full swing and you can probably find some at the many farmers' markets that start opening in May.

Contrary to what you might think, thicker stalks are likely to be sweeter and tenderer than thin ones. The reason is twofold. First, the thickness of the stalk is not an indicator of the age at which the stalk was harvested. Thin stalks come from young crowns (the part of the asparagus plant that grows underground and that produces the stalks that shoot up for us to harvest), and as crowns age they produce slightly thicker stalks. In short, thin stalks would not mature into thick ones no matter how long you left them in the ground. The second reason why thick stalks may be tenderer is that the fiber that causes the stiffness in asparagus is concentrated mainly in the skin, and the ratio of skin to the soft flesh of the inner asparagus stalk is higher in thin stalks. So, thick stalks are made up of relatively less skin than thin ones and hence less stiff.

One question that people often ask about is the difference between green and white asparagus. White asparagus is just green asparagus that has been grown using a process called etiolation, or the deprivation of light. As the stalk emerges from the ground and begins growing, dirt is mounded around it, depriving it of sunlight. Without sunlight, the plant cannot produce chlorophyll and hence there is no green color in the stalks. White asparagus tends to be more expensive, because of the extra labor involved in growing, and some consider it to be a bit milder in flavor and more tender than green



asparagus. There is even a purple variety of asparagus that has high sugar content and is low in fiber. For an interesting dish, combine all three colors of asparagus.

It is possible to buy fresh asparagus near Mariemont. We have found it at the Hyde Park Farmers Market (their pre-season starts at the beginning of May). Dan Burger, Maple Grove Farm, often brings in a good supply. Pipkin's Market on Cooper Road is another source of local asparagus and they are open every day after Mid-April. Greenacres Farm in Indian Hill has a small selection during asparagus season. Turner Farm has a self-serve farm stand on Given Road that sometimes has asparagus. You might also check out the Madeira Farmer's Market, which opens mid-May to see if they carry any local asparagus.

Asparagus can be prepared in a number of different ways, including boiling, steaming, grilling, roasting, and stir frying or sautéing. One simple recipe that takes advantage of the inner sweetness of the asparagus stalk is as follows. Take about

one-half pound of asparagus and trim off the woody end. Thicker stalks work better than thin ones. Cut each stalk on an extreme bias into pieces that are approximately onequarter inch thick and about one-half to an inch long. Heat two tablespoons of olive oil in a nonstick skillet and toss in the asparagus. Stirring constantly, cook over high heat for about one to two minutes and then season with salt and pepper. An accompaniment that goes really well with this mode of preparation is a

tablespoon or two of fresh ginger julienned into one-inch strips and cooked right along with the asparagus.

Asparagus can also be made into an easy appetizer. Spread Neufchatel cheese on some thin slices of prosciutto ham. Wrap it around slices of fresh asparagus. Once you have enough made up for your party, put them on a sheet pan. Bake at 450 degrees for about 15 minutes or until the asparagus is tender. An even easier recipe for asparagus is to roast the vegetable. For an elegant touch, you can wrap a scallion around several stalks. Just drizzle olive oil over the asparagus and scallion. Sprinkle it with salt, pepper, and Parmesan cheese. Cook for 25 minutes in a 400 degree oven or until the asparagus is tender.

Asparagus is one of the first vegetables harvested in the spring. It can be a real crowd pleaser for guests anxious for the fresh vegetable season to begin. So, no matter how you cook it, boiled, roasted, baked, or sautéed, don't deprive yourself of this wonderful local treat.

What's Happening at the Library

May

Gold Star Chilimobile! Sign up for Summer Reading and get free coneys at the library. Saturday, May 12, noon to 3 pm.

Families and Kids

Kid Flicks: Join us for our family friendly movies. Wallace and Grommit: Curse of the Were-Rabbit screens Saturday, May 26 at 1:00 pm.

Children

The Curious Garden: A story and activity that inspires all of us to start a garden. Tuesday, May 15 at 6:30 pm. Ages 4 to 10

Crafty Kids: Fun crafts to make with your friends. Thursday, May 31 at 3:30 pm. Ages 6 to 11.



Collect the Button Book Club (CBBC): Each month, Ms. Katheryn'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. May's series is "Bailey School Kids" by Debbie Dadey. Ages 5 to 10.

Library Babies: The first Friday of the month at 10:30 am. Also, Saturday, May 19 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 Katheryn for stories and crafts. Ages 3 to 5.

Tales to Tails: Read to a therapy dog and practice your reading skills. Thursday, May 3 at 5:00 to 6:00 pm. Ages 5 to 10.

Teens

Button Making Party Teen Crafts at 4:00 pm. Register on line, by phone or at the desk.

Adults

Who Do You Think You Are? Karen Evert, genealogy specialist offers help on "head hunting" for adults. Monday, May 7 at 6 pm.

Tea Party Basics: The Tea Lady returns with recipes and tips on how to make your tea party a smashing success. Monday, May 14 at 6 pm.

Which Craft Needlecraft Club: New for 2012. 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, May 5 at 10:30 am.

Technology Classes: Interested in brushing up on computer basics or want to learn how to download music or books? Call the branch and schedule a session.

Book Club: Join us for a discussion of Sarah's Key by Tatiana de Rosnay. Copies are available at the branch. Thursday, May 31 at 6:45 pm.

Mariemont Branch Library, 3810 Pocahontas Ave., 369-4467

Closed Monday, May 28 for Memorial Day Hours: Monday, Tuesday & Thursday, Noon to 8:00 pm. Wednesday, Friday and Saturday, 10:00 am. to 6:00 pm.



MariElders News

ASK A NURSE

On the 2nd 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.

AARP DRIVING CLASS

As the nation's first and largest classroom refresher course for motorists age 50 and older, the AARP Driver Safety Program continues to revise and update their curriculum. It includes information on aggressive drivers, anti-lock brakes, car phones and more. This class will address issues regarding age-related changes in vision, hearing and reaction time. Many insurance

companies give a discount to those who attend. Class will be held on Wednesday, May 16 from 10 am to 3 pm in the MariElders basement.

Cost is \$12 for AARP members and \$14 for non-members, paid the day of the class. If interested sign up at the MariElders by May 7.

WALTON CREEK THEATER

The Mariemont Players are presenting "Over the River and Through the Woods" on Thursday, May 17.

Before the show we will have dinner at 5:30 pm at Demetrios. Cost for the play is \$12 for members and \$15 for non-members.

Sign up with a paid reservation at the Center's front desk by May 11.

MUSEUM DAYS

This month we will tour the National Underground Railroad Freedom Center on May 24. They have an exhibit, Courage: The Vision to End Segregation, The Guts to Fight For It. The cost for this trip is \$15 for members and \$18 for non-members. Please sign up with a paid reservation at the MariElders by May 18.

DINNER & A MOVIE

This month the MariElders presents, We Bought a Zoo, starring Matt Damon, Colin Ford and Scarlett Johansson. Join us on Friday, May 25 at 4:30 pm for a great dinner and a movie. Please sign up by May 23 at the Center's front desk. Cost is \$3.50 for members and \$5 for non-members.



Current Series: Acts

It's easy to believe the Book of Acts is simply an account of a few crazy fanatics who hoped to be famous "Saints" one day. We find it's actually a beautiful story of incredible hardship, faith, and power. Join us as we unfold the pages of a book which we were meant to be participators, not just observers.



Vacation Bible School

Send your kids for a week of FUN at Sonrise Park VBSI Mark your calendars for June 11-15. To register, visit mariemontohurch.org.



May 6 Flying Pig Outreach

No regular services - the church will leave the building and serve great live music and refreshments to our friends. Join us at 8:00 amil

May 12 School of Healing

Sam to 9:30pm at the Parish Center Free registration and free childcare. This day of equipping in healing ministry is focused on making handson healing accessible, relational, and natural for all. To register visit: www.equippingministries.org/tower.

May 13 Mother's Day

9am and 11am at the Chapel.

May 17 Celebrate the Ascension of Jesus

7 PM at the Chapel.

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COUNCIL NOTES

Council Meeting Highlights

BY AMY HOLLON

Residents can view Council meetings Tuesday at 5 pm, Saturday at 3 pm, or Monday at 7 am. A Time Warner subscriber can watch on Channel 8. With no converter box, Channel 15. On your computer go to http://www/icrctv. com/Mariemont.

March 26 Council Meeting

Plans for New Playground Equipment, Windows and Truck Move Forward

Mariemont Village Council accepted the recommendation of the Health and Recreation Committee to purchase new playground equipment for the Tot Lot in Dogwood Park. The tan, green and brown equipment will be made of all recycled materials and paid for in part by the Village Council and in part by the Mariemont Preschool Parents Group. The final cost for the Village will be approximately \$31,000 as well as the cost to remove the old equipment and mulch the area. Work to replace the equipment is expected to begin this spring.

The Council also accepted the recommendation of the Finance Committee to purchase 12 replacement windows for the west side of the Village Administration Building at a cost not to exceed \$14,000 and a new pickup truck for the maintenance department at a cost not to exceed \$36,400. The windows will have a standard appearance that can be

matched in future windows.

April 9 Council Meeting

Two Police Officers Awarded for Bravery

Mariemont Police Officer Phillip Mitchell and Fairfax Police Officer Richard Kaiser will be recognized for their role in response to the January 16, 2011 homicide in Mariemont, according to Police and Fire Chief Richard Hines. Hines said he nominated the men for the Act of Bravery Award and was honored they will be recognized. They will be recognized during the Cincinnati Police Memorial Parade and Banquet May 17 and 18.

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For full minutes, go online to www. mariemont.org.







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Police Appreciation Dinner Set for May 24

The Twelfth Annual Mariemont Police Appreciation Dinner will be held on Thursday, May 24.

Why would you want to come to the dinner?

Besides showing your support to this dedicated force, there is the opportunity to meet them, and their spouses, in an informal and casual environment. In

addition, the Chris Robisch Officer of the Year Award is presented to the officer, selected by the members of the department, who best demonstrates exceptional professionalism.



Where, when and how much?

Dinner is in the Tudor Room of the National Exemplar, at 6:30 pm on May 24. The cost is \$25 for the dinner. This includes hors d'oeuvres, salad, entrée, vegetable, potato, coffee, dessert and gratuity. It is a great deal and you will not go home hungry!

If you are interested in attending or would like

additional information, contact Rich Ewald (271-7458) ,or Sue in the Village office (271-3246).

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Mayor's Prayer Breakfast

Saturday, May 5th at 8 A.M. at the Dale Park Jr. High

Outdoor Worship Service

Sunday, July 29th at 10 A.M. at the Bell Tower Pavilion (picnic to follow)

Church in the Park

Labor Day Sunday
September 2nd at 10 A.M.
at the Bell Tower Pavilion
(cookout and family games to follow)

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