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Mariemont Elementary Winter Carnival Bounces Back!

Mark your calendars for Saturday, February 28 and plan to attend the Mariemont Elementary School PTO Winter Carnival, held inside the elementary school from 4 – 7 pm. It promises to be fun for all ages!

The 2015 Winter Carnival will include many of last year's fan-favorite activities like the Cake Walk, Angry Birds, Ring Toss, Plinko, and much, much more! We also have new inflatables including a Giant

Slide, an Olympic Challenge Obstacle Course, and a bounce house specifically chosen for children ages 1st Grade and under.

You won't want to miss out on your chance to win one of the incredible raffle baskets being offered this year. Raffle tickets are being sold by all of our Mariemont Elementary School students and will also be sold the day of the Carnival. Please remember all proceeds

benefit the Mariemont Elementary PTO and programs for our students.

Food offerings begin at 5:00 pm and will feature hamburgers, hot dogs, pizza, chips, and fruit.

The 2015 Mariemont Elementary Winter Carnival is a guaranteed good time that your family won't want to miss! It's the perfect opportunity to get out of the house for a fun-filled unforgettable night!



The inflatable obstacle course is a huge hit at the Mariemont Elementary Winter Carnival. This year's Carnival is Saturday, February 28th, from 4-7pm.

Photos courtesy Ron Schroeder

VILLAGE

Successful Tree Sale Supports Scouts

Mariemont Troop 149 would like to take the opportunity to thank the community of Mariemont for their support for this year's Christmas Tree Sale. The troop held the sale in front of the Village Municipal building and sales were brisk! The trees were so popular in the first week they were sold out, resulting in a new shipment after a few days without trees. We apologize for any inconvenience and have adjusted our distribution schedules for next year to prevent this problem from occurring again.

The tree sale is a major source of fund-raising for Troop 149, and the community support we received will help the Scouts pay for annual excursions including: Downhill Ski Trips, caving trip to Mammoth Cave, High Adventure Excursions to the Summit and Philmont Bases in New Mexico, summer Camps at Friedlander and horseback riding at Marmon Valley. This year, the Scouts will be caving in Indiana as well as traveling to the Boundary Waters in Ely, Minnesota for a week of experiences via canoe

travel. Having the scouts work at the tree sale also teaches them a lot!

All of those who purchased trees contribute to promoting the ideals of one of the nation's largest and most prominent values-based youth development organizations. The BSA provides a program for young people that builds character, trains them in the responsibilities of citizenship,

civic responsibility and develops personal fitness and commitment to goals.

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Kiwanis' Annual Nut Sale Raises Funds for Scholarships

The Kiwanis Club of Mariemont would like to extend a thank you to everyone in the community for making the 2014 Holiday Nut Sale another success.

A special thank you to everyone involved in the school music programs for allowing us to be a part of your holiday concerts as well as all of the school offices who were a great help this year.

Kiwanis would especially like to recognize Terrace Park Elementary as our 2014 sales leader.

Thank you as well to our 2014 retail partners: Snappy Tomato Fairfax, Ace Hardware, Mac's Pizza Pub, Marco's Pizza as well as MariElders for warehousing.



The annual nut sale is the club's holiday fundraiser for local scholarships. Each year, the Kiwanis Club of Mariemont raises nearly \$15,000 for students in Fairfax, Terrace Park and Mariemont through events such as the Art & Craft Fair and spring golf outing. The 2015 Golf Outing is set for Saturday, May 9 at Reeves Field. More details will be available soon.



The Kiwanis Club of Mariemont meets every Tuesday morning at 7:45 am in the Mariemont Elementary school cafeteria. A continental breakfast is served at 7:15 am. Meetings last less than one hour and feature a local speaker. We invite you to be our guest at an upcoming meeting. For more information visit MariemontKiwanis.org, Facebook or Twitter (@MariemontKClub).

News You Can Use

From Shelley Miller Reed
Mariemont's #1 Agent in 2012, 2013, and 2014!



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	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014
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	85	93	\$372.9K	\$522.4K	92	121
Terrace Park	41	42	\$494.7K	\$520.2K	75	75
Fairfax	19	33	\$91.7K	\$116.8K	67	51
Indian Hill	99	105	\$1.13M	\$1.00M	90	84

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In 2014, **57%** of single family houses in Mariemont sold in the **first 30 days** at **98%** of the list price.

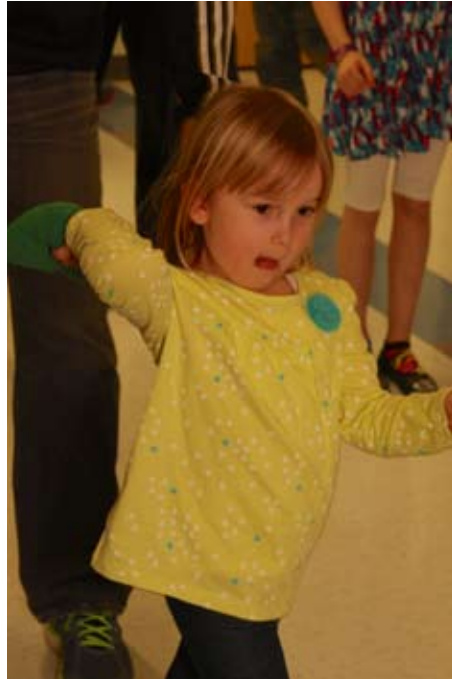
In 2014, **85%** of *all my listings* sold in the **first 30 days** at **98%** of the list price.



ME Winter Carnival Bounces Back!



Games for all ages in 2014 included floor hockey to win great prizes.



It takes concentration and aim to succeed at the bean bag toss.



A young carnival-goer gets a helping hand through the obstacle course.



The bounce house is always a fan favorite.



Fun and friendly competition creates a lot of smiles!

Photos courtesy Ron Schroeder

Who's in 1st Grade?

BY DOROTHY BARRY-ELLIOT

I found myself thinking of the classic Abbott and Costello routine of “Who’s on First?” while trying to follow Mark and Tracy Glassmeyer’s explanation of how their grandmother is the great-grandmother to a child in each grade kindergarten through 6th Grade in the Mariemont Schools. I was feeling about as confused as Lou Costello trying to find out the names of the baseball players from his partner Bud Abbott. With a little help from Mark and Tracy, we diagramed the family lines to see who is in what grade and how they are related.

The story starts with Ed and Nancy Wickemeyer, who married in 1947. Ed was an Army Air Corps flyer from WWII in a B-24 Liberator. Nancy was a Physical Education teacher at a time when a female “PE” teacher was an oddity. “It wasn’t hard to get the job, just hard to get uniforms and equipment,” Nancy said. “Girls’ sports in schools weren’t taken seriously 60 years ago.”

Ed and Nancy met when Nancy was in her teens. “I used to go visit my aunt and uncle in Dayton, Kentucky and Ed lived just down the street,” Nancy said. “Ed and I talked, but didn’t really date. When he left for the war, we wrote to each other. We started officially dating when he came home on leave. In my junior year in college, Ed came back from the war, and we got married.” Ed and Nancy were married for nearly 47 years. They raised four children—Wes, Wayne, Jennifer and Dan. Sadly, Ed died in 1994.

Now, here is the scoop on how these kids in kindergarten through 6th Grade are related. Nancy and Ed’s first born, Wes, married Kathy, but sadly died before having any children. Next is Wayne who married Brenda and has three children—Eric, Elizabeth and Nathan. Ed and Nancy’s only daughter, Jennifer married Mark Glassmeyer Sr. and has three sons—Mark Jr., Mike and Matt. Finally, Dan married Kelly and they have one daughter and live in California.

To make the story less confusing, Wayne’s son Eric Wickemeyer married Lynne and they have three children—Connor, Lilly and Reed.



From left: Ryan Glassmeyer (3rd Grade), Reed Wickemeyer (Kindergarten), Andrew Glassmeyer (6th Grade), Lucy (1st Grade). Photo courtesy Ron Schroeder Photography

Jennifer’s son Mark Glassmeyer Jr., married Tracy and they have four children—Andrew, Wil, Ryan and Lucy. These are Nancy’s great-grandchildren attending the Mariemont schools. Reed is in kindergarten, Lily is in 1st, Lucy is in 2nd, Ryan is in 3rd, Connor is in 4th, Wil is in 5th and Andrew is in 6th.

To give you a complete picture of the family, Jennifer’s other sons, Mike and Mathew, each have two children. Mike has Grace and Hannah; Mathew has Wyatt and Chase. Eric’s siblings Elizabeth and Nathan live in the area, but neither have children—yet.

“My family is so important to me,” Nancy

said. “When I am not volunteering at the Cincinnati Zoo, I am attending some game or other school event for my family. I can’t imagine a better life. Between my family and the volunteering in the Zoo’s research department, I stay busy which is fine by me. It keeps me from feeling old.”

In summary, Nancy has four children, seven grandchildren, and 11 great-grandchildren. Out of the 11 great-grandchildren, seven attend Mariemont schools—three Wickmeyers and four Glassmeyers. Now you know who is in K-6th and the story of a special family.

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Hats Off!

Congratulations to Mariemont High School's 2014-2015 regional Scholastic Art Awards winners. Hundreds of students from Southwest Ohio and Northern Kentucky submit artwork to this regional and national art competition. The Mariemont High School Visual Arts Department is proud to announce 14 students received a total of 22 awards this year.

Lucy Hanley: Gold Key & Honorable Mention for Photography

Lindsay Stricker: Gold Key & Honorable Mention for Photography
 Collin Widecan: Gold Key for Photography
 Maddie Arends: Silver Key for Photography
 Carson Fields: Silver Key for Photography
 Amanda Lewis: Silver Key & 3 Honorable Mentions for Photography
 Meagan Meece: Silver Key for Photography
 Albert Nowitzki: 2 Silver Keys & Honorable Mention for Photography
 Alex Wilson: Silver Key for Photography

Kelsey Brown: Honorable Mention for Photography
 Cooper Hayes: Honorable Mention for Photography
 Nina Willis: 2 Honorable Mentions for Photography
 Emma Phillips: Honorable Mention for Digital Art
 Gabbie Robb: Honorable Mention for Glass

All 14 students will be honored at an award ceremony on January 30 at the Northern Kentucky Convention Center. Their work will be on exhibit from January 23-February 7 at the Art Academy of Cincinnati, 1212 Jackson Street, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202. In addition, the Gold Key winners will go on to compete in New York City at the national level later this year.



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MariElders News

Marty Brennaman Talk and Lunch

When: Monday February 2

Time: 9:30 am

Cost: \$9 for members, \$12 for non-members

Where: Meet at MARIELDERS

Let's talk baseball and The Cincinnati Reds. Let's go hear what Marty thinks about the upcoming 2015 Reds season and all the drama from last year. We will then have lunch with our friends at Anderson Senior Center. Sign up with a paid reservation at the Center front desk by January 23.

An Evening with Natalie Cole and the Cincinnati Pops

When: Sunday February 8

Time: 5:30 pm

Cost: \$35 for members, \$40 for non-members

Where: Meet at MARIELDERS

Celebrate Valentine's Day with the unforgettable Natalie Cole and your Cincinnati Pops! This internationally acclaimed, nine-time Grammy-winner takes the Music Hall stage for a captivating one-night performance of her favorite hits. Sign up with a paid reservation at the Center front desk. Space is limited so sign up early!

Museum Days:

The Cincinnati Art Museum

When: Thursday February 19

Time: 10:45 am

Cost: \$3 and lunch on own

Where: Meet at MARIELDERS

This month we will head to the Cincinnati Art Museum and see two exhibits with artwork from Japan. The first is *Masterpieces in Japanese Art*, which features approximately one hundred Japanese masterpieces from the permanent collection of the Art Museum. The show is designed to provide viewers not only with a better understanding of Japanese art and its aesthetics, but also a unique regional perspective through the

history of the collection. The second is *Modern Voices in Japanese Ceramics and Prints*, it consists of approximately thirty-five works which will pair modern and contemporary Japanese prints and ceramics. The prints are from the Art Museum's permanent collection, including selections from the Howard and Caroline Porter Collection. The Japanese ceramics of the same era are lent by Jeffrey and Carol Horvitz. Shown together, these works disclose a brilliant dialogue through shared rhythms, patterns, textures, emotions and ideas. We will have lunch in the Terrace Café at the museum. Sign up with a paid reservation at the Center front desk by February 13.

The Lion King

When: Thursday April 23

Time: 11:30 am

Cost: \$65 for members, \$70 for non-members

Where: Meet at MARIELDERS



Let's go see the Broadway version of *The Lion King* at Cincinnati's Aronoff Center for the Arts. See all the animals come to life in this wonderful musical seen worldwide and loved by all. This is a magnificent production so don't miss out. Space is limited so sign up early.



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SCHOOLS

Creative Showcase - Mariemont Elementary Sixth Graders Impress

BY KAREN KENNEDY

Mariemont Schools is cultivating so many talented artists! I focused on the 6th grade where there were a number of impressive drawings created by Shelley Komrsk's students. There were so many high caliber pieces lining the halls, I spent lots of time in awe of what these students are capable of doing and trying to decide which drawings to share! I wanted them all!

The students chose pictures they liked from a stack of magazines given to the class by Shelley Komrsk. They were instructed to glue half of the picture down on a piece of paper and to complete/sketch the other half. How creative was this?

This first drawing, by Olivia Simpson, is called *Laughter or Not?* Olivia chose this picture due to the "degree of difficulty." Simpson thought she would give it a try and she certainly captured the expression of the subject on a very difficult piece! I like her spirit to feel confident enough to try! What a great attitude.

The second drawing, *Midday Furniture*, was very cleverly done by 6th grader/artist, Megan Weinland. Megan looked for something "different." The cozy room caught her eye. Could we be looking at a future designer here? She also wanted her part of the sketch to show the bright sunshine coming through...Just like her personality!

The third sketch/drawing is of an old-fashioned looking lady was chosen by Myah Giordullo. This was a "dress inspired" selection by Myah, who couldn't wait to try her skills on the design. That dress was something she wanted to tackle. She also liked how the character was holding the lobster and developed a catchy title... "Dressed For Lobster?" Isn't this how we all dress for lobster? There could be a whole story behind this eye-catching art! Kudos to this artist and animal-lover!

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Luminaria and the Holiday Tree Light up the Village



The Mariemont Inn and the National Exemplar dress up for Luminaria and the tree lighting.



It was chilly, but the horse-drawn carriage ride was a big hit.



The carolers entertained an enthusiastic crowd.



A model train set draws the attention of several future engineers.



Town Crier Bob Keyes begins the proceedings with a proclamation.



Cupcakes make for a sweet holiday treat.



Santa greets one of his newest fans.

Photos courtesy Ron Schroeder

VILLAGE

U.S. 50 Coast-to-Coast Swim Update

BY REX BEVIS

As reported last year in the *Town Crier*, the adult swimmers in the Mariemont High School morning swim sessions are aggregating their swim laps in order to swim across the country. Beginning in Ocean City, Maryland on January 1, 2014 the swimmers have passed the midway point, reaching Kinsley, Kansas as of January 1, 2015. Robin Pendery, the group leader and Terrace Park resident, recently reported, "We have covered 1616 miles in the first year, a little over half of the 3,073 total. We have crossed the Chesapeake Bay, traveled through the Nation's Capital, across the Ohio River, through Terrace Park, Mariemont, and Fairfax, over the Mississippi River and traversed the Wyatt Erp Highway in Dodge City, Kansas." At their current rate, the group should reach the Pacific Ocean in San Francisco during the fall of 2015. Robin also noted, tongue in cheek, that "swimming across the Rocky Mountains may be a bit more challenging than the flat lands of the plains."

Mariemont residents participating in the swim include Becca Vianello Hlad, Heather Mills, Kent Jacob, Nancy Koglmeier, Kathy Brodhag, Rex Bevis, Suzy Vianello, Wes

Iredale, and Peter White. Other swimmers include residents of Fairfax and Terrace Park, as well as surrounding communities. The morning swim sessions are Community Education offerings of the Mariemont City

Schools and are conducted mid-morning on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, and early am. on Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday.



Kneeling: Kathy Brodhag, Robin Pendery, Becca Vianello Hlad, Brianna Hlad, Heather Mills **Standing:** Rex Bevis, Suzi Vianello, Don Henry, Linda Timpe, Wes Iredale, Helen Gray. **Not Pictured:** Peter White, Paul Pendery, Ann Deam



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MHS Hosts Visitors from China

Mariemont High School recently hosted two visitors from Liuzhou, China. As part of the Cincinnati Sister City Exchange, in partnership with the Children's Department of the Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County, Chen Yan Yi (aka Carrie) and Huang Yan Fei (aka Vicky) visited Mariemont High School, as an opportunity to visit a local school to give a presentation about life in China and Chinese culture.



As part of the Cincinnati Sister City Exchange, in partnership with the Children's Department of the Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County, Chen Yan Yi (aka Carrie) and Huang Yan Fei (aka Vicky) visited Mariemont High School.

In 1988, Cincinnati became the first sister city of Luizhou. Carrie works as a high school English teacher in Luizhou, and has taught for over eight years. Vicky works for the Liuzhou Foreign Affairs Office. They visited students in Kelly Anders' Spanish class and Fanghong Yu's Mandarin class. This was a great experience for students to engage with people from another culture, giving them an opportunity to ask questions, listen and learn about life, school and traditions in China.

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Erin Wachs Jewelry Gallery Opens

BY JOAN WELSH

You may have noticed Mariemont boasts a new gallery located in the former site of the Top Drawer needlepoint shop at 6880 Wooster Pike. Erin Wachs opened her shop just in time for the holiday season and is eager to welcome residents into her gallery. She had been looking for a Mariemont location and was thrilled when this spot adjacent to the Mariemont Inn became available.

What makes this store a gallery? A gallery is a room selling works of art. While Erin specializes in jewelry, she wanted to offer her customers other beautiful items, too. Erin's partner in the store is photographer Fran Carlisle. Fran's stunning photographs are framed and displayed on the walls of the gallery. Fran specializes in mostly landscape and nature photography. In addition to Fran's photographs you will also find small collections of scarves, fur vests and casual clothing. Erin promises to constantly bring in new things to the store. When one collection of clothing sells out,



Erin Wachs displays some of her creations.

something totally different will take its place.

However, Erin's real passion is in the jewelry she sells. Erin has been involved in every aspect of the jewelry industry. Over the years she has found the most beautiful jewelry is created and designed by women. Each piece chosen for her collection was hand selected for comfort, style and wearability. Her exquisite taste and eye for fashion make her collections unique.

Erin is a busy mother of three, but you will most likely meet her when you stop by the gallery. She grew up in Cincinnati, studied retail at Miami University, and began her career at Gidding Jenny department store. While she was working, she was always learning and wanted to use her expertise to create her own type of retail experience. For many years Erin sold her jewelry collections through shows or fundraisers. You may have seen her at the ATP with her own booth, a convention center event or at a local school's fashion show. Erin has a loyal following and wanted to provide her customers with a comfortable, friendly shopping experience. She deliberately designed her gallery to reflect this philosophy. There are few locked cases in the store. Erin wants her customers to handle and touch her jewelry. She has soft

chairs to sink into while looking at jewelry. Erin may even offer you a cup of coffee or a glass of wine while you shop. She wants the gallery to feel like a place you'd enjoy hanging out with your friends.

Erin offers jewelry that is exclusive to Cincinnati at many different price points. She wants to have something for every woman's tastes. Her jewelry is fashionable without having to be overly expensive. Some of Erin's favorites are the Brazilian gold pieces she carries. These are light as a feather, very delicate and will never tarnish. In fact, Erin predicts that the next trend in jewelry will be very small dainty chains and charms. After so much "statement jewelry" this will be a change! Double-sided peek-a-boo earrings with a back that peeks from behind the earlobe are another new look to try. You can also find jewelry with natural stones and hammered silver along with pieces from Turkey, France or even Kentucky! For the casual gal you can find the popular lokai bead bracelets. Each jewelry collection represents a designer Erin knows and respects. When those pieces are sold, something new will replace them.

Why not stop in the Gallery and see for yourself? There just may be something on your Valentine's gift list.



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New Neighbor News Debuts Soon

BY DELTA CRABTREE

How often do you make New Years' Resolutions and never follow through? The writing of this column represents a resolution accomplished for me. I was honored by my friend Nina Iredale to be asked to take over the writing of the "Neighboring with Nina" article; which for obvious reasons will now need to be renamed. I have not come up with anything as clever, so for now we will go with the catchy alliteration "New Neighbor News." This new column will be introduced in our next issue.

I have resided in the village of Mariemont with my family for the last 9 years. I have four children; the eldest is a recent graduate of MHS, now attending Miami University and the other three are all currently Mariemont high schoolers. It has been wonderful raising our family in this community and I am so pleased to have the opportunity to welcome new families to our village.

Not only do I reside in the Village, but I now am also employed within blocks of my home. Continuing with the theme of resolutions, I reached a milestone birthday and realized that the time for change is now. After many years of being a stay-at-home mom, I began working as a relocation consultant which has now transitioned to becoming a licensed realtor working in the Mariemont Comey & Shepherd office right on the square. I am a member of a team led by Carol Harris that is allowing me to be mentored by a top agent while still being able to welcome my kids home every day after school.

I am a transplant to not only Mariemont, but to the United States. I am from the Dominican Republic and speak fluent

Spanish; which is useful working with international transferees. I don't know if I will welcome many new Spanish-speaking neighbors to Mariemont, but if needed I'll be ready!

The Village of Mariemont has given me an idyllic environment in which to raise my children and I am grateful to now extend a warm welcome to our new residents. If you find yourself walking past the Mariemont Comey office, stop in and say hello – I would love the opportunity to meet all my neighbors!

Editor's note: Welcome to Delta! We appreciate her willingness to pick up Nina's torch and keep providing neighbor information for the residents of Mariemont. Delta can be reached at: dcrabtree@comey.com



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MSF Donors *Make it Happen* for Mariemont Teachers and Students

Thanks to the generosity of local business Time Timer and Mariemont School Foundation (MSF) donors, student and teacher presentations will come alive for the Mariemont Elementary 4th and 5th grades this year, as a result of their new visual presenters which allow for easy sharing of objects or documents with the entire classroom. Mariemont Elementary second graders will be able to navigate between classrooms with confidence as their new carrying bags allow them to securely carry their devices, thanks to the sponsorship of local businesses Miller Insurance and Harlyn Properties and the generosity of MSF donors.

Mariemont teachers have always been dedicated, creative and innovative. The Make it Happen program sponsored by the Mariemont School Foundation was launched in 2012 by former MSF trustee Jo Henning as a means to help fund our teacher's innovative ideas in an era of increasingly tight school budgets. Teachers can now submit request proposals in the spring of each year to be included in a fundraising campaign when school opens in the fall, with the goal of fully funding each request before the holiday break. Local businesses provide critical support by sponsoring matching grants to help incentivize donations.

This school year, there were a total of eight requests funded across all district schools, impacting over 800 students and raising over \$7600 in donations.

At the junior high 7th graders will have the



opportunity to write their own children's book as a project based learning unit, and students with attention issues will have noise canceling headphones available to help limit distractions, thanks to the generous support of the Quarter Bistro and MSF donors.

At the high school, reluctant readers will have a new independent reading area thanks to the generosity of MSF donors and the support of Financial Management Group and Etegent Technologies. And, thanks to the support of Mariemont Alterations, there will be new storage available for tools and materials in the Maker Space, an area in the library dedicated to allowing students explore, tinker and invent.

At Terrace Park Elementary, funding was raised to purchase tablets for special uses in

the 5th and 6th grade classrooms as a result of the generosity of MSF donors, the TPE PTO, élan Technologies, HLU Consultants and SellYourMac.com.

The Mariemont School Foundation would like to thank all of our business sponsors and donors. You really demonstrated the idea behind Make it Happen – that small donations, when contributed by many donors, can create a significant impact!

To learn more about MSF and Make it Happen, go to www.mariemontschoolfoundation.org. If you are interested in sponsoring a match for a future MIH request, email MIH@mariemontschoolfoundation.org.

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What's Happening at the Mariemont Branch Library - February

All Ages

Live Music Fest: Featuring jazz musician Kevin McClellan. Saturday, February 28, at 2 pm.

Children

Preschool Playtime — Cars, Trucks, Boats: Transportation-themed games, crafts and stories. Saturday, February 28, at 1 pm. Ages 2-5.

Tales to Tails: Practice your reading with therapy dog Tater Tot. Thursday, February 12, at 4 pm. Ages 5-10.

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

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

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

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

Crafty Kids: Thursday, February 26, at 4 pm. Ages 5-10.

Teens

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

Adults

Book Club: *Crossing to Safety* by Wallace Stegner will be discussed Thursday, February 26, at 6:45 pm. Copies are available at the branch.

Downloads Class: If you are struggling with downloading eBooks to your Kindle or other device, we offer an introductory class Mondays at 6:30 pm. Please call to register as this is an individual, one-on-one session.

Which Craft Needlecraft Club: Stop by with your current work in progress for pointers or just to have fun with co-enthusiasts. Knitting, crochet, needlework — whatever you like to do. Saturday, February 7, and Saturday, February 21, at 10:30 am.

Technology Classes: Interested in brushing up on computer basics or just starting out with technology? We offer one-on-one instruction Tuesdays and Thursdays at 2 pm. Call the branch and schedule a session.

Hours: Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, noon to 8 pm.; Wednesday, Friday and Saturday, 10 am to 6 pm.

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Village Council Highlights Council Meeting November 10, 2014

Mayor Policastro said Assistant Fire Chief Jason Kiefer has completed his 180 day probationary period and it is recommended by Chief Hines that he be moved to Regular Full-Time Employee status. Assistant Fire Chief Kiefer was employed as a full-time Fire Fighter/Paramedic for Union township for 13 years and was also employed as a part-time Fire Fighter/Paramedic for the Village of Mariemont for 11 years before accepting the Assistant Fire Chief position. Mr. Marsland moved, seconded by Mr. Wolter to make Assistant Fire Chief Kiefer a Regular Full-Time Employee. On roll call; six ayes, no nays. Assistant Fire Chief Kiefer was congratulated by members of Council.

From Building Commissioner Hodulik: He reported building permit activity is way up from the past several years and close to double the number we did last year at this time. It may be a combination of residents upgrading their homes from an energy and efficiency standpoint. Many of the permits involve HVAC, roofing and replacement windows. There were also permits issued for the finish outs at Nolen Park. Mr. Wolter asked when the construction will begin on the new condominiums. Building Commissioner Hodulik said the market demand shows that people want larger units so the plan was redesigned for less units but with larger square footage. The builder is in the final stages of financing and he anticipates ground breaking first quarter of 2015.

Mr. Wolter moved, seconded by Mr. Miller to accept the recommendation of the Rules and Law Committee which met on Monday October 13, 2014 to discuss the need to recodify the Village Code of Ordinances. The Committee agreed to begin the process to recodify the Code of Ordinances with the cost not to exceed \$15,000. This will include having the Code available online which will reduce the cost of having paper copies. Solicitor McTigue said we need to update the code in the worst way. It has been at least 7 years and is sorely out of date. The Ohio Revised Code has changed which we reference in our Code of Ordinances particularly as it pertains to Mayor's Court cases. On roll call; six ayes, no nays.

Ordinances: "To Amend Mariemont Code Section 78, Schedule of Mariemont Code of

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Mayor:	Dan Policastro	mayordan1@gmail.com

Ordinances" had a second reading.

"To Designate Section of Cherry Lane in Front of Mariemont Community Church as a School Zone; and To Amend Mariemont Code Section 78, Schedule III, of the Mariemont Code of Ordinances" had a second reading.

Council Meeting November 24, 2014

Vice-Mayor Miller called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. The following Council members answered present to roll call: Mr. Marsland, Mr. Miller, Ms. Schwartz, Mr. Tinkham and Mr. Wolter.

From Assistant Fiscal Officer Eldridge: Fiscal Officer Borgerding said we are on target this year to end with a \$90,000 deficit which was anticipated and budgeted. We could do better than that with only \$50,000-\$70,000 as an ending deficit.

Police Chief Hines said the Ford Motor Company has indicated that if we want to order a Ford Police Interceptor, which is what we want to get, the ordering has to be done by January 9, 2015. The normal order date is in March. The purchase order and the payment will be made in 2015.

Ordinances: "To Amend Mariemont Code Section 78, Schedule of Mariemont Code of Ordinances" had a third reading. Mr. Marsland moved, seconded by Ms. Schwartz to adopt the Ordinance. On roll call; five ayes, no nays. Ordinance No. O-29-14 was adopted.

"To Designate Section of Cherry Lane in Front of Mariemont Community Church as a School Zone; and To Amend Mariemont Code Section 78, had a third reading. Mr. Tinkham moved, seconded by Mr. Wolter to adopt the Ordinance. On roll call; five ayes, no nays. Ordinance No. O-30-14 was adopted.

"To Add the Property at 4101 Rowan Hill Drive to the Village of Mariemont List of Historic Landmarks" had a first reading.

Council Meeting December 15, 2014

From Police Chief Hines: Chief Hines said for the 5th straight year the Police Department was awarded the Platinum AAA award. It is the highest award given for traffic safety. He is proud of his officers for working hard for this honor. He credited Lt. Ostendarp for overseeing the project and all the paperwork that goes along with it.

Mr. Wolter asked if House Bill 5 will move the Village into a position for central tax collection which would be a big concern. Mrs. Busam said it is not in the current bill but she believes it is likely on the horizon in the years to come. Mayor Policastro asked if the current bill has passed both the Senate and the House. Mrs. Busam said yes – it is on the way to Governor Kasich to be signed. She said there are a few things that could impact the Village but not as much as some other northern communities such as those that have zero loss carry forwards. We

The Cincinnati Waldorf School, the area's only Waldorf school, will be hosting an Open House, Saturday, February 7 from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm at their main campus at 6743 Chestnut Street. Stop by to learn how the Waldorf School inspires learning by integrating art, music and movement into a classical academic curriculum. Information at cinciwaldorf.org.

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are already at five year net loss carry forwards so it should not hurt us as much. She has not seen the final draft of the bill but feels we should be okay for the next couple of years.

From Building Commissioner Hodulik: Duke Energy/Murray Avenue Electric Utility Project. Mr. Hodulik said throughout this corridor west of Murray Avenue coming through Fairfax and past the high school Duke Energy is trying to upgrade and add power to supply this corridor for the future. The demand is close to being at capacity. They were initially talking about adding a second set of power poles and running along Murray Avenue from Plainville to approximately 6907 Murray Avenue and would stop just past the Livingood Condominium Development. Part of the plan would include removing the transformer and conduit that buzzes so much at West and Murray. Duke Energy was originally proposing to install wood poles and run the conduits off of that. Our zoning code states that if the power lines were not there prior to June 27, 1941 the power lines must be underground. Duke Energy is willing to take some of the cost upon themselves if the underground conduit is provided. A meeting was held with Duke Energy, representatives of the Village and Mr. Greiwe and it was agreed that the

proposal from Mr. Greiwe's contractor to perform the work was fair and reasonable. The proposal was dated in November and the price was good until December 14, 2014. Mr. Greiwe has indicated that the contractor extended the proposal for another 30 days so the Village Council would have time to meet, discuss and vote on approval. The shared expense is determined by the lineal footage with the Village of Mariemont paying \$11,500 and North American Properties/Mr. Greiwe paying approximately \$10,000. Mr. Wolter moved, seconded by Ms. Palazzolo to approve the expenditure from the Permanent Improvement Fund. On roll call; six ayes, no nays.

Mayor Policastro referred to Safety Committee the matter of No Parking on one side of West Street between Emery Park and Nolen Park. Mr. Tinkham asked if this has been brought up with the Condo

Association. Mayor Policastro said they should be invited to the Committee meeting.

Ordinances: "To Amend Ordinance O-21-14 of the Mariemont Code of Ordinances to Increase Payment for Employees" had a first reading.

"To Purchase a 2015 Ford Utility Police Interceptor Using the State of Ohio Purchasing Program and to Declare Emergency" had a first reading. Mr. Wolter moved, seconded by Ms. Schwartz to suspend the rules to allow for the second and third reading. On roll call; six ayes, no nays. The Ordinance had a second and third reading. Mr. Marsland moved, seconded by Mr. Miller to adopt the Ordinance. On roll call; six ayes, no nays. Mr. Tinkham moved, seconded by Ms. Schwartz to invoke the emergency. On roll call; six ayes, no nays. Ordinance No. O-31-14 was adopted.

Town Meeting - Mariemont's annual town meeting will be held Sunday, March 1 at 1:00 pm in the Mariemont Elementary Auditorium. This is our annual town meeting which allows our citizens to be part of the process of Village governance. The Mayor will give his State of the Village address and there will be information from other representatives of the Village. This year we will also nominate candidates for Mayor and Village council persons. All Mariemont residents are invited to attend.



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The Woman's Art Club of Cincinnati proudly announces its annual Signature Member Exhibition on Saturday, February 7 through Sunday, February 22 at The Barn. The opening reception will be Saturday afternoon, February 7 from 3:00 to 6:00 pm. Admission to all events is open to the public and there is no charge.

Come in from the cold and take advantage of this wonderful opportunity to view and acquire works by women who have achieved Signature status at the club. This designation is achieved through a juried process based primarily upon the caliber of the artist's portfolio of work. Decisions are based upon the consistently high exhibition of skill and vision embodied in the works.

The Gallery at the Barn will be open February 7 through February 22. Hours are 10:00 am to 2:00 pm Tuesday through Friday, and 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm on weekends. For information, please contact the club at 513-272-3700 or www.artatthebarn.org.



Fiber Arts Program Comes to Mariemont

We are pleased to announce the creation of a comprehensive Fiber Arts curriculum called FAB (Fiber Arts at the Barn), made possible by a recent grant. Classes began last month and will ultimately include knitting, crochet, sewing, doll making, quilting, introduction to weaving and felting just to name a few. Classes will be geared to all ages including an upcoming after school art program for kids. Susan Austin is the Volunteer Coordinator for the fiber arts curriculum - contact her with your suggestions for future fiber

arts courses at FabulousFibers@gmail.com.

Along with the classes, Susan is hoping to create a local fiber arts group called "Fiber Arts Collective," which will meet the third Wednesday of each month from 7-9:30 pm. The next meeting is February 18. Susan outlines her plans for this new group below:

"Do you knit, crochet, sew, quilt, do mixed media kumihimo, create with paper or make 3d mixed media fiber pieces? Do you paint on fabric? Do you hand dye your own supplies? What is your passion? This new and exciting group may be for you!

The group members will share projects, successes and failures, upcoming shows and fiber arts classes hosted at The Barn. We are hoping to not only attract people who have a passion for their particular genre of the fiber arts, but also those who want to learn a new skill." For more information, contact Susan at her email above.

Sign up now for the Annual Brettell Lecture and Party with Pissarro

Mark your calendars now for the annual Brettell Lecture at the Taft Museum of Art, presented by the Woman's Art Club of Cincinnati Foundation in partnership with the Taft Museum of Art supported in part by a grant from ArtsWave. This popular Impressionist lecture series returns April 25 at 2 pm and focuses on the Camille Pissarro masterpiece, "Apple Harvest". The lecturer is Richard R. Brettell, a world-renowned expert on Impressionism and his lecture is entitled "Pissarro's Apple Pickers: Daily Life after the Revolution". This event sold out very quickly last year. Order your tickets to the lecture by calling the Taft Museum of Art or by going to our website, www.artatthebarn.org and entering Brettell Lecture into the Search box.

A welcome reception for Dr. Brettell will be held Friday evening, April 24 from 6:30 to 9:30



pm at The Barn. Save the Date to "Party with Pissarro" and meet the most entertaining Dr. Brettell. Tickets will be available very soon! Keep watching our website for more information.



Welcome New Trustee, Rick Koehler

The Board of Directors of the Barn is very pleased to announce that Rick Koehler has accepted our invitation to join the Board. Rick is currently the CEO and Chief Strategic Officer at Architects Plus, a full service architectural and design firm he opened in 1979. He is also an accomplished artist, whose love of plein air impressionistic oil painting was on display at his recent show at The Barn. He is a Signature Member of the Cincinnati Art Club as well as the Ohio Plein Air Society. Welcome Rick!

Coming for Kids....

**Mariemont Preservation Presents...
Theory of Mind, by Ken La Zebrik
A Playhouse in the Park "Off the Hill"
Production**

On Friday, Feb. 20, The Barn is sponsoring

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WOMAN'S ART CLUB CULTURAL CENTER

Playhouse in the Park "Off the Hill" play "Theory of Mind" at 7pm. There is no charge for the event, although a donation would be appreciated and registration is required. This play is recommended for ages 11 and up.

Falling in love is never easy, but it's more complicated for Bill, a teenager who happens to live on the autism spectrum. The play follows his first date with a young woman unsure of her own reasons for romance, exploring the challenges of a young man who wants desperately to love someone but struggles with the social skills needed to achieve a rewarding relationship. Originally commissioned and produced by The Playhouse during the 2008-09 season, Theory of Mind is a revealing look at the experiences of a young person with disabilities while, at the same time, a sensitive, unsentimental portrait of young love that will resonate with all teens coming to terms with the difficulties of communicating and knowing one's self.

The Autism Society of Greater Cincinnati is



a proud partner of this production.

Mariemont Preservation Presents... Bi-Okoto Drumming Workshop

On Saturday, February 21 at 10:30 am, bring the whole family to a hands-on West African drumming workshop. Bi-Okoto is a professional African dance company, known nationally and internationally for its innovative programming aiming to preserve, promote and share the rich cultural heritage of Africa and Africans using drums, music, dance, languages and other arts. The company has earned praise for being the only outstanding authentic African Dance Company in the tri-state.

In this workshop a member of Bi-Okoto will teach everyone a song, dance, various greetings and some West African music rhythms they will be able to perform.

From pre-school to adult, you will love

this Traditional/Contemporary West African Movement and Music show.



Classes at The Barn

Beat the winter doldrums and sign up for some of these fun classes at The Barn.

FELT A VALENTINE PIN

Wednesday, February 4 7-9:30 pm OR
Sunday, February 8 from 2-4:30 pm

Make a felted pin with zipper enhancement, either a heart or design of your own. You will learn use and care of a felting needle and references for future use. A pin in the shape of a heart will be demonstrated, although students are free to create their own shape. The instructor will supply a basic materials kit. Students should bring a sewing needle and neutral thread, sharp scissors, and a pen & notebook. One session is all you need to create a small piece of felted art. For ages 13 and up. Fee: \$20.00 to the instructor, Susan Austin. To register: Email Susan at FabulousFibers2015@gmail.com.



DRAWING FREELY – EXPRESSION AND GESTURE

Fri. Feb. 6 through March 6 9:00-11:30 am

Join teacher and artist Carol Shikany in this new class that will teach students to apply media in a manner that captures the "motion" or attitude of the subject. The student will take a gestural drawing and explore ways to develop it into a more complete work. Carol has been producing gestural drawings of the symphony conductors at Music Hall for more than 20 years. She is a Signature Member of both the Woman's Art Club and the Cincinnati Art Club. Register with Carol Shikany at cshikany@me.com or call 513-703-3265. \$100 for 5 classes or \$25 per drop-in class.

Floral Arrangement Workshops

Nicky Bade returns to the Barn this February with some new classes for you! To register and prepay, contact Nicky Bade at 321-5278 or email nickybade@fuse.net.

VALENTINE FLORAL WORKSHOP

Monday, February 9 from 3 – 4:30 pm

Kick away the winter blues – brighten your home with a floral Valentine creation – the perfect thing to perk up your surroundings and to say "Happy Valentine's Day" to your favorite Valentine. Fee: \$65, all materials included.

FLOWER ARRANGING FOR EVERYONE

Wed Feb. 18 & 25, 10am – 11:30am

Come and learn the basics and some of the tricks of successful flower arranging in this two-session class. The first session will be an introduction and demonstration, and the second session is a hands-on workshop, where you will create your own lovely arrangements using principles taught in the demonstration class. Fee: \$100, all materials included.

PORTRAIT PAINTING IN THE METHOD OF THE MASTERS

Monday evenings, 6-8:30 pm

February 2 – March. 2

Come learn the timeless art of portrait painting with Emma Teller, three-year apprentice to Carl Samson and local Cincinnati artist. Begin by learning to draw a portrait from a photo reference, using a systematic, step-by-step method employed by many of today's professional portraitists. Then, learn how to transfer these same drawing principles into paint and transform your drawing into a beautiful painting in oil paints. Classes will include discussions on the role of the portrait in society,

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discussions on the role of the portrait in society, and a look at history's greatest portrait artists, their guiding principles and unique and personal methods. No prior experience necessary. Fee: \$165. For more information or to register for the class please contact Emma Teller at erteller@gmail.com or 513-368-1178.



WEAVE A SCARF IN A DAY ON A RIGID HEDDLE LOOM

Monday, February 23, 9 am to 3:30 pm

Have you always wanted to learn to weave but were intimidated by the cost and learning curve? No place to keep a large loom? Rigid Heddle weaving is a great way to start weaving. Rigid Heddle looms are small, portable, easy to use and don't require a large investment. You can use easy-to-find knitting yarns instead of specialty weaving yarns. In this class, the students will learn the techniques required to easily warp a Rigid Heddle Loom and make a balanced weave scarf in a day with self-patterning yarn. Fee: \$75 includes all materials.

To register and pay, contact teacher Nancy Neimeyer at www.measuredthread.com/registration or contact Nancy at measuredthreads@gmail.com or 513-341-5648

SEWING CLASSES FOR CHILDREN AND ADULTS

Watch for new sewing classes coming to the Barn in March and you may be creating a new outfit for spring! More info will be coming to the Barn website soon.

Presenting our new website

The Barn has a new website and it makes learning about all the programming at the Woman's Art Club and the Barn so much easier to find. On the home page you will find all the current offerings and upcoming events. For more info on classes, use the handy "Search" tool in upper right corner of the page. You can search for a subject (say, watercolors, or knitting or yoga) or for a specific teacher and then simply click on the results for information about a particular class. Let us know what you think!

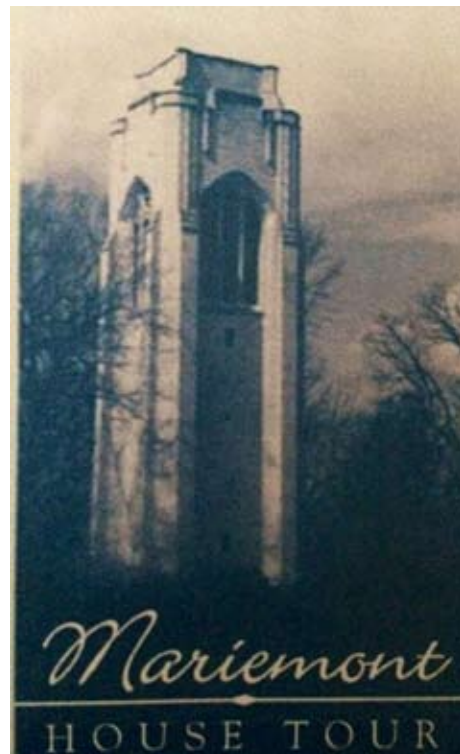
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Mariemont House Tour 2015

Kindervelt 54 is pleased to announce Mariemont House Tour 2015! It has been about ten years since Kindervelt has sponsored this event and Kindervelt members (current, sustaining, previous and new) are all looking forward to bringing back this terrific tradition!

Sponsors of the event include local businesses, retail shops, realtors, builders and craftsmen. Thank you to the businesses who have supported the House Tour in the past and we would like to thank you in advance for seeing the value of House Tour 2015. It is always fun to see the beautiful work of different craftsmen and artisans who are proud to have their names associated with the homes in House Tour 2015.

This event is enjoyed by many. Although well-attended by 'locals', the House Tour also showcases the special Village of Mariemont to the rest of Cincinnati. We are hoping for a beautiful and sunny day in the Village! All proceeds benefit Cincinnati Childrens Hospital, specifically The Heart Institute/



Neurodevelopmental Clinic.

Look for the Mariemont House Tour 2015 in late spring! Contact Maria, kindervelt54@gmail.com, with comments, questions or a desire for involvement.

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SCHOOLS

"Hidden In Plain Sight" Returns To Mariemont City School District

Due to the popularity of the 2014 program, "Hidden in Plain Sight," the program will return to the Mariemont City School District and will be sponsored again by the Warrior Coalition. The adult-only presentation will be held on Wednesday, February 25 at 7:00 pm at Mariemont Elementary auditorium. "Hidden in Plain Sight" is an interactive exhibit presented by the Bath Township and Copley, Ohio police departments. The exhibit is designed to replicate a teenager's bedroom and highlight where and how youth can hide evidence of risky behaviors. From hidden compartments in seemingly normal beverage cans and bottles to everyday devices that can be turned into pipes and other drug paraphernalia you will be amazed at how creative today's youth can be at concealing these items. More than 150 objects will be on display. Adults are encouraged to tour the exhibit to see firsthand the telltale signs of behaviors such as substance

abuse, eating disorders, and sexual activity. "Hidden in Plain Sight" is endorsed by the Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America.

Last year over 90 adults attended the program and due to popular demand the Warrior Coalition has decided to bring this exhibit back to the district. So mark your calendars for February 25 at 7:00 pm. If you missed last year's presentation, this is your chance to educate yourself about risky teenage behaviors and to

protect your children. See you there!

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



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HOME PRICES EXPECTED TO EDGE UP IN 2015

Dear Neighbor,

Our village continues to see home sales increasing and home prices continue to rise. Despite increasing fewer homes on the market and low interest rates continue to attract buyers.

If you need real estate assistance, please call me. Even if you are just curious, I can provide you with a current market analysis of your home, updates on prices in the area, and current mortgage rates. There's always something interesting to discuss in the real estate business!

I would like to thank all of my friends who have made my real estate career so exciting. Your support means so much to me. God bless all of you in the New Year.



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2014 The Year in Review in our Village

Number of single family homes sold	62
Total \$ amount	\$24,000,000
Average Sale Price	\$371,000
Days on Market	56 Days
List Price to Sell Price	99%

Cost Breakdown 2007 - 2014

	Homes Sold							
Price	'07	'08	'09	'10	'11	'12	'13	'14
\$000-\$200k	14	12	11	25	8	11	11	11
\$200k-\$300k	12	19	12	26	13	22	26	17
\$300k-\$400k	11	10	7	20	11	15	25	15
\$400k-\$500k	9	5	5	5	4	5	9	8
\$500k-\$600k	9	7	6	7	4	7	5	4
Over \$600k	5	5	6	6	3	5	12	9
Total \$ (\$ in millions)	\$21.7	\$18.3	\$16.6	\$20.1	\$14.3	\$20.5	\$28	\$29
# of homes sold	60	58	47	55	43	61	76	62
Average sale price	\$362k	\$316k	\$354k	\$365k	\$330k	\$337k	\$366k	\$371k

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