

# Village of Mariemont

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# VILLAGE RECEIVES \$110,050 IN GRANTS!

Thanks to the diligent efforts of our Village Engineer, Chris Ertel, and our Council the Village has received two grants that will help offset some of the cost of this year's street rehabilitation projects. The first grant, which was for \$18,000, came from the Municipal Road Funds and the second grant, which was for \$91,600 came from the Ohio Public Works Commission. These grants will allow us to proceed with the project for the improvement of Pocahontas Avenue where we have a problem with sidewalks and drainage. According to the terms of the grant, we can begin the work any time after July 1<sup>st</sup>. We also received \$450 in grant money from the State Fire Marshal's office for training purposes. Receiving these grants will free up some of our Capital Improvement funds for other projects. Many communities have to employ an outside consultants to make grant applications. We are fortunate that our department heads and other employees are capable of doing this for us and saving us the cost of hiring a consultant.

#### NEW WEBSITE UP AND RUNNING AT WWW.MARIEMONT.ORG

Although there are some finishing touches to be added, the newly designed official website for the Village has not been launched. You will find links to the online pool and tennis membership registration, as well as many other new features. You can now download all the forms from the Building Department and, in the future, we will be adding the Zoning Code online. The new site should be much easier to navigate and enable everyone to find the information they need more quickly. Joe Stoner has graciously given us permission to use many of his extraordinary photos on the site and they look great! We will continue to add content to the new site as it is available. We hope you will enjoy using <a href="https://www.mariemont.org">www.mariemont.org</a>.

#### JOIN THE VILLAGE E-MAIL LIST

Several years ago, the Village established a "Group Distribution" e-mail list for those residents who wished to receive email notifications of upcoming committee meetings, Planning Commission and Architectural Review Board hearings, the agenda for Council meetings, and the minutes from the meetings. Those on the list also receive an email of the Mayor's Bulletin whenever it is published. If you would like to have your email address added to the list, please send a message to <a href="mailto:info@mariemont.org">info@mariemont.org</a>.

#### LET ODOT KNOW OF YOUR OPPOSITION TO THE EASTERN CORRIDOR

Since the last Mayor's Bulletin went out, many citizens have asked me how they can let ODOT know of their opposition to the plan to run the Eastern Corridor through the South 80 Park. The best way to make your voice heard is to write a letter to Mr. Andy Fleugemann,

District Deputy Director, Ohio Dept. of Transportation - District 8, 505 S. State Route 741, Lebanon, Ohio 45036, or you may call Mr. Fleugemann at 933-6597. You may also want to send a copy of that letter or write an additional letter to the Federal Highway Administration at 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590. If you prefer to contact the Federal Highway Administration by phone, their number is 202-366-4000.



#### SPORTS EQUIPMENT NEEDED FOR THE SWIMMING POOL

The pool needs to update much of the sports equipment that has been donated in the past. We are looking for badminton and volleyball nets and equipment, as well as good basketballs, corn hole items, and ping pong tables. If you have any of this equipment that you would like to donate, please contact the Village office at 271-3246. You may take smaller items to the pool. The Service Department will pick up the larger items.

#### POOL PAYMENT PROGRAM FOR OUR CHILDREN IN NEED

We want all children in our Village to have the opportunity to enjoy the pool. If you are a Mariemont resident with children and would like to sign up for a family pool membership but cannot afford to pay the full fee all at once, please know that I will put a payment plan together for you. Simply contact me, Mayor Dan Policastro, at 615-5729 or at 271-3246 so a confidential appointment can be scheduled to set up a plan.



#### TOWNHOME GARDEN BEAUTIFICATION CONTEST

For the 4<sup>th</sup> year, the Village will be sponsoring a Landscaping Beautification Contest for owners and tenants of the Historic Townhomes district. Gardens will be judged on use of hard and soft scapes, varied heights of plants, structure and texture of plants, design and layout of garden, overall color pallet. Contestants can enter either their front yard or back yard or both. Tenants should get the OK from their landlord before planting. Judging will be done by members of the Parks Advisory Board and the winner will be announced at the June 19<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Mariemont Civic Association. Prizes include a one-year family membership to the Mariemont Swimming Pool, as well as gift cards from Kellogg's, the National Exemplar, the Mariemont Theatre, Mio's, Kroger, and more! Those wishing to participate should contact the Village office at 271-3246.

# HARRIETT PARKER RECEIVES PROCLAMATION

Harriett Parker has been a resident of the Village for almost 52 years. She and her late husband, Allen, raised their four children here and Harriett became very active in our community. After being taught how to sew by her mother, she shared her skills by teaching sewing classes at Mariemont High School through the Adult Education program. Harriett now uses those skills to participate in the "Threads of Love" organization, which provides clothing, blankets, and other handmade articles for premature and critically ill babies. The organization also provides a burial gown, bonnet, and blanket to the parents of babies lost to miscarriage or stillbirth. We were proud to honor Harriett for her kindness and selfless acts that have brought comfort to parents going through the toughest of times by presenting her with a proclamation making April 28<sup>th</sup> Harriett Parker Day in the Village of Mariemont.





#### PRIME OFFICE OR RETAIL SPACE AVAILABLE

If you or someone you know has been waiting for the opportunity to open a business in Mariemont, a great location is now available to lease. Situated on Mariemont Square at 3908 Miami Road, this prime space offers 2400 square feet on the street level, with an additional 500 square feet of storage space in the lower level. The interior features high-end finishes, a reception area with built-in desk and cabinetry, 5+ private office spaces, a conference room, kitchenette, and two lavatories. There are five parking spaces in the rear and ample parking on the Square. Some office furnishings are also included. For more information or to preview the property, please contact Mark Freiberg at 769-2502 or 886-3303. Don't miss this rare



WELCOME TO ANOTHER NEW MARIEMONT BUSINESS Mariemont Capital, located in The Strand, is a new Hedge Fund specializing in high-yield MBS debt. Business founder, Kevin Taylor, has lived in Mariemont for 12 years. He grew up in New York and lived in Charlotte, North Carolina, before settling in Mariemont. For more information about the hedge fund, visit <a href="https://www.mariemontcapital.com">www.mariemontcapital.com</a>.

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THESE UPCOMING EVENTS

# MARIEMONT MIXER – MAY 15<sup>TH</sup> – SUPPORT LOCAL BUSINESS NIGHT

Several of our local businesses are hosting a "mixer" on Thursday, May 15<sup>th</sup>, from 6PM to 9PM. This business Open House will give residents the opportunity to mingle, shop, and explore the unique shops and businesses in the Village while being treated to refreshments, live music, and entertainment. Participating businesses include Dr. Chuck Madden Dentistry, Dilly Bistro, Eva's Esthetica, Eyecare on the Square Optometry, Keller Williams Real Estate, LaRosa's, Lolli's, Mariemont Alterations, Mariemont Inn, Dr. Matthew Lackney Dentistry, Pomegranate & Lime, Sara Benjamin's, Spinnenweber Builders, National Exemplar Restaurant, Quarter Bistro, The Sweeterie, The Travel Authority, The Villager, The Wardrobe, Top Drawer, Tri-Health's Health First Physicians, and the Jordan Park, Emery Park, Nolen Park, and Livingood Park Condominium Communities. Sponsored by the Mariemont Civic Association

#### VILLAGE WIDE GARAGE SALE – MAY 17<sup>TH</sup>

As detailed in the last bulletin, the garage sale will start at 8AM and end at 4PM. An ad will be placed in the Cincinnati Enquirer and signs will be posted on Wooster Pike. Some residents are using NEXTDOOR MARIEMONT to create a list and/or to connect with neighbors to coordinate their participation in the event. Please check NEXTDOOR MARIEMONT for more information.

MARIEMONT MEMORIAL WEEKEND 5K RUN – MAY 25<sup>TH</sup> Looking for a great way to start off your summer? What about participating in the annual Memorial Weekend 5K on Sunday, May 25<sup>th</sup>, starting 9AM at Mariemont High School, where the run also ends. There will also be a 'Kids Fun Run' on the high school track starting at 9:45AM. Proceeds benefit the Mariemont Preservation Foundation and the Mariemont Athletic Boosters. Registration and additional information can be found at <a href="https://www.racedmc.com">www.racedmc.com</a>.

# MEMORIAL DAY PARADE – MAY 26<sup>TH</sup>

As is our annual tradition, the Memorial Day Parade will start at the Parish Center at 8AM and will head east to the Municipal Building for the reading of the Memorial Day Essay Contest winner's message and the presentation of the Outstanding Citizen of the Year. The parade will then turn and go west to the Pioneer Cemetery. It will end with the donut, juice, and coffee sale at the Parish Center. This is an important fundraising event for the Civic Association, so your participation is greatly appreciated.



# FARMERS MARKET RETURNS – WEDNESDAYS FROM JUNE 4<sup>TH</sup> THROUGH OCTOBER 1<sup>ST</sup>

Because of the success of last year's Farmers Market, we are holding it again this year on Wednesdays from 4 PM to 7 PM. The season's first Farmer's Market will be held on June 4th in the parking lot of the Mariemont Elementary School. There will be additional Farmer's Markets held at the same time and location each Wednesday evening through October 1<sup>st</sup>. After that date, our students need the area to construct the Homecoming floats. After Homecoming week, we may be able to host additional market days through the end of October. If so, we will announce the dates in a future bulletin. We have gathered a wonderful group of vendors offering fresh produce and many other healthy food products. Hope to see you there! A big thanks to Leah Geldbaugh for her work in organizing this event.

## PAINT COLLECTION AT OLD DALE PARK SCHOOL PARKING LOT – JUNE 7<sup>TH</sup>

With help from Matthew 25 Ministries, the Village will be holding a latex paint collection event on Saturday, June 7<sup>th</sup>, in the parking lot next to the Waldorff School at the intersection of Cherry and Chestnut Streets. Cars can enter from Cherry Street, stop and unload their cans of unwanted paint in the boxes provided by Matthew 25 Ministries, and then continue through the parking lot and exit onto Chestnut Street. Members of the Fire



Department will be there to assist residents and make sure only acceptable items are deposited into the containers. No oil-based paint, combustible paint, or stain will be accepted. We can only take LATEX paint. Only one-gallon or five-gallon cans will be accepted. Paint must be in the original container with the original label. Containers without labels cannot be accepted. Finally cans to be disposed of must be at least one-third full. Empty cans or almost empty cans will not be accepted. The paint collected in the drive will be used by Matthew 25 Ministries in their Rainbow Paint Reblending Program, which provides paint to the poor throughout the United States and helps with rebuilding projects following natural disasters like earthquakes and hurricanes. There will also be a bin where you can deposited clothing and/or linens.



#### FOURTH OF JULY FIREWORKS – JULY 4<sup>TH</sup> - DONATIONS NEEDED

The annual fireworks show will be on Friday, July 4th. The fireworks will be combined with patriotic music from the Carillon performed by Richard Gegner. Pleasant Street will be closed from Wooster Pike to Mariemont Avenue, beginning at 9:00 p.m. Everyone is asked to walk to the park. If you must drive, please park in the Dale Park school parking lot. There are to be no alcoholic beverages at the event. Residents should not bring any fireworks of any kind. The fireworks display cost \$4,500. We have a good start at off-setting that cost with a donation from Mariemont Civic Association of \$1,000. However, we still need the help of our citizens. Any amount you would like to donate would be appreciated and can be mailed to the Village office at 6907 Wooster Pike, Mariemont, OH 45227.

#### MARIEMONT KEY CLUB ANNOUNCES DATE FOR SECOND ANNUAL 5K 'RUN TO ELIMINATE' – SEPTEMBER 21<sup>ST</sup>

The 'Eliminate Project' is Kiwanis International's global campaign to help eliminate maternal and neonatal tetanus from the face of the earth. Members of the Mariemont High School Key Club are contributing to this important project by sponsoring a 5K Run on Sunday, September 21<sup>st</sup>, starting at 9AM. This will be the second year the Key Club has held this run. Last year's event included more than 175 runners and raised more than \$12,000 – enough to save over 6,600 families from tetanus. They were honored as the Key Club that raised the most money for the Eliminate Project in the State of Ohio.



#### WARRIOR RUN – OCTOBER 11<sup>TH</sup>

The Mariemont Warrior Run (The Race for Life) is an event featuring a 5K race, and a one-mile walk, scheduled for Saturday, October 11, 2013, at 5:30 pm. Both courses start and finish at the Bell Tower at Dogwood Park. New this year will be a Kid's Fun Run starting at 7 pm. This family-oriented fundraiser benefits Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center's "Surviving the Teens" program. Make a night of it...enjoy a beautiful setting, a scenic run/walk through Mariemont, great food, music, carnival-style kids' games, and a movie at dark. Don't miss the fun! For more information or to register, please go to <a href="http://cincywarriorrun.org/">http://cincywarriorrun.org/</a>.

Sincerely,

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Dan Policastro, Mayor