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*Preserving Pieces  
of History from  
Mariemont  
Elementary*

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## Two Mariemont Seniors Named National Merit Semifinalists

The National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC) has announced the names of the Semifinalists in the 57th annual National Merit Scholarship Program. Mariemont High School seniors among this prestigious group are Katherine Peters and Mackenzie Shelley. The nationwide pool of Semifinalists represents less than one percent of U.S. high school seniors which includes the highest-scoring PSAT entrants in each state.

These talented students now compete for Finalist status by showing they have an outstanding academic record, have SAT scores that confirm their earlier qualifying test performance (based on PSAT scores from October, 2010), and have their school's endorsement. About 90% of the Semifinalists advance to Finalist status, at which time they will compete for one of the National Merit scholarships, corporate-sponsored scholarships, or college-sponsored scholarships.

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*Mariemont High School is proud to announce National Merit Semifinalists Katherine Peters and Mackenzie Shelley from the Class of 2012.*

will be offered in the spring of 2012. Every Finalist will compete for one of 2,500 National Merit \$2500 scholarships that will be awarded on a state representational basis. In addition, some 240 corporations and business organizations will underwrite about

1,000 corporate-sponsored scholarships for those who meet their specified criteria. Also, about 200 colleges and universities are expected to finance some 4,800 college-sponsored Merit Scholarship awards for Finalists who will attend the sponsor institution.

Established in 1955 specifically to conduct the annual National Merit Program, NMSC is a not-for-profit organization that operates without government assistance. Scholarships awarded through the program are underwritten by NMSC's own funds and approximately 450 business organizations and higher education institutions that share NMSC's goals of honoring the nation's scholastic champions and encouraging the pursuit of academic excellence.

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# Preserving Elementary School Treasures

BY JOAN WELSH

Last April, Mariemont Elementary School held an architectural deconstruction sale since the existing building is currently undergoing new construction and renovation. Have you wondered where all those items for sale may have ended up? Perhaps you were lucky enough to participate in this gigantic “garage” sale. Popular items were hooks where children hung their coats before the days of lockers, doorknobs, old school desks, pedestal sinks and light fixtures. Nuclear Shelter signs were immediately grabbed up. Lockers, too, were highly sought after items and have found their way into residents’ garages or mudrooms. Some locker bays were sold as groups to different organizations. In many cases, what seemed like a great idea also turned out to be a challenge because the buyer was responsible for extracting the item and removing it from the school. It wasn’t easy to cut apart banks of lockers or a piece from a cabinet. In other instances, it just took a creative mind to think of how to turn an object into something usable and fashionable today. Who would have thought to take a fire extinguisher case and make it into a cooler or to take a wrought iron cold air return and turn it into a door for a wine cellar? Some of our neighbors did.

Chris and Nancy Lonnemann knew they wanted to have a piece of the Elementary School history. Nancy is an education aide at the school and spent time in the building seeking out something special for their home. It dawned on her that the iron railings that graced the overhang above the Kindergarten doorways would make a delightful garden accent in their Homewood Avenue yard. After learning they were the successful buyers, the daunting task of lowering the railing from the 2nd floor began. Chris sawed the railing off its connections and with their children as assistants; they carefully lowered the railing down to the ground with long ropes. Chris spent many hours sanding off the original paint and then repainting the railing to make it into the unique conversation piece it is now.

Linda Bartlett purchased a water fountain that graced the kindergarten hallway for \$10. It now resides at the back of her garage near the basketball hoop at their home on

Mound Way. Linda states that she thinks it’s nice since all three of her children went to Mariemont Elementary school; now they can pause for a cooling drink after playing in the backyard. Linda keeps the runoff from the fountain in milk gallon jugs to help water



her garden.

Some items that you may not think would be popular were indeed, “hot”, and sought by collectors. The 1955 dishwasher from the old Home Economics room was highly prized by a collectors group. There are many websites on the Internet that specialize in locating retro and vintage fixtures and the sales coordinators, Heather Brinson and Meghan Mills, used these sites to the school’s advantage. Sale items were advertised through Architectural Salvage News. The popularity of TV shows such as *Mad Men* has also brought a certain cache to items that mimic the feel of the 1950’s and ‘60s. The bathroom urinals and granite walls were purchased by a local developer who can now advertise these high quality items in their new building.

Teresa Mikesell (page 5) noticed the transom window, which hung above the Kindergarten entrance, and wondered if she could somehow repurpose it. After consulting with one of her contractors, she was assured that the window could be safely removed in one piece. This window now graces her lovely home’s living room as a decorative accent. What makes this piece





most poignant is the knowledge that her home on Pocahontas was once located on the very site where the elementary school is on Wooster Pike. The original owner, Warren Parks, had his home moved to Pocahontas when it was determined that the new school would be built there in 1938. Teresa has photos of her home when it resided on Wooster Pike and photos depicting its move. This transom window gives Teresa and her family a wonderful connection to their home's past to be enjoyed in its present time.

Chad Osgood grabbed some of the lockers, in fact, the exact ones his children had used in Kindergarten. They are now holding backpacks and supplies. The Osgood kids also have some authentic props for playing "school." They use a globe and pull-down maps from one of the classrooms. Chad also collected many of the fire alarms that were behind the clocks in each room. He is thinking of using one as a doorbell, which will be interesting on Halloween night!



Several residents who were there picking up their treasures commented on what a big help Chad was in breaking down lockers and cutting out items they had purchased.

The Mariemont Preservation Foundation saved one of the original, porcelain drinking fountains, as well as some original room numbers, lockers, and a fire alarm.

Many items from the school were returned to their original donors. The deconstruction team attempted to return student framed artwork to the artist's family, trophies were given back to teammates who had earned the trophy, and even the animal cutout designs from the brackets in the remodeled Elementary library were offered back to the families that created them.

It's interesting to note that Terrace Park Elementary School also held a similar sale. In Terrace Park, one buyer purchased a 3-story slate and wrought iron staircase and had an architect redesign her house plans to accommodate the pitch and scope of these stairs. This new home is currently under construction in Terrace Park.

The overriding goal of the committee was to find a new home for everything. The hope was that nothing would end up in a landfill. Items that were not sold were often donated to worthy causes. A school in the Middle East received a trailer full of discarded books and materials. Organizations such as Habitat for Humanity and St. Joseph's Orphanage were able to reuse items such as toilets and bathroom stalls. The entire kitchen was

sold to a church. Even bulbs and plants were transplanted into new locations. Kathy Ryan, district Project Manager, states that over 85% of all materials were either sold or donated to other charitable nonprofit organizations. Over 600 roof slates were discovered in a crawlspace and have been saved in the hopes that a creative idea can emerge as a fundraiser where those of us who may have missed out on the sale last Spring may have one last chance to obtain our very own piece of history from Mariemont Elementary School.

# Neighboring *with* Nina

By NINA IREDALE



Well, it seems that fall is fast approaching. I am looking forward to the leaves changing and some cooler weather. I am always glad to hear from

our new neighbors and hope you enjoy the information.

6512 Park Lane was purchased by Campbell and Kristen Dodson in August. They were renting for six months prior to purchasing and love their incredible neighbors and all the other fun people they've gotten a chance to meet. The Dodson's met at the University of Tennessee and Kristen has her Masters in Curriculum, taught elementary school but is now a stay-at-home mom. After 14 years in Charlotte, NC, Cam was transferred to Cincinnati. He works for Hydro Systems as a division manager. Kristen and Cam have 2 children, Abby-11 and Lucy-8, along with dog Bo. They chose Mariemont

because...it's a safe, close knit community with lots of pride and spirit. The schools offer many opportunities with small class sizes and what's not to love about riding your bike to the pool, school, ice cream, the movies and soccer practice.

The Biros purchased 7050 Mt. Vernon in June. James and Paola are originally from Mexico City but lived in Holland, MI for 7 years and Evansville, IN for 2 years. They relocated to Mariemont for James' work with Kellogg's. The Biros have 2 children – Santiago 8, who is a first grader at Mariemont Elementary and Isabel 4, who is in pre-k at Mariemont Community Preschool. The entire family loves the outdoors and felt Mariemont was the place to be with its setting among so many beautiful trees, the walkability, excellent schools and the close proximity to Downtown.

6721 Hammerstone Way was purchased by David and Sara Zack. The move was quite local as their previous home was on Nolen Circle. After running out of "projects" to work on at their previous house, they were looking forward to finding a "new project." Sara is originally from Indiana and Dave, a Mariemont native, works for Western & Southern Financial Group. Daughters Eleanore

- 6 and Elizabeth - 3 are already enjoying the new neighborhood. The girls love exploring their new stomping grounds while mom and dad are planning the renovations!

Pete and Kate Brown purchased 4042 Lytle Woods Place in June. They relocated from Durham, NC where Pete completed his MBA at Duke. He is working at Western & Southern Financial Group and Kate works for The Private Client Reserve at US Bank. They fell in love with Mariemont the first time they drove through and are thrilled to have found a place to call home.

6805 Hammerstone Way was purchased by Craig and Amanda Waltz. They have two children, Ella - 8 and Campbell - 5. They relocated from Raleigh, NC where they lived for 3.5 years. Prior to Raleigh, they resided in Terrace Park for 3 years. They met in Mt. Adams, where Craig used to live, but also have lived in the Hyde Park/Mt. Lookout area. Both Craig and Amanda attended Ohio University for undergrad. Amanda completed her law degree at University of Northern Kentucky and her master's at University of Cincinnati School of Pharmacy in Pharmaceutical Development. Craig is an Electrical Engineer. Both are employed by INC Research (formerly Kendle International) located in the Carew Tower, with headquarters in Raleigh. Craig is a Sales Executive in New Business Development and Amanda is a Global Director for Oncology Research.

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 and my email is [nina90@cinci.rr.com](mailto:nina90@cinci.rr.com).

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# Meet Mariemont's Mayoral Candidates

*The Town Crier asked our two mayoral candidates a series of four questions.*

## **Dan PolICASTRO**

### ***What are your top priorities for the Village?***

My number one priority will always be the safety of our citizens.

Continue to keep our police officers visible. We want our residents to know our officers and for the children and adults to feel comfortable coming to them if they need help. Plus, their presence lets others know the police are here and watching!

With the grant money we were awarded this year we will finish up the "Traffic Calming Project" with our police department and the safety committee of council.

We will continue to work with our fire department to make sure our ambulance and fire trucks can always get through our narrow streets.

It is time to review our catastrophe plan with our police and fire departments to be sure it is up to date.

Where necessary repair or install more handicapped ramps and parking, repair sidewalks, especially near our schools so our children will have safe walking routes.

I am always available when a citizen or group needs help.

My other top priorities are:

Continue to promote our successful economic growth program. Work with our loyal businesses in and around the Square and companies located in our industrial park. Continue to find ways to reduce Village expenses. Continue to improve the historic area with friendly inspections, the annual street party, add more Becker Park play equipment plus complete the Beech Street curbs and replace ash trees damaged by the ash borer beetle. While the schools are a separate entity from local government I want to work with them in anyway I can.

### ***What abilities, background and skills do you bring to the office of Mayor?***

I have a bachelor's degree from Thomas More College and 35 years of business



management experience. While working for the claims department of Auto Owners Insurance, which is a Fortune 500 company, I was responsible for resolving differences and representing the company in many financial negotiations to produce successful results.

I was the Village District 3 Councilman for 7 years and have been Mayor for 10 1/2 years.

Not only do I bring a wealth of experience to the Mayor's office, but also a tireless work ethic and a positive attitude. I love this Village and believe we can keep its traditions, charm and beauty while growing with the times.

Over the years I have developed good working relationships with our local businesses

and industries to help ensure we do not lose this valuable tax base. While in office I have worked with many wonderful past and present council persons to bring about economic growth. One example of this is working as a team with Rex Bevis, Bill Ebelhar and Charlie Thomas, we were able to keep Kellogg - Keebler in the Village when they were talking of moving the bakery to their Georgia plant. With the help of the State of Ohio, we were able to put together a tax abatement program and our largest company decided to stay here and close the Georgia location. They moved 2 ovens from Georgia and added approximately 150 more jobs to our tax base!

While on Council I was instrumental in the development of the Mariemont Strand and the 30 - 40 jobs it brings to Mariemont and also was one of the driving forces in reopening the Mariemont Theatre which had been closed for about 2 years.

I put in long hours to bring Haney PRC and 50 - 60 jobs to our industrial park.

I was instrumental in the Jordan Park Condominium development, which will bring in approximately \$36,000 in property tax plus additional monies from the residents' income tax.

I worked with the Cincinnati Woman's Art Club to save the historic Resthaven Barn, which also brought jobs into the Village.

I continue to look for resourceful ways

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## **Matthew W. Lackney, D.M.D.**



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to reduce the Village expenses without affecting our residents' safety. A few of the many examples of this are the tree farm I implemented to reduce the cost of purchasing trees in the future. Also, combining the Fire Chief – Police Chief position which will save between \$100,000 and \$150,000 a year.

I believe communication is key and instituted the Mayor's Bulletin to keep residents aware of what is happening.

### ***Do you have a plan to build the tax base/develop businesses in the Village? If so please describe it.***

We must have an ongoing plan in these challenging times. We must work with our current businesses to help them grow their business as well as look for opportunities to bring in additional ones. Developers are finding it difficult to obtain construction financing, a new state administration that has cut local government funds by 50%, plus doing away with the state estate tax will have a dramatic impact on our Village's finances

in the future. Unlike most Ohio towns, cities and villages who are already facing large deficits, Mariemont is currently in good financial shape and will have a General Fund surplus for the next 2-3 years. This gives us time to put in place plans for future growth before we run into a deficit problem.

Under my leadership we have had a lot of long term economic growth; in question 2 I listed just a few of them. Listed below are some of the things I am currently working on.

In order for businesses to grow they need to have parking for their customers. I have been working in cooperation with the school and Spinnenweber Builders on a plan that would allow approximately 80 more parking spaces along West Street. We are waiting for the engineer's report on this plan.

We are helping our new company, National Prize and Toy, in the industrial park to get settled and they should be in Mariemont for a long time.

We are very fortunate to have two excellent developers in Mariemont, Greiwe Development Group and Spinnenweber Builders. I have been working with both companies for quite some time and have helped them overcome obstacles that have arisen which could have jeopardized their plans for growth in the future.

The Emery Park Condominium Development will be finished at the end of the year. This will bring in about \$35,000 to \$40,000 in property taxes as well as income tax from the residents.

The Nolan Park Condominium Development project will be started next summer and when completed will also bring in about \$35,000 to \$40,000 in property taxes as well as income tax from the residents.

In the near future Spinnenweber Builders

will be looking at putting 2 additional screens onto the theatre. Plus they will be bringing a plan to the Village Planning Committee for Lane K.

Mercy St. Theresa is now doing a study on their facility and hope to do an exterior remodel of the building which could bring in more new residents and open up more jobs.

I am working with OKI, Hamilton County Recreation, Bob Slattery, Kim Beach, Mike Lemon and Jack Hodell on a possible bike path that would go from the property Mr. Hodell owns behind the library and run behind Kroger's to the Newtown Bridge. We are in the early stages of discussion on an office building that may be built on this property.

In October Dr. Scott Godwin will be moving his chiropractic practice to the offices across from the Inn on Wooster.

We will continue to apply for small government road grants as well as for the Safe Way to School Grant, fire and police grants. In the last year we received about \$150,000 in grant money for street and sidewalk repairs plus police and fire equipment.

### ***What is your position on a possible new tax levy in the next few years?***

I did not support the last proposed tax increase and am against raising taxes now. While we do need current levies renewed, we should not be asking for increases or new levies. During these tight economic times government has to tighten its belt just like average families do. It is my opinion that we do not ask the citizens for more tax dollars until we have exhausted all other avenues. If that should happen I would lay out all the financial information in my bulletin and then ask that it go to the citizens for a vote.

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## Jeff Andrews

### *What are your top priorities for the Village?*

I believe it's important for us to focus on a few key priorities in the next few years.

First, we must balance our budget and prepare for a number of challenging years ahead financially. Too many times over the past many years we've run a deficit in the operating budget. And our budget situation is going to get much more challenging beginning next year when the State of Ohio is planning to phase out the Local Government Fund and the estate tax. This will eliminate more than 10% of Village income. We can resolve a portion of this gap with targeted expense reductions. We can resolve it further with changes in some of our operations where efficiencies can be realized (more details below). Raising taxes through a new levy or an increased levy should be our last resort. Most importantly, we must change how we approach challenges like this by being willing to ask any and every question that could lead to more efficient and effective ways of operating.

Second, we need to build an ability for long-range planning. Currently, the Village doesn't have a vision or long-range plan. As one resident recently put it, "we're a planned community without a plan." Because of this void, many things are done last minute, behind closed doors, in haste, or simply not done at all. We don't plan ahead well. Like any successful, healthy business or organization, having a written and communicated vision for long range plans and ideas is vital if we want to achieve big and important things and keep residents informed of our progress.

Third, we need to better leverage the strengths, skills and knowledge of our Village staff, our residents, our business community and Council members. We have so many talented people living in, working in, and/or serving our great Village. We just need to be more inclusive and willing to seek input from others. Organizations excel when there's a clear vision and an environment that provides transparency and allows for collaboration. This is how I will lead.

Finally, we must bring Village operations into the 21st century. It's costing us (and



you!) money and time by continuing to operate in ways organizations did decades ago. A few examples of needed changes include: enhancing our purchasing procedures to no longer pay \$1,600 for someone to build our desktop computers when we can purchase the same systems through a government buying program for less than half that amount; dramatically reducing the amount of paper used, postage costs, copier costs and labor by emailing waste fee billing notices and tax notices to most residents; allowing online payment of waste fees and taxes. Feel free to ask me the next time I see you and I'll be happy to share many more ideas and in further detail. Or read more at [www.jeffandrews.net](http://www.jeffandrews.net).

### *What abilities, background, and skills would you bring to the office of Mayor?*

Over the last 20 years, I've helped both small businesses and Fortune 500 companies grow and operate more efficiently. I've held senior leadership positions at Allmerica Financial and Fidelity Investments and currently serve in a leadership and strategy role at Paycor. My experience is a great fit for the opportunities and challenges in Mariemont. As Mayor, I will represent residents and our business community in a professional, inclusive manner. As I've shown on Council for the last two years, I'll be open, candid and respectful.

For a complete overview of my

professional experience, visit my LinkedIn profile at [www.linkedin.com/in/jeffreycandrews](http://www.linkedin.com/in/jeffreycandrews).

### *Do you have a plan to build the tax base/develop businesses in the Village? If so, please describe it.*

In the Fall of 2010, I proposed and won unanimous support from Council to repurpose one of the six Council committees, now named "Economic Development and Zoning", to ensure an ongoing focus on areas important to our economic health. Specifically, we need to actively promote Village assets and our great culture in order to encourage businesses to build, expand or relocate here. We have a significant commercial and industrial base that extends beyond the Square and must continue to support all business owners and developers. I will ask Council to build relationships with our business community to ensure they are a welcomed part of our Village. And I will lead by example. When appropriate, we should offer incentives to attract and retain development that is in line with our long-range plan and Village heritage. Other near term opportunities which can have a positive contribution to our tax base include: influencing the future plans for the Dale Park Jr. High building and land; considering relocating our tennis courts to a lower traffic area and developing this land for commercial use; continued support of the Nolen Park and Emery Park development.

### *What is your position on a possible new tax levy in the next few years?*

Taxes are relatively high now. It's going to be extremely difficult to find \$400,000 of expense reductions when approximately 80% of our expenses are compensation and benefits. However, if we're willing to take an honest look at expenses in every category, we can find the needed savings to avoid or minimize a tax increase. There are many opportunities to further reduce our expenses without a change to the level of services we receive. We can accomplish this only if we have open, thoughtful and inclusive leadership. Again, a tax increase must be our last resort.

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**October 9, 2:00 pm., Cincinnati Playhouse in the Park presents "What's Buggin Greg."** Seating is limited, so please call the Barn at 272-3700 by October 6 to reserve seats. Admission is \$2.00 for adults and free for children 12 and under. Enjoy the angst and energy as fifth-grader Greg Samsa wakes up one morning to discover that he has turned into a giant cockroach. This riotous comedy inspired by Franz Kafka and Shakespeare touches on issues of friendship and self-confidence as well as body image and disability.



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*Above, Cincinnati Playhouse in the Park presents "What's Buggin Greg" on October 9. Below, the whole family can enjoy "A Day in the Life of a Ballet Dancer" on November 13.*

**October 28 at 7:30 pm, the Cincinnati Chamber Orchestra presents "Art and Music, Making the Connection."** Admittance is free, but seating is limited. Call the Barn at 272-3700 to reserve your seat. The program teaches about important events in history and their influence on the development of art and music over the centuries. The musicians will guide the audience in making connections between the elements of perspective, color, representation, and texture in art and music. They will explore art from the Renaissance through Post-modernism along side live music from Palestrina to Berio. The program is suitable for middle or high school students as well as interested adults.

**November 13 at 2:00 pm, the Cincinnati Ballet will present, "A Day in the Life of a Ballet Dancer."** This is part of the Cincinnati Ballet's "In-Step" program. Admission is free, but seating is limited. Call the Barn at 272-3700 to reserve your seat. "A Day in the Life of a Ballet Dancer" is suitable for the entire family. The performance is interactive. It will include dancers giving a sneak peek into their daily lives. We will show the dancers in class at the barre, during a rehearsal and then performing a short ballet. The ballet styles will range from classical to contemporary, with a little



### ***Woman's Art Club Art Show, October 2-October 23, 2011***

Don't miss this exciting fall show of art from WAC members. The artwork displayed in this show is both traditional and contemporary in style. Pieces include oil

paintings, watercolors, drawings, fiber art and sculpture. Awards are being given in the following categories; Best Traditional Art, Best Contemporary Art, and Best of Show, with prizes totaling \$500.00. Prize money has been generously donated by the Woman's Art Club Foundation.

Our juror is Sam Hollingsworth. Sam is a graduate of DAAP and specializes in surrealist

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commentary and impressionistic still life and landscapes. Hollingsworth's personal artwork is represented by the Collectors Art Group Gallery in Cincinnati.

The opening reception is October 2, from 1:00-4:00 pm. and is free and open to the public.

Show hours are Tuesday through Friday, 10:00 am.-2:00 pm. and Saturday and Sunday from 1:00-4:00 pm. All work is for sale with a percentage of the profit going to ongoing programs at the Barn.

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Fridays & Sundays and \$495 on Saturdays. Some events have rented tents to increase the capacity of the building (it's an extra \$50 charge). We do have some furniture available for renters to use (100 folding white chairs, 5' and 6' round and 6' & 8' rectangular tables).



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# Emery Lane Halloween Block Party is a Haunting Good Time

The idea for the Emery Lane Halloween Block Party was formed in 2002. It was our first Halloween on the cul-de-sac and we had quite a few new neighbors since four houses on Emery had changed hands that year. I remember being inside my house answering the door to the cute trick-or-treaters, one after the other, and seeing the other moms across the circle, also handing out candy, also inside their houses. The ghosts, pirates, witches and vampires would traipse from home to home, ringing every doorbell. Our own little goblins



*Halloween 2007 - Sander Henning, Andrew Brandser, Cole Brandser, Will Henning.*

were out with their dads and the throngs of disguised children, collecting their annual Halloween booty. But there we were, each of us alone in our doorways, handing out candy to group after group. It was festive but rather lonely. It didn't take long for me to think, "There has got to be a better way to do Halloween on a cul-de-sac."

The next year we sent out an invitation for the first annual Emery Lane Chili Cook-off and it has been a tradition ever since. It works very simply. Three families make different versions of chili; others fill in with corn bread, hotdogs, condiments, appetizers, desserts and drinks. We haul out a table, cover it with Halloween decorations and candles, plug in the crockpots and add a fire pit and folding chairs. After an hour of eating and visiting, we line up the chairs at the end of the street for the official start of trick-or-treating at 6:00. In 20 short steps the passing kids can fill their bags with a good assortment of treats and we get to watch a parade of costumes. Friends walk

by throughout the night; we love it when we can entice them to stay awhile and share the feast. It is so much fun to sit together by the fire, exchanging stories from the new school year and listening to the sounds of Halloween night in Mariemont. We have never wanted to go back to those lonely nights, standing in our doorways, watching the fun from inside our houses.

*Jo Henning*

Except for his birthday and Christmas, Halloween is my son Andrew's favorite holiday and I am sure that has a lot to do with our annual party. Especially when it falls on a weekend, it is so fun for my two boys (or it was when they were both little) to come home with their bagfuls of candy, sort and trade with their buddies on Emery Lane and still have time for a game of Ghost in the Graveyard. Last year I loved having my



teenager, sadly for me, too "old" to go trick or treating, join us in our candy line, talking it up with the toddlers in their cute costumes. Halloween in Mariemont will undoubtedly give us the special treat of long-lasting memories.

*Kristin Kalsem*

I like the family tradition of the Emery Lane Halloween Party. The young kids enjoy any party any time. And, for the adults, our party provides the fellowship and neighborliness that is so characteristic of a small community like Mariemont. Sharing a bonfire and some great red wine at the top of the cul-de-sac is so much more fun than passing out candy by yourself at home.

*Jenny Ferguson*

*Submitted by  
Jo Henning*

# High School Sets Another Record for AP® Scholar Awards



**Members of the Mariemont High School Class of 2012 who earned the designation of AP Scholar this year are: back row: Connor McManus, Bryan Routt, Braxton Stricker, Max Long, Blake Adams, Wil Dietz; 4th row: James Donnelly, Olivia Saulnier, Karin Long, Carly Schweier, Grace Gardner, Michael Weston; 3rd row: Maud Schram, Rebecca Adams, Kate Hassey, Katie Wray; 2nd row: Mackenzie Shelley, Katie Arends, Lizzie Deadrick, Katie Peters; first row: Jane Spooner, Claire Foran, Karyn Georgilis and Julia Gaburo**

Mariemont High School students from the Classes of 2011 and 2012 have set another record for the largest number of AP Scholars in the history of Mariemont High School. Sixty-seven students at Mariemont High School have earned the designation of AP Scholar by the College Board in recognition of their exceptional achievement on the college-level Advanced Placement Program® Exams. The College Board recognizes several levels of achievement based on a student's performance on the exams.

Conor Coyan, David Finn, and Andrew Gorman were named "National AP Scholars" by earning an average grade of at least 4 on all AP Exams taken, and scores of 4 or higher on eight or more of the exams.

Twenty-nine students qualified for "AP Scholar with Distinction" by earning an average grade of at least 3.5 on all AP Exams taken, and scores of 3 or higher on five or more of these exams. The Mariemont High School AP Scholars with Distinction from the Classes of 2010 and 2011 are: Katie Arends, Audrey Askam, Taylor Bailey, Joel Beeby,

Conor Coyan, Elizabeth Deadrick, William Degerberg, Haley Fallon, Joe Fening, Taylor Fields, David Finn, Alyxis Giordullo, Andrew Gorman, Andrew Harris, Abigail Hofrichter, Alex Ljubisavljevic, Whitney Lonnemann, Connor McManus, Emily Moreton, Teddy Murphy, Katie Peters, Hillary Purcell, Stacy Purcell, Tim Purcell, Sarah Ries, Mackenzie Shelley, Charles Stewart, Emily Taylor, and Margaret Tomczak.

Sixteen "AP Scholars with Honor" from the Classes of 2010 and 2011 are: Stephanie Allen, Elizabeth Arington, Angela Bell, Wilhelm Dietz, James Donnelly, Karyn Georgilis, Kate Hassey, Christian Lehman, Max Long, Clarissa Moeller, Erin Purcell, Bryan Routt, Maud Schram, Braxton Stricker, Chelsea Weaver, and Michael Weston. These students received an average grade of at least 3.25 on all AP Exams taken, and scores of 3 or higher on four or more of these exams.

"AP Scholars" are those students who received scores of 3 or higher on three or more AP Exams. The twenty-two Scholars are: Blake Adams, Rebecca Adams, Brian Austin,

Sarah Bessey, Emma Brittingham, Claire Foran, Julia Gaburo, Grace Gardner, Andrew Hyer, Karin Long, David McCormack, Julia Rogers, Kelsie Rutherford, Olivia Saulnier, Carly Schweier, Jane Spooner, Emmie Stehling, Jordan Walter, John Wirthlin, Wesley Woodruff, Katie Wray, and Matt York.

Students took AP exams in May 2011 after completing challenging college-level courses at the high school. Most of the nation's colleges and universities award credit, advanced placement, or both, based on successful performance on the AP exams.

## Hats Off!

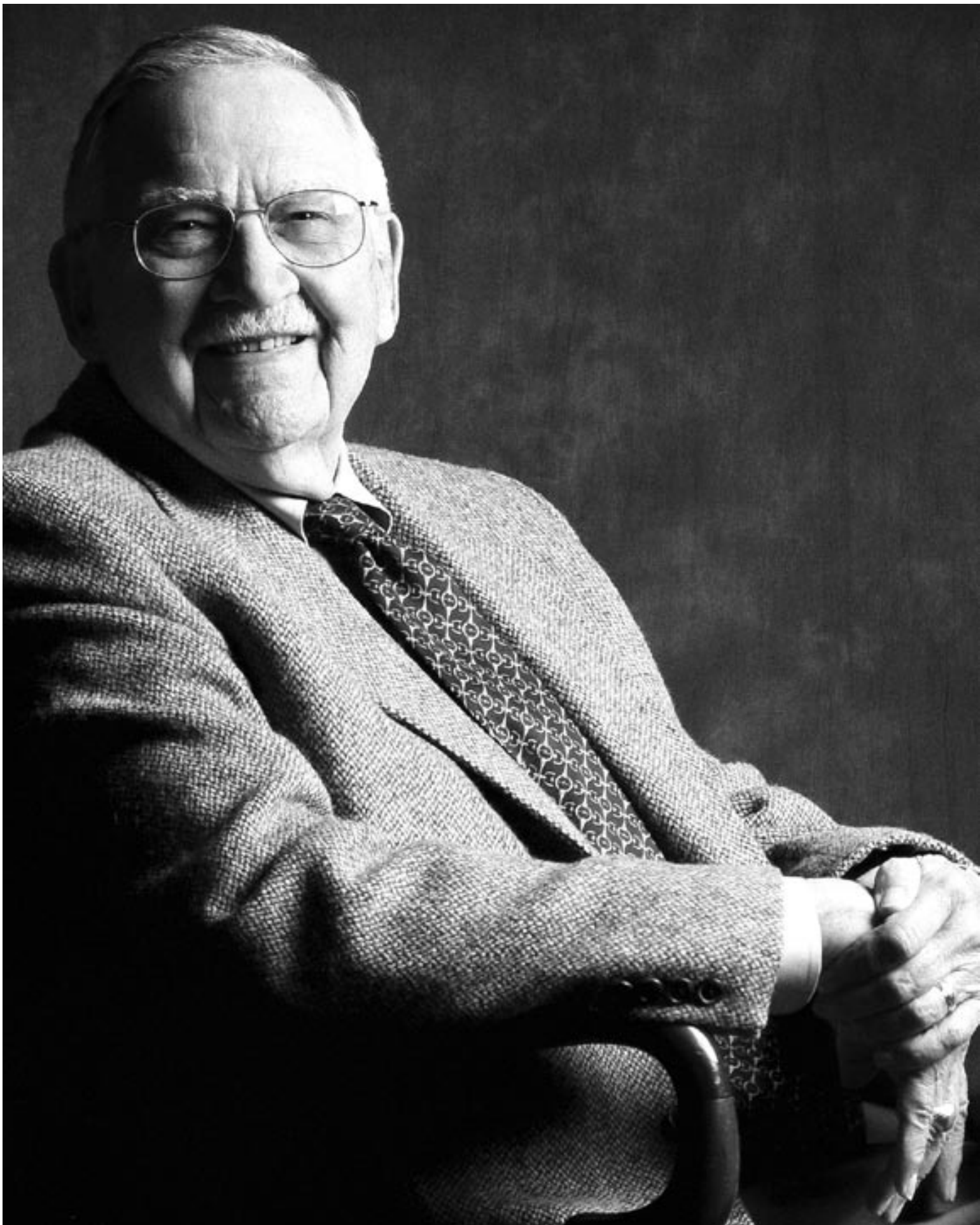
...to Mackenzie Shelley, a senior at Mariemont High School, who earned the top composite score of 36 on a recent ACT test. Historically, roughly one-tenth of one percent receives this impressive score each year nationwide.

The ACT college entrance exam consists of tests in English, Mathematics, Reading and Science. Each test is scored on a scale of 1-36, and a student's composite score is the average of the four test scores.

In addition to her exceptional ACT performance, Mackenzie's accomplishments at Mariemont High School include serving as treasurer of the Class of 2012, and being an active member in Leadership Council, National Honor Society and JETS Engineering Team. She is a co-leader for the Warriors for Warriors tutoring program and was selected to attend the Valley Forge Student Leadership Conference. Mackenzie is a captain of the MHS Varsity Swim Team and a 3-time state qualifier, and this summer was a swim coach and instructor at the Mariemont Swim Club.

"Mackenzie is an outstanding young woman. She excels in everything she undertakes in and out of the classroom," commented Mariemont High School principal Dr. Jim Renner.

Mackenzie is the daughter of Stuart and Lisa Shelley of Mariemont.





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## Getting Down and Dirty with the Garden Club

Autumn in the Village of Mariemont signals the time to start planting bulbs to greet you in your yard and flowerbeds next spring.

Autumn bulbs can be purchased locally or catalog-ordered and be planted this time of year to bring you greetings of color from February (crocus) thru May (daffodils and tulips). Consider welcoming spring 2012 by brightening your little part of the Village.

Did you know the Daffodil is the official flower of the Village? Drive by the Chapel grounds facing Wooster Pike and Oak Street in the spring and view the lovely naturalizing daffodils, many planted by the hands of our own garden club members! The daffodil also happens to be one of the most resistant



bulbs to our Village squirrels that enjoy eating other bulbs, and deer that enjoy eating multiple plantings in Mariemont's gardens.

To find out more about daffodils, you can peruse the website of the Daffodil Society of America at <http://daffodilusa.org>.

The Garden Club of Mariemont invites those with an interest in gardening and local flora and fauna to join us as a guest at our next meeting held at "The Barn" on Cambridge Avenue on Wednesday, October 5 2011 at 1 pm.

For more information on the Garden Club call Judy Kagrise at 561-6141.

*Submitted by Mary Alice Maze*

## Sister City Presentation on October 29

The Mariemont Preservation Foundation is pleased to announce that Tom Allman, a long-time Mariemont resident, will make a presentation Saturday, October 29 regarding Mariemont's new Sister City, Hampstead Garden Suburb, near London. The slide show and talk will begin at 9:30 am at the Woman's Art Club Cultural Center (the former Resthaven Barn) located on Cambridge Avenue.

Mr. Allman is an entertaining speaker and world traveler. Whether you are interested in history, town planning, or England, you won't want to miss his talk and collection of beautiful photographs of the buildings and spaces around the garden community of Hampstead Garden Suburb. The similarities to Mariemont are fascinating.

The event is free and open to the general public. Coffee and donuts will be served.

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# Scouts' High Adventure to New Mexico

In the beginning of June, Troop 149 members set out on a journey to conquer the Rocky Mountains. Taking a car to Indianapolis and then flying to Colorado, these young men had little idea of what they were about to embark upon as they reached the great Philmont Scout Ranch in New Mexico. The crew was made up of six scouts including Eathan Baumgartner, Cole Brandser, Kyle Brown, Kyle Greathouse, Steve Hassey and Scott Matthews. The four adults accompanying them were Steve Baumgartner, Eric Brandser, Shane Brown and Kevin Hassey.



like to take on the large responsibility of hiking and camping away from civilization. This environment allowed the scouts to mature and grow into capable leaders both in the troop and in the world.

Summer High Adventure trips are funded in part through Troop 149's sale of Christmas trees and wreaths. To those who bought from us, your support is greatly appreciated-- and we hope everyone will visit us this year. Our

sale opens November 26th (the Saturday after Thanksgiving) and we'll again be at the municipal building at the Mariemont Square.

Troop 149 is sponsored by Mariemont Community Church. For more information, please contact Scoutmaster John Fakes at [scoutmaster@mcc149.com](mailto:scoutmaster@mcc149.com).


*Submitted by Kyle Greathouse*

The first day started slowly. The scouts took a bus to the drop off point and their hiking guide went over several tips and tricks with them. Soon, however, the boys began to eagerly hike up their first large hill. It was a hard and hot climb and it took them quite awhile to get to their first campsite plus set it up.

The night was cold but the next day more than made up for it as the boys continued their trip through the mountains. Throughout the entire week, scouts participated in numerous exciting activities including blacksmithing, branding, shotgun and black powder shooting, horseback riding, fishing, stargazing, and much, much more.

Eathan Baumgartner, the Quartermaster, said he particularly liked walking on mountains and seeing the cows. Other scouts, including Cole Brandser, the Chaplain's Aide, and Kyle Greathouse, Crew Leader, really liked the views from Shaefer's Pass and other high points of the trip.

Altogether, the boys learned what it was




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# 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>.*

## August 22 Council Meeting

### Mayor and Chief Praise Officers

Mayor Dan Policastro and Police and Fire Chief Richard Hines recognized police officers Phillip Mitchell and Richard Kaiser during the council meeting for their part in the response to the Jan. 16 homicide. Both men were awarded the Office of the Mayor Recognition Award. Hines also praised Fairfax Police Chief Rick Patterson for his help with command at the scene. "I always said that if I had a tactical situation, I'd feel real lucky because Rick is just a phone call away, he's right next door," Hines said. "When I got the call that day it was comforting to know I could call on Rick."

### Council to Review IT Plan

Council unanimously approved a Finance Committee plan to review the Village IT system and upgrade the technology infrastructure. The plan calls for approximately \$30,000 to be used to purchase a new server, two firewall/VPN security devices, consulting, and installation. According to Council Member Jeff Andrews, the plan does save the Village money. However, he said the real reason to implement the plan is not for cost savings,

but to bring the Village's technology in line with modern-day technology and put security protection in place to limit the number of viruses infecting Village resources. Council members also agreed it was important to purchase equipment from a vendor that offers government pricing.

## August 25 Committee of the Whole

### Council Members Weight Benefits, Costs of Cyclocross Race

A two-mile cyclocross race through Mariemont could showcase the Village's charm and attract about 80 athletes, according to Mitch Graham, owner of BioWheels, but Mariemont council members must weigh the economic benefit of the race against the damage it could do to the Village's green spaces. The race, if approved, would be both on- and off-road, and cyclists would cycle part of the course through Dale Park. Both council members Dennis Wolter and Courtney Scheeser said before the race is approved a solid plan needs to be put into place about who will be responsible for paying for and repairing the damages. But those costs could be negotiable, according to Graham, and council member Jeff Andrews encouraged council members to consider the economic benefit of the race in addition to the costs.

Still, Mayor Dan Policastro said some areas would be off-limits. The beech grove, for instance, cannot take the pressure of the bikes and some business owners have already said they do not want to lose customers because the race goes through their parking lots. But other business owners said that the exposure might be good for Mariemont.

## Council Could Consider an Early Retirement Buyout

Tax Administrator Darlene Judd asked council to consider implementing an Early Retirement Incentive Program. Judd told council she is currently eligible to retire through the Ohio Public Employee Retirement System but she would like to increase her pension. Council members agreed that before they could make an offer to Judd, there needed to be a significant amount of research about the legality of a program and other alternatives. In fact, some council members worried that such a move would appear improper to residents. Council agreed to meet again in about a month to discuss the possibility further.

## September 12 Council Meeting

Council Member Andy Black said he has been working closely with Police and Fire Chief Rick Hines to plan an October 21 chili cook-off as part of Safety Services Night. Plans are to set up on the Municipal Building, weather-permitting. Although the specifics of the event aren't finalized, the cost will be \$5 for all-you-can-eat chili.

## Committee of the Whole Meeting for Residents to Share Cyclocross Race Opinions

Because of several emails opposing the potential cyclocross race in Mariemont, including one from the Jordan Park Owners Association, Mayor Dan Policastro suggested to council that it was time to tell Graham the council was not interested.

In particular, Policastro was concerned that the race course would pass through Dale Park, near the war memorials and in an area where people have planted trees in memory of loved ones. Policastro said he believes the city is going to be responsible for the cost of any repairs because he doesn't believe an insurance company is going to pay for expected damages. "Once (residents) know what is going to happen and where it is going to be, it is unanimous, they are opposed to



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it," Policastro said.

However, several council members said they still wanted to have a committee of the whole meeting next month to let more residents express their opinions.

Councilman Jeff Andrews said while he respects the emails that have already come in, it represents just a small portion of the residents. Councilman Andy Black agreed and said while he wouldn't be upset if council eventually decided to oppose the idea, he thought it was important that council first listen to Graham's entire proposal.

Andrews also encouraged the council to create a framework for assessing the economic benefit of this and other events.

### ***Council Member Suggests School Walking Path***

Councilman Cortney Scheeser said he had begun conversation with several community players to create a 'Warrior Mile' as a dedicated safe route to school for children who will be walking between Mariemont and Fairfax to go to school. The idea, he said, would be to encourage kids to walk along this dedicated route instead of Wooster Pike. Ideally, there would be signs and even crossing guards along the route. Scheeser said he had initially identified Hawthorne Avenue, which dead-ends in Mariemont into a pedestrian passageway, as the ideal route, but he was open to negotiation. Council members agreed that a formal plan would have to be discussed in committee, but several members were amenable to the idea. "Intuitively, I like the idea of keeping the kids away from Wooster Pike," Council Member Dennis Wolter said. "This could be a perfect project for the Safe Routes to School (grant) money."

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## **Town Meeting: A 70-Year Tradition that Matters**

Town Meeting is one of the purest forms of democracy. This forum allows every member of the community to have the opportunity to come together with neighbors and participate in a dialog regarding current issues and elections pertaining to Mariemont. This meeting of the Village takes place every spring with announcements in the Town Crier indicating the place and time. In so doing, members of our community join hundreds of other cities throughout our country in directly participating in their own local governments.

The first town meeting in America occurred in 1633 in Massachusetts. Thomas Jefferson saw the concept of town meeting as "the salvation of the Republic" by ensuring direct democracy by local groups of citizens. In 1941, Mariemont established its Town Meeting process as the way to guarantee that each of the six districts of the Village has its own representative on Village Council. This makes certain that the unique needs of the people of each district are met. The State Board of Elections does not recognize our districting system and puts nominees on the ballot regardless of where that individual lives within the Village. Town Meeting makes sure that the concerns of the residents from each area of our Village are represented and addressed by promoting the election of a resident from each district.

Some have suggested that Town Meeting is somehow biased toward incumbents. This is simply not true. If two candidates are nominated for the same position at Town Meeting, then a separate election is held to determine whose name goes on the electoral ballot in November. This is all part of the Town Meeting process. Some have questioned how many people participate in these additional elections. In 1991 and 2001, we actually had mayoral elections of this type where about the same number of people voted in the Village's election as voted in the November election.



### ***Why should I participate in Town Meeting?***

At a time when most individuals feel powerless to bring about change and believe that their voice carries little impact, Town Meeting provides the opportunity for every voice to be heard. It also holds our elected officials accountable. The current Mayor and other members of Village Council are present both to inform the public on issues and to address questions and concerns. When the term of an elected official ends, Town Meeting provides a platform for nominations to be made to fill that position. Again, these individuals can be questioned and their capabilities carefully evaluated. There is simply no other forum where individual citizens can be so thoroughly involved with the democratic process and where Village officials can be so closely scrutinized.

Dan Policastro is the Town Meeting candidate. Jeff Andrews is running at large. If Mr. Andrews should win the election and become Mayor, his vacated seat on Council would be filled by having a Town Meeting Caucus to nominate someone from District 6 - just as was done for Cortney Scheeser and Denise McCarthy in their districts. That nominee would then be presented to Village Council for appointment.

For further information, please feel free to contact Bob Keyes (Chairman of Town Meeting) at 271-7632.

***Submitted by Dr. Bob Keyes,  
Town Meeting Chairman***

# MariElders News

Hello Neighbors – I would like to introduce myself – My name is ME and I am the boss (oops!) resident cat at the MARIELDERS. I don't know if you have noticed me but I am the young pretty girl in the front window. I thought you – as our neighbors – should know what's been happening at the Center. We must be getting ready for another big event because my humans have started carrying boxes and bags of stuff to the basement – so I'm guessing we are getting ready for another junque sale. I like those sales because there are a lot of new things to get into and I know that the money they make goes to ME! (AHH! New toys, catnip oohh!) Ok well I've got to go and have a bath. See you soon – ME

## ASK A NURSE

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

## MARIELDERS BI-ANNUAL JUNQUE SALE

The MARIELDERS will be having their fall junque sale on Saturday, October 29. We are now collecting items for that sale. Items we do not accept are: clothing, shoes and large pieces of furniture. If you have treasures that you are getting rid of please think of donating to us first. The Center is open Monday – Friday from 9 am to 4:30 pm.

## VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED!

The Center is in need of volunteer drivers. We have members who do not drive and need rides to their doctor appointments. If you can spare 3 to 9 hours a month we really could use you. Here is how it works – come in and see Kathy, she will give you a form to fill out and for your doctor to sign. Once she receives the forms back she will explain how the system works. We do not reimburse for gas and the members do not pay you. If you are interested in meeting new neighbors and friends, please call Kathy at 271-5588.

## LIFE LINE SCREENING

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## AARP Driver Safety Program

As the nation's first and largest classroom refresher 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! The class will address issues regarding age-related changes in vision, hearing and reaction time. Many insurance companies give discounts to those who attend. The MARIELDERS class will be held on November 3 from 10 am to 2 pm. Cost for the class is \$12 for AARP members and \$14 for non-members. They are also offering a special for the month of November for veterans. Any vet or their family member may take this class for free.

If you are interested in the class please register by calling Kathy at the MARIELDERS (271-5588)

## Human Chess

(Yes you read that right.) – Sun. Oct. 16, at 2 pm. Cost is FREE. This event will be held at Terrace Park Elem. School. Join us or come watch as we play live chess with the children from the Mariemont School District. See how the live pawns, rooks, queens, and kings battle it out. Sign up on the Center bulletin board by October 12.

## Transportation Services

The MARIELDERS provides two different types of transportation services to our area residents. We have a van shuttle service that runs Monday through Friday from 9:15 am to 4:15 pm. With our van we can provide a ride to area businesses, stores, and doctor offices within Fairfax, Madison Place, Mariemont, Plainville and Terrace Park. We ask that you call 1 day ahead of time to schedule a ride. We go to Wal-Mart on Thursday afternoon at 1 pm. Our second transportation service is Medical transportation. We have volunteers that can give our members rides to their doctors, dentists, area hospitals and testing areas by appointment. We ask that members call at least 3 to 5 days in advance of their appointment. The MARIELDERS is always looking for volunteers to help out with this program, if you are interested or have any questions please call Kathy at 271-5588.

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# Last Call For Late Fall Farmers' Markets

BY SHELLEY PADEN & MIKE BENSON

Even though it is getting late in the year and the days are getting shorter, the nights longer, and the mornings cooler, you don't have to abandon the pleasure of fresh produce and resign yourself to eating tasteless tomatoes shipped in from Florida or points south to the supermarket. Plenty of locally grown produce will be available at farmers' markets that are only minutes away from Mariemont, especially the Hyde Park and Madeira markets, which run through October. The market in Hyde Park is open on Sunday from 9:30 to 1:30, and starting in October will move from Hyde Park Square around the corner to the Fifth Third Bank parking lot on Edwards between Erie and Observatory. In Madeira, the market is held on Thursdays from 3:30 to 7:30 and located on Dawson Road by Starbuck's.

We surveyed some of the vendors at both places and were surprised and pleased to hear that Mother Earth will still be in business through October, producing bounty for the table. The growers at Can-Du Farm expect to have turnips, radishes, peas, Swiss chard, broccoli, cauliflower, cabbage, and a variety of winter squash. Depending on the weather, they may also have okra, peppers and eggplant.

Running Creek Farms is anticipating a harvest of kale, collards, garlic, lettuce, and sweet potatoes. Many vendors expect to have sweet potatoes. If you are partial to salads

## Calling All Kids Who Love Thanksgiving

In the next issue of this column, we plan to focus on Thanksgiving from the perspective of children. We're looking for children between the ages of 5-ish and 10-ish for very brief interviews about what they like best about Thanksgiving. If you have someone who would be interested in having their say in the Town Crier, please call us at (271-9774), send us an email (mbenson002@cinci.rr.com), stop by the house (3732 E. Center), or stop us on the street.

and leafy greens, fall can be a gastronomic sweet spot as these plants like the cooler weather. Farm Beach Bethel specializes in all sorts of leafy greens, including arugula, spicy mix, kale, and Swiss chard. They also regularly carry mint, garlic, native flowers and plants, and homemade vinegars. Besides Can-Du, Running Creek, and Farm Beach, which happen to be three of our favorites, there are a host of other growers at both Hyde Park and Madeira that will be offering many of the same foodstuffs.

Indeed, there are a lot more choices than just vegetables and greens now at the farmers' market; you can also get a variety

of meats, including beef, chicken, pork, and turkey at vendors in both Madeira and Hyde Park. Provided you are willing to wait awhile, astonishingly good fresh bread can be found at Blue Oven Bakery at Hyde Park. But be forewarned, Blue Oven is by far the most popular vendor in the market. The line there starts early (well before the 9:30 opening) and gets long quickly. So, bring a book, iPod, some coffee, and comfortable shoes. Ohio City Pasta is usually stationed close to the Blue Oven booth. They have freshly made fettuccine, linguini, and ravioli plus too many sauces to list here. You can get organic olive oil from Mt. Kofinas Olive Oil to go with your bread and pasta, and some of the best locally produced maple syrup from Maple Grove Farm for breakfast pancakes. Even if you don't want to cook, the farmers' market has something to offer, including beautiful fresh flowers, micro greens, and prepared foods such as waffles, cookies, and ice cream. To get the full listing of vendors, check out the Madeira and Hyde Park market websites.

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# Trolley Platform Memorialized

BY CLAIRE KUPFERLE, EDITOR

With all the discussion of bringing a streetcar route to the City of Cincinnati, it's easy to forget we had a trolley system running right through Mariemont that stretched all the way to Milford from Downtown. The streetcar serving the Village ceased operation in January of 1942.



Part of its history is being kept alive by the donation of a plaque marking the location of two brick steps, which are all that is left of the Petoskey Avenue trolley platform. The Mariemont Civic Association created the plaque in order to preserve the steps and educate people about their original purpose. The boulder on which the plaque is mounted came from the yard of Vice Mayor Andy Black. Kroger donated water and ice cream



for the unveiling ceremony in September.

Retired General Douglas Short (left) was on hand at the unveiling to read the inscription on the plaque and relate a bit of the history of the streetcar in Mariemont. When service to Milford was discontinued, the streetcars had to turn around in Mariemont for the return trip. The spot where the tracks circled around is opposite General Short's home on Murray Avenue. General Short was instrumental in developing the spot as the Trolley Turn Around Park.

The inscription on the plaque is as follows: "These brick steps remain from a

set of steps which provided access to the Petoskey Avenue stop of the Cincinnati, Milford, and Blanchester Interurban Trolley Line. The Cincinnati Street Railway Company later bought the line and ended service at Milford, eliminating the Blanchester portion of the line. The line running to Milford was Number 71, while the line ending at Trolley Turn Around Park was Number 72, as seen on the car pictured. All streetcar operations ended on January 6, 1942."

The plaque is located on Rembold Avenue near Petoskey.



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# What's Happening at the Library

## Families

**Fall Family Fun Day:** Saturday, October 29 at 2:00 pm. Story telling and songs with Russ and Barb Childers.

## Children

**Crafty Kids:** Fun crafts to make with your friends. Thursdays at 3:30 pm. Ages 6 to 11.

**Ready for Bed, Sleepyhead:** Family story time, Tuesday, October 25 at 6:30 pm. Wear your PJ's if you like!

**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. This month's series: Secrets of Droon, by Tony Abbott. Ages 5-10.

**Library Babies:** The first Friday of the

month at 10:30 am and Saturday, October 15 at 10:30 am. This is a great opportunity to introduce your baby to books, songs, and fingerplay. Ages birth to eighteen months.

**Movers and Shakers:** Meet 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, October 6 at 5:00 to 6:00 pm.

## Teens

Teen Crafts: Thursday, October 13 and October 27 at 4:00 pm.

## Adults

**Eco-Craft Series:** A three part series of paper making, stamping and card construction.

Take all sessions or just one! The final class is Card Construction on Saturday, October 1 at 2:00 pm. Registration encouraged.

**Civil War Lecture:** Learn about General W.H. Lytle, civic leader, poet and fallen hero of our nation's greatest trial. Saturday, October 8 at 2:00 pm.

**Mariemont Book Club:** Thursday, October 27 at 6:45 pm. Join us for a discussion of The Physick Book of Deliverance Dane by Katherine Howe. Copies are available at the branch.

**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.

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# Art & Crafts Fair Benefits Community

Mother Nature smiled on the 2011 Art and Crafts Fair held Sunday, September 11 in downtown Mariemont. The event was a huge success with over ninety exhibitors, thousands of shoppers and picture perfect weather. Artists and crafters of all sorts showed their paintings, handmade clothing, sculptures, photography, candles, cards and stationary, jewelry and much more.

Local teachers and talented artists Kate Schwerzler and Kasey Watkins had the pleasurable, yet challenging task of selecting this year's best in show exhibitors from a field of exceptionally talented contenders. Jamie Morath of Loveland, Ohio was selected as best in show artist. Jamie is an award winning artist who loves to paint with acrylic and ink on watercolor paper and canvas. Jamie says, "I always try new experiments and techniques because you never know

what masterpiece you will create next." The Alpaca Shop, located in New Richmond, was chosen best in show. In addition to featuring beautiful articles of clothing and art made from a sustainable and "pet-able" resource, shoppers were treated to an up close and personal connection with two live baby alpacas and their mothers.

This year's raffle awarded three major prizes. Lora Coonce of Carrollton, TX and daughter of Terrace Park resident Jim Gilchrist, was awarded the grand prize, a 32" flat screen TV and Flipdaddy's cooler, glasses and koozies. Greg and Kristin Van Scoy of Mariemont were awarded a Mariemont Night out, including dinner at the National Exemplar and a night in the King Suite at the Mariemont Inn. Jennifer Rafferty, of Milford, took home the third prize, a \$100 gift card to Kroger. Special thanks to those who donated

prizes for the event!

"For me, the Art & Crafts Fair in Mariemont marks the beginning of autumn!" said Barb Anderson, president-elect, "I think the fair also gets many holiday shoppers off to an early start." Nearly 100 community businesses and families supported the event with ads in the Art & Crafts Fair booklet. For those who missed the fair, supporters and exhibitors are listed in the booklet available from any Kiwanis member.

The Annual Art and Crafts Fair is one of Kiwanis' largest fundraisers for local scholarships. Other events include the annual Spring Golf Tournament and the upcoming Holiday Nut Sale. Membership in Kiwanis is open to anyone interested and all are invited to get involved.

*Submitted by David Peterson*

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## Resident Qualifies for US Ice Dancing National Competition

Ten year old Hannah Laird of Mariemont headed to Colorado Springs to compete in the first ever US Solo Ice Dancing National Championships September 23 – 25. Hannah qualified after competing in a series of competitions in the mid west. Skaters with the most points in each of the 3 regions of the country have been invited to compete at Nationals.

Hannah is 1 of 4 skaters from Cincinnati to qualify for this National Competition. They have been featured on Channel 5 news at 6 and Channel 19 Morning Xtra show. Hannah was really looking forward to competing at Nationals, and she practiced almost every day since mid-August when she found out that she earned a spot to go to Colorado Springs. More information can be found at <http://www.usfigureskating.org/Programs.asp?id=479>

*Submitted by Sarah Innes*



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–3:30 pm: Allegro Choir  
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# Oh Deer!

BY DENNIS WOLTER

It's funny how life works. Many of our experiences are subtle, quiet, expected, and calm. Then there are times in your life when you deal with a real-in-your-face experience, such as BAM! -- reality in mega proportion on the hood of your car at 5:00 am. Yes, it just happened to me. A twenty-five hundred dollar wake-up call is reminding me that it's time to talk about our deer again.

The deer safety issue in Mariemont is becoming more critical with each passing year. Great cover, good food sources, and few predators are allowing the deer population to steadily increase. As a community dealing with this problem, we all must do our part to manage the issues we face as we co-exist with

these seemingly docile (yet wild) animals. As we move into fall, life in the deer world is about to get very wild. As we know, fall is mating season, and those males become very intent when it comes to finding a mate. Young bucks going through their first rutting season are unpredictable and can be very aggressive. They chase after the does with reckless



abandon, and pay little attention to streets, fences, people and even buildings. Yes, we've had deer crash through glass doors right on Wooster Pike.

Last year, a woman and her dog were run down by a love-struck buck chasing a doe, and the doe was just as reckless in her effort to get away from her suitor.

Our Village officials are doing everything the law allows to control the deer population and enhance awareness. You may have

noticed deer signs on Route 50. We also have licensed, qualified bow hunters culling the population in the lower eighty acres. And we're removing honeysuckle throughout the village to reduce cover and make the deer more visible near roads. Residents can do a lot to reduce accidents by following a few deer-awareness rules.

1. Please don't feed the deer. That's right! Some misguided residents are actually leaving notes stating what the deer in a given area like to eat.

2. Avoid planting deer-attracting plants. The more they see your yard as a salad bar, the more deer we're going to have in our yards and streets. Much information is available online or at garden stores.

3. Deer generally do not like lighted areas. Even low-wattage decorative garden lighting can be a deterrent.

4. Educate your children on the possible hazards of sharing our environment with these cute but wild animals. Young people are naturally curious, and will often not recognize risk.

5. Be alert when walking near or through wooded areas. The invasion of honeysuckle has made it possible for deer to be within a few feet of you and you may not know it.

6. Keep your distance. Never approach a deer, no matter how docile it may seem.

7. Be careful not to corner a deer in an enclosed space. If you unwittingly find yourself in such a situation, slowly back off and give the deer an easy escape route. Never attempt to scare off the animal, as they can react to such a threat in an unpredictable way.

8. Avoid getting close to a deer when walking your dog. Dogs and deer don't mix particularly well, and a startled deer will defend itself from an unwanted 'predator'. A doe with her young is particularly sensitive to such encounters.

9. Deer have an elevated sense of hearing and smell. Carry a flashlight after dusk so that they will know where you are. If a buck begins chasing a doe, being seen by them may be your best defense against an impact.

10. Stay out of the posted area in the lower eighty acres. There will be eight qualified and active hunters in this area during the entire deer season, September 24 thru February 5.

11. Driving probably poses the greatest risk of having a serious deer-people

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encounter. Here are some driving tips that should greatly increase your safety.

a) Plan in the back of your mind what you would do if a deer were to suddenly appear in front of you. Having a way out is a good thing.

b) This is pretty obvious, but don't speed. Higher speed means less ability to maneuver.

c) Pay attention to the brake lights in front of you. Another driver may have spotted deer in or near the road. A little warning can go a long way.

d) When possible, use your high beams to take advantage being able to see almost twice as far down the road.

e) Don't follow too closely in the event someone ahead does brake suddenly (a good rule to follow at all times).

f) Train yourself to keep an eye on the sides of the road. The sooner you spot a deer, the more time you'll have to react and evade.

g) If you spot one deer, be prepared to see more. They are herding animals and typically move around in groups.

h) Be extra diligent in areas where the deer signs are posted.

Report frequent sightings, deer in the street, and near misses to the Mariemont Police Department at 271-4089. Do not call 911 unless there has been an actual accident. Our Mayor, Police Chief and Safety Committee are working

with the Ohio Department of Natural Resources to manage the risk involved in living with these creatures. Let's all remain vigilant, and work together to keep our beautiful Village safe!

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# All Things Mariemont @ Mariemontstuff.com

BY RANDY YORK

If you have attended a sports event in Mariemont in the last several years you have likely already met Steve Spooner and John Fakes. From high school sports to junior high sports to Mariemont recreational sports, Steve and John have been patrolling the sidelines capturing images for Mariemontstuff.com.

Mariemontstuff.com was created by Steve Spooner and John Fakes and the site currently contains over 60,000 pictures of Mariemont events. The pictures are categorized by event, including Lacrosse, Football, Swimming, Soccer, Basketball, Wrestling, Scouts, Holidays, Awards, Dances, Arts, Graduation/Camp Kern, Track and Cross Country, Miscellaneous, Volleyball, and Baseball. Within these folders by category are sub-folders by year and/or event including current and archived teams and events.

It all started in 2007 when Steve's daughter Mary graduated from Mariemont High School. Steve's interest in photography developed in high school as the photographer for his high school yearbook. Steve had also recently purchased a new Nikon digital camera at the time, so he decided to take pictures of Mary's high school graduation and related events. Steve then circulated the photographs among Mary's classmates and families. After weeks of burning discs to share, Steve decided to use a Nikon Web site so that he could more easily share the photographs. He posted the

photographs on a Nikon website and circulated the web-site link.

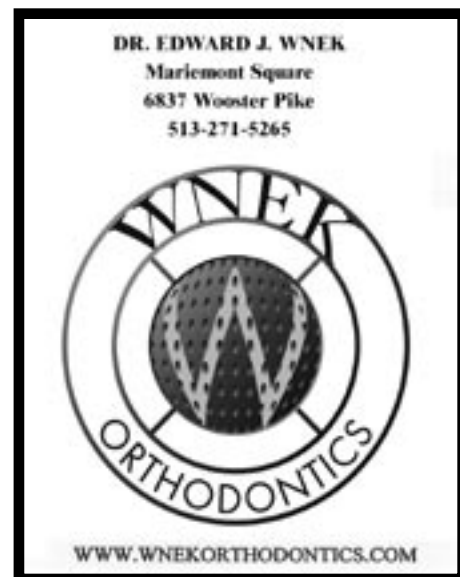
His interest in photography re-energized, Steve took photos of the Mariemont swim team that summer and in the fall of 2007 he took photos of Mariemont recreational soccer and Mariemont youth football. It was that fall that Steve Spooner and John Fakes joined forces. John had been pursuing a parallel path of sports photography by taking photos of Mariemont High School Women's soccer and lacrosse.

Steve and John first decided that they needed a better way to catalogue and post their photographs. "We love taking pictures," John and Steve said, and they wanted a better way to share their photographs without copy protection while still providing an option for the on-line purchase of downloaded images and finished photographs.

Steve and John purchased a web-site domain and Mariemontstuff.com was born. The web site evolved into its current form as categories and features were installed with the help of web designer Steve Ballanger. The site includes the SmugMug feature that provides for the on-line purchase of downloaded images and finished photographs for a nominal fee, the cost is \$1.00 per image. While the images are not write-protected and can be copied directly from the site, the fees collected from SmugMug are used to offset the domain fees and other expenses.

Steve and John plan on continuing to expand Mariemontstuff.com. They have

branched-out to non-athletic events such as scouting and the Mariemont Memorial Day Parade. Their photographs have been featured on the Mariemont High School Warrior Web-site. Last fall on the suggestion of Mariemont Athletic Director Tom Nerl, Steve and John covered wrestling and volleyball. According to Steve, "we love being on the sidelines and we love seeing the reactions from the kids when they've seen their pictures on our site". Steve and John are dividing up duties this fall between soccer, football and cross-country. In the winter and spring they anticipate adding more Mariemont sports and other events as their site continues to expand.



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