

Village of Mariemont

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STEAM PLANT DEVELOPMENT COMING SOON

A plan that has been in the works for quite some time has finally come together! Michael Heines of JAE Capital has purchased the Steam Plant's 3+ acres for development of approximately 18 homes. After taking down the old building, Mr. Heines will fill in the property to bring it above the floodplain level and construct a mix of townhomes and single-story dwellings. With first-floor master bedrooms and bathrooms, these new residences are designed with young professionals, families, and "boomers" in mind. Mr. Heines was also instrumental in the development of the old monastery property on Erie Avenue in Hyde Park and just started a project in Blue Ash on Plainfield Road. That development, which is known as Creekside Pointe, is very similar to the one that will be built on the old Steam Plant property. Mr. Heines will be presenting his plans to Council on September 22nd. We do not know exactly when the project will get underway, but we will keep you updated in future bulletins. While it is sad to see the old Steam Plant building coming down, it long ago outlived its usefulness and had become a liability, attracting kids and others wanting to explore the dangerous structure. Of course, new residences mean the Village will enjoy an increase in revenue from both property and earnings taxes. As you can see, economic growth is alive and well in Mariemont.

EXPANSION AT THE STRAND

Always looking for ways to bring new business to the Village, Spinnenweber Builders has plans in the works to construct a new sixunit retail complex just behind The Deli at the Strand. At this point we don't know when the construction will begin, but we will keep you posted as details become available.

FIREWORKS EXPLODE WITH FUN!

Once again, the annual 4th of July fireworks were great! The weather was perfect and we had a wonderful turnout for the event. Richard Gegner added to the festivities with a Carillon concert of patriotic music. Of course, none of this would have been possible without the generous donations we received from residents and businesses. We want to thank all those who contributed:

Tom Allman Mariemont Civic Association Dan & Barb Policastro Richard Gegner Donald Hild & Beverly Bach Maria Cruz Grass Cor Cathy & Andrew Seeger David & Donna Lou Davis Nancy Becker Marilyn Illig Audrey Sharn Rex & Sharon Bevis Arlene Demaret Claire Kaeser Town Crier Newsletter Robert & Barbara Blum Eyecare on the Square Stephen & Marcy Lewis Frances Turner David & Nancy Boyles Kim Flick Ed McTigue John & Joan Vago

We also need to give a special thanks to Jerry Wilson who collected just over \$145 by "passing the hat" during the fireworks. The way everyone pitches in is part of what makes this a true community event! We are already looking forward to next year's show!



Karl & Peggy Braun

WOOSTER PIKE GETS NEW SIDEWALK

With the help of Public Works Chairman, Dennis Wolter, a new stretch of sidewalk has been added to the south side of Wooster Pike between East Street and Indianview Avenue. This gives pedestrians a clear, safe pathway from the Village Square all the way to Pocahontas and beyond. What is most important is that it provides a safe route to students going to and from the high school and the library. We are looking at other places where sidewalks can be added over the years to improve the safety of our residents.

CROSSING GUARD GETS RESERVED PARKING SPACE

We highly value our Crossing Guards because of the great job they do keeping our kids safe as they walk to and from school. So when Ms. Mary's Preschool class brought it to our attention that 81-year-old Crossing Guard Betty Kuntzman was having a hard time finding a parking place within walking distance of her guard post, we knew we had to do something to help her. Recently, a sign was posted designating a special parking space for Ms. Betty during school hours. Ms. Betty's parking place is located at the corner of West Street and Madisonville Road. Students from Ms. Mary's Preschool helped Ms. Betty celebrate her new parking place and she said she truly appreciates the Village's help.



BEAUTIFICATION CONTEST WINNERS

Our Historic District Beautification Contest has wrapped up and the winners were announced at the June meeting of the Mariemont Civic Association. This year's top five winners were Linda Swensson (1st Place), Georgie Ann Daub-Grosse (2nd Place), Matt and Elizabeth Ross (3rd Place), Kay Everhart (4th Place), and Shirley Jordan (5th Place). The yards of the townhouses of all the contestants look great! We are glad to see the improvements happening in the Historic District. Thanks to all the businesses who donated prizes that made this contest so successful. They include Kellogg, Kroger, 50 West Brewery, Hahana Beach, Pizzelii Pizza, Flip Daddy's, and the National Exemplar. The top prize was a family membership to the pool for this year. Congratulations to all those who participated.

MEN'S 2014 SOFTBALL CHAMPIONS

The Men's Softball League played their last game of the season on August 3rd and Coach Don Slavik's team, The Tramps, won the tournament with a victory over 2nd place finishers, The Sox. The biggest blows in the game were a six-run 3rd inning and an eight-run 4th inning. Members of The Tramps championship team include Matt Haskamp, Jason Lonnemann, Jeff Ewart, Brad Quiambao, Adam Nacke, Mike DePietro, Jeff Finke, Andy Lysaght, Kurt Bell, Eddie Graves, Rob Bartlett, Campbell Dodson, Scott Robinson, Dave Wilder, Van Taylor, and Patrick Letton. The Tramps finished the season with a record of 6-1-1. It was another great season with a lot of returning players and a few new ones. The season's biggest competition came from Mother Nature, causing some of the games and practices to be rained out, but the teams managed to finish the tournament and season with three games played on the final day.





MARIEMONT SWIM TEAM WINS CHAMPIONSHIP

Congratulations to the Mariemont Community Swim Pool's Swim Team on their win at the Southern Ohio Swim League Division A summer championship that took place at Milford High School on July 15th and 16th! This is the team's 6th consecutive championship (2009-2014). The swim team had an incredible meet with so many amazing swims. It was a great team effort! Great job coaches and swimmers! Check out all the photos at https://www.facebook.com/poolmariemont. Thanks also to Pool Manager Jordan Schad for creating the Facebook page and making Wi-Fi available at the pool. We're already looking forward to next year!

WELCOMING ANOTHER NEW BUSINESS – ALL CARE NAVIGATORS

Welcome to All Care Navigators! Located in the Mariemont Executive Building, this new business, owned and operated by Village residents Barb Gunn and Sue Hendricks, offers a unique and much needed service to simplify the otherwise daunting process for families looking for Assisted Living, Memory Care, Independent Living, Nursing Homes, Residential Care or In-Home options. With 45 years of combined experience in the field of aging, special needs, education, and human services, their main goal is to find the best living options for each senior based on their individual needs, preferences, and situations. If you are helping a senior or loved one navigate housing or care options, contact Barb or Sue at 878-0480.



OUR HISTORIC DIME STORE - THE VILLAGER



While we are always excited to welcome a new business to the Village, we also want to support those businesses that have been a part of our community for many years, such as The Villager. Owned and operated by the mother-daughter team of Carol and Kate Desmond, The Villager offers unique gifts, a wide array of greeting cards, a wonderful and large selection of children's books, candles, holiday decorations, and so much more. Part of the enjoyment of shopping at *The Villager* comes from the owners' commitment to maintaining the store's historic integrity. With its original counters and creaky wooden floors, it can feel like a step back in time. Combine this historic charm with the store's products that are relevant to today's shoppers and you have the best of both worlds. To top it off, the store also serves as a full-service post office. information, visit *The Villager*'s website at <u>www.thevillageronline.com</u> or join them on Facebook. Please continue to support our wonderful "dime store" so we can keep that 'old world' feeling in the Village.

CORRECTIONS DEPARTMENT

When announcing the winner of this year's Outstanding Citizen Award, we gave Amy Fischer full credit for starting the Luminaria event. Amy has graciously asked that we set the record straight by letting everyone know that Lisa Koepke also played a key role in the development of the Luminaria. Asking that we make this correction is just one more reason that Amy is our outstanding citizen!

REMINDERS AND UPCOMING EVENT

$HISTORIC \ DISTRICT \ STREET \ PARTY - SATURDAY - SEPTEMBER \ 20^{TH}$

Residents of Beech, Chestnut, Elm, Maple, Murray, Oak, and Plainville invite everyone to join them at their annual Historic District Block Party on Saturday, September 20th, from 4PM to 8PM. Bring your favorite chili recipe (There will be a place to plug in crock pots) OR if your last name ends in A through M, you can bring a side dish. If your last name ends with N-Z, please bring a dessert. Soft drinks will be available or you can bring your own in a non-glass container. The Mariemont Civic Association is donating \$75 for hot dogs and buns. The Mariemont Police and Fire Departments will also be helping out. If you want to volunteer to help or need more information, please email Nancy or Stephanie at mariemontblockparty@gmail.com.

- MARIEMONT KEY CLUB SECOND ANNUAL 5K 'RUN TO ELIMINATE' SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 21ST For more information or to register, contact Addison Shelley at Shelley. Addison@mariemontschools.org
- LAST DAY FOR 2014 FARMERS MARKET SEPTEMBER 24TH 4:30PM to 7PM Elementary School Parking Lot
- MERCHANTS MIXER ON THE SQUARE SEPTEMBER 25TH

Local Village businesses will be hosting an Open House on Thursday, September 25th 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.

PORSCHE RALLYE – SATURDAY - OCTOBER 4TH

Cars will be on display at the Village Square and along nearby streets for the 3rd Annual Ohio Valley Region Porsche Club of American Mariemont Porsche Rallye. All proceeds from the rallye go to charity. Look for more details in the next bulletin.

- $WARRIOR\ RUN-SATURDAY-OCTOBER\ 11^{TH}$
 - For more information or to register, please go to http://cincywarriorrun.org/.
- MARIELDERS PRESENTS "PIRATES IN THE PARK" SUNDAY OCTOBER 12TH

Join the fun as the Cincinnati Opera performs a mini version of the Pirates of Penzance on Sunday, October 12th. Dogwood Park will be transformed into a pirate's island with an evening full of music, food, and adventure for the whole family. We will 'cast off' at 4PM with a Carillon concert performed by Richard Gegner. A BBQ feast will be available from 4PM until 6PM, immediately followed by the opera's "open air" performance. Tickets are \$25 per person and \$5 for children under 12 and MUST BE purchased in advance at the MariElders Center, 6923 Madisonville Road, weekdays from 9AM to 4PM. For more information, please call Kathy Chapman at 271-5588 or visit www.marielders.org.

LUMINARIA KITS ON SALE NOW

This year there will be no door-to-door sales of Luminaria kits. Instead, look for an order form in the Town Crier or for information on NEXTDOOR MARIEMONT. If you have any questions or need more information about obtaining a kit, please contact Kristin Wolujewicz at kwolujewicz@hotmail.com.

ANNUAL TREE LIGHTING – SATURDAY – DECEMBER 6TH – ACTIVITIES BEGIN AT 5:30 PM

Dan Policastro, Mayor