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Kindervelt Presents House Tour 2015

You won't want to miss our 2015 House Tour on June 7 from 1 pm to 5 pm! You can tour five distinct Mariemont homes that have incorporated modern conveniences while preserving the original Village character and charm. The Barn hosts a wine and cheese reception from 3 to 5 pm. Tickets are \$25 in advance and \$30 the day of the event.

Three retail shops in the Village have graciously offered to sell tickets for cash or check. Stop by Lolli's, Pomegranate & Lime, or Sara Benjamin's. Visit Kindervelt.org to purchase tickets online. Kindervelt members

will be available the day of the event at each of the homes to sell tickets (cash, check or credit). For more information, contact Karri at KinderveltHouseTour@gmail.com.

Without further delay...we would like to present the beautiful homes featured in House Tour 2015

The Waltz House *6805 Hammerstone Way*

This was the house selected to be used in the movie "Milk Money", produced in 1994 and starring Melanie Griffith and Ed

Harris. But the history goes back much further for this 78 year old home. Former owners were member of the Taft family, and they left behind artifacts in the attic that were donated and are now on display at the Taft Museum. Today the home carries the same appeal with a few extras! The gourmet kitchen, outstanding family room / master suite addition and the flagstone patio nestled in the English garden are some of the features that make it the stunning home it is today.

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6805 Hammerstone Way

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Not Just Another 5k

No, this is the 24th annual Mariemont Memorial Day Weekend 5K Run/Walk! The inaugural race was held on Memorial Day in 1991, one of the many events organized to celebrate the 50th anniversary of Mariemont's incorporation as a Village. This year's event will take place on Sunday, May 24 at 9 am. Although the course and day of the race have changed, the community and family spirit that make it rewarding continue (not to mention the bragging rights that come with smoking your neighbor!) The registration flyer included in this issue of the *Town Crier* has all the additional information you'll need.

New this year...gift certificates for the winners donated by Tri-State Running Company, and a new logo on t-shirts and letterhead designed by MHS art student Aurora Anderson! We're also looking for a few volunteers to direct runners along

the course – must be at least 15 years old, and it's a great way to earn community service hours! For more information or to volunteer please contact co-chairs Laura Karnes (lkarnes@me.com) or Linda Bartlett (bartlettfive@gmail.com).

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SCHOOLS

Hats Off!

Invention Convention

Congratulations to the Mariemont Elementary students who participated in the 2015 Southwest Ohio Invention Convention regional competition at the Cincinnati Museum Center. Ally Scheeser, Dylan Halloran, Jimmy Sauter, Lexi Jones, Megan Pidcock, Abby Scheeser, Daniela DeCamp, Andrew Glassmeyer, Claire Soller, Benny Mitchell and Eleanor Disper worked to create inventions for this year's competition.

With about 170 participants in the contest, our Mariemont Elementary students walked away with three of the possible 15 awards for 6th grade participants. Lexi and Jimmy captured a "superior" rating for their "GTO" project, which focuses on recapturing oil from everyday products. They were also awarded the 2nd place "Outside the Bean" prize given by the Ohio Soybean Council Foundation for projects relating to the environment. Ally Scheeser and Dylan Halloran were recognized with the 3rd place award from the Ohio Soybean Council. Benny Mitchell received a "superior" rating for his "Sid the Kid" project.

"Thank you to all the parents who supported the kids and helped provide materials, tools, work spaces and transportation," said Sheryl Melvin, Mariemont Elementary teacher and Invention Convention teacher mentor. "Our streak continues - students from Mariemont Elementary have been awarded major recognitions in each of the four years

they have attended the regional finals. I am so proud of all of these Warrior students!"

Power of the Pen

The Mariemont Junior High School 7th and 8th grade Power of the Pen teams competed in the regional Power of the Pen tournament against 44 other schools, totalling 256 writers, and both teams took 4th place.

For the sweepstakes (7th and 8th combined scores), our teams placed 3rd place out of 44 schools! Students received individual awards, too. In 7th grade, Sarah Werdmann received 6th place. In 8th grade, Amelia Popowics received the first place award and Katie Copetas received 12th place.

These students qualify for the state competition at Wooster College in May.



Back row: Ally Scheeser, Dylan Halloran, Jimmy Sauter, Lexi Jones, Megan Pidcock, Abby Scheeser Front: Daniela DeCamp, Andrew Glassmeyer, Claire Soller, Benny Mitchell, Eleanor Disper



Back row: Kendall Dewey, Jillian Teeters, Erin Kelly, Lexie Wood, Elise Mason, Catherine Geary, Anna Scheeser. Front row: Ashley Grimmer, Mrs. Leslie Jordan, Sarah Werdmann, Amelia Popowics, Katie Copetas, Elizabeth Elin, Mrs. Erica Eppert.



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House Tour (cont'd from page 1)



4004 Lytle Woods Place

The Bischoff House 4004 Lytle Woods Place

Pure Michigan! From the bluestone walkway to the backyard waterfall, you feel like you are summering in Leland. This light-filled home exudes comfort and casual inside and out. Enjoy the beautiful views from the front porch and from any of the many windows that were added in the renovation. The design inspiration for the kitchen started with Petoskey stones and a birch lamp. Where it went from there is absolutely stunning! So many thoughtful and unique details make this a truly special home.



6501 Mariemont Ave.

The Dershaw House 6501 Mariemont Avenue

Welcome to The Front Porch! What a great place to unwind with family and friends after a long day. It provides privacy with a spectacular view that can't be found anywhere else in the village. For those of you who are regular village loop walkers, you have watched the recent transformation of this home. The newly added master suite has the feeling of a tree house with its eleven foot vaulted ceiling. And the expanded family room is full of light from front to back. Don't miss this wonderful home!



6811 Mariemont Ave.

The Bult House 6811 Mt. Vernon Avenue

All the features of a new home right here in our Village! From the two-story foyer to the fireplace on the covered back porch, this home has been thoughtfully renovated. The custom details, open floor plan and high ceilings are wonderful, but the functionality also shines through. Great care was taken in the selections for the gourmet kitchen, four bathrooms, second floor laundry, and mud room. And even after the spacious addition, there is a large backyard that has been beautifully landscaped.



3900 West Street Unit 103

The Peter-Sibcy House 3900 West Street Unit 103

This "baby boomer's heavenly nest" is a home you do not want to miss! Walk into 3200 square feet of sunshine pouring through windows all around. If that is not enough sunshine, enjoy one of the three porches! If it is cloudy, enjoy one of the two fireplaces! Every exterior and interior detail is meticulous and specific to each of the homeowners in the building creating a cluster of unique homes. The Peter-Sibcy family moved into their brand new beautifully appointed and decorated home last summer.



6980 Cambridge Ave.

The Barn 6980 Cambridge Avenue

The Kindervelt House Tour wine and cheese reception will be held at The Barn from 3 to 5 pm. We are very excited to include this Village gem in the event. The 'Resthaven' Barn was constructed in 1924 as part of a planned retirement community for former Emery Industries employees. Mary Emery's death, followed by the Great Depression, prevented the completion of the entire plan. During the 1930's, the Lindner Quality Milk Co. leased the dairy. The Cottage was the creamery, where milk from farmers in the Goshen and Milford areas was processed. The Lindner family eventually relocated to Norwood and founded United Dairy Farmers (UDF). See the November 2011 edition of the Mariemont *Town Crier* (mariemont.com) for Bob Lindner's reminiscences about the Barn.

This is the tenth House Tour the group has sponsored and is the largest fundraiser of the year. All proceeds will benefit Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center - The Heart Institute and Kindervelt Neurodevelopmental & Educational Clinic.

Mariemont Players Announce 2015-2016 Season

Six Dance Lessons in Six Weeks

A Comedy/Drama by Richard Alfieri
September 11-27, 2015

Lilly, the aging wife of a Southern Baptist minister, takes a dance lesson every week from Michael, a sarcastic, much younger, instructor. What starts as a battle gradually becomes something quite different.

Christmas Belles

A Comedy by Jamie Wooten, Jessie Jones and Nicholas Hope
November 6-22, 2015

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Radium Girls

A Drama by D W Gregory
January 8-24, 2016

Inspired by a true story, Radium Girls tells of the girls who painted radium numerals on watches to make them glow in the dark at a time when few realized how dangerous radioactivity could be. Written with warmth and humor, Radium Girls has been hailed by critics as a powerful and engrossing play.

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A Comedy by Noel Coward
March 4-20, 2016

Unconventional, risqué, and often downright rude, the Blissés are everything an upper-crust English family should not be. This is made abundantly clear when each family member invites a guest for the weekend. Alliances form, affairs begin, and formality is thrown to the wind. Noel Coward's perfect comedy will send you home laughing.

Who Am I This Time?

A Comedy by Aaron Posner, adapted from stories by Kurt Vonnegut
May 6-22, 2016

Three comic masterpieces by Kurt Vonnegut are sewn together into a seamless evening of love (pure and complicated), hilarity and humanity. This is a smart delightful comedy for the whole family.

The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (Abridged)

A Comedy by Adam Long, Daniel Singer and Jess Winfield
July 8-24, 2016

Fast paced, witty and physical, this play is full of laughter for Shakespeare lovers and haters alike. It's a Shakespearian mix of pratfalls, clunky female impersonators, clean-cut ribaldry, and broad burlesque. Expect a delightful evening brushing up on your Shakespeare.

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Tennis Season Swings into Gear

As the quote at the right shows, some things never change! All Mariemont residents are invited to join the Mariemont Tennis Association in order to reap the benefits your local courts provide.

Director of Tennis Dave Russell is ready to help you improve your game with his years of experience and plenty of patience. Reserve your spot on his schedule by contacting him at 859-512-4041 or mmdrussell@hotmail.com.

Our adult men hit the courts on Saturday mornings (time varies with temperature and daylight) for rousing doubles play. Don Slavik at siesta4us@fuse.net can add you to the email distribution list if you're interested.

Thursday morning practice for the ladies' doubles team tennis will begin

shortly, with matches on Friday mornings in June and July. We'd love to have enough players for 'A' and 'B' teams...contact Linda Bartlett at bartlettfive@gmail.com for more information.

The annual "Memorial Day Tennis Games" will begin at 10:30 after the parade. Dave will lead the fun-filled event in a round-robin format, culminating in prizes awarded in several offbeat categories. Players of all skill levels are encouraged to join us, and beverages and snacks will be provided. You do not have to be a member to participate.

Go to the Recreation tab on **Mariemont.com** for a more complete listing of current programming & membership information. Don't see what you want? Dave will be happy to work with you to provide additional

"Spring is here – life will soon begin at the Tennis Club. That means that you can stay out doors longer, get loads of exercise, see your friends, challenge them to matches, take part in tournaments."
Mariemont Messenger, May 3, 1940

lessons, clinics and drills as warranted by interest level. All ages and abilities welcome!

Purchase your membership online or download the form and submit payment to the Village Office. Hurry...Rates go up after Memorial Day!

Baseball Flies into a New Season

On April 12, Mariemont Baseball held its Annual Opening Day event at Kusel Stadium. This year's opening day event was extra special because a helicopter came to the stadium to deliver the "game balls." After the aerial excitement, there was a meet-and-

greet with Reds and Fox Sports broadcaster Thom Brennaman.

The Varsity, JV and youth Knothole players from Mariemont, Terrace Park, and Fairfax came together to celebrate the start of a new season. Varsity Head Coach Joe

Regruth introduced his 2015 team to the community and each knothole player from T-Ball to Jr High was introduced by Athletic Director Tom Nerl.



MHS baseball players participate in opening day ceremonies.



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Behind the Storefront - Mariemont Inn

BY MATT CRAWFORD

At the center of Mariemont's Town Square and well-known by all who live in and visit our village sits the Mariemont Inn. The three-story, half-timbered and brick Inn currently boasts 45 total guest rooms and two meeting spaces. The building also includes the popular National Exemplar restaurant and bar and Southerby's Pub. All who pass by or visit here will notice the Tudor style that anchors and reflects the style prevalent in the surrounding buildings throughout Mariemont. The story of how the Inn came into existence and how it became our beloved landmark is less well known but equally as intriguing.

The Mariemont Inn was designed by local Cincinnati architects, Zettle and Rapp, and was originally intended to be much larger. The visionaries who created Mariemont originally designed it as a multi-use facility, with the hotel only one part. Construction on the Inn began in April, 1925 and was completed in early 1926. The building opened in 1926 when The Mariemont Company moved its offices into the building, but the Inn didn't open to the public as a hotel until April, 1929. The

formal opening was marked by roses being dropped from an airplane flying overhead on April 13, 1929.

The entire structure was originally designed to be much larger than it stands today, with the Mariemont Inn as the centerpiece, and wings, in the shape of a V and consisting of shops, restaurants and other businesses, stretching down both Wooster Pike and Madisonville Road. The wings were originally intended to be twice as long as they stand today, but were never fully finished. The design adjustment reasons are unclear, but Mary Emery's death in 1927 and the stock market crash of 1929 are both believed to be contributing factors to the design changes and the delay in the hotel's opening. There is a picture on the following page of the original design which you'll notice is much larger than the actual structure that exists today.

Up Madisonville Road from the Inn, near West Street, stood a large double-deck Garage to serve both the Inn's guests and to act as a general service station for the town. The garage structure was eventually replaced by the current Executive Building and plenty of extra parking space.

Behind the Inn and between the two wings was once an attractively landscaped, sunken English garden known as the Summer Garden. Visitors to The Summer Garden on weekend evenings were treated to outdoor movies and music by local orchestras with a covered, elevated dance floor in the middle. During the winter, the dance floor was transformed into an ice-skating rink. As the Inn and the Village of Mariemont grew in popularity, more parking was necessary, so the Summer Garden became a parking lot.

The Inn was owned and operated by the Mariemont Company from 1929 until 1945 when it was sold to Lawrence Jones of Philadelphia for \$125,000. In 1962 the Jones estate sold the property to the current owners, Spinnenweber Builders.

When the Inn first opened, the hotel had 58 guest rooms. With the intent of modernizing the hotel and allowing for contemporary conveniences that are expected by today's hotel guests and business travelers, Spinnenweber Builders commissioned a multi-year, multi-million

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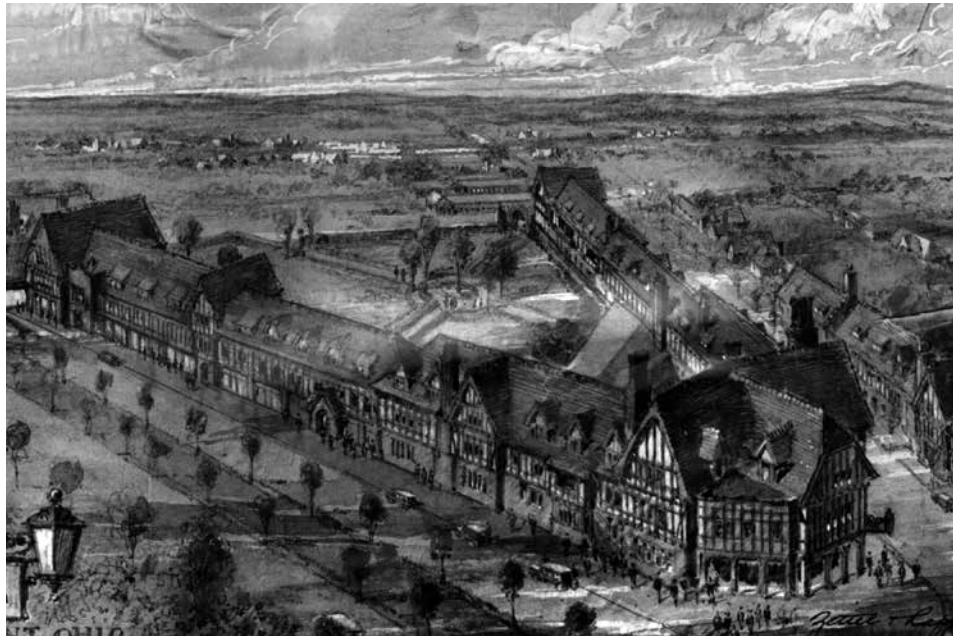
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dollar renovation to the hotel, which began in 2006 and completed in 2009. The exterior and public areas remain largely unchanged while the guestrooms were expanded in order to allow for larger, more comfortable rooms. The ambiance, feel and luxury originate in the entrance and lobby of the hotel and flow throughout the building and up to each guest room. Each room is adorned with charming furnishings and the latest luxury amenities, including refrigerators built into the wall and televisions hidden behind roll-up tapestries which depict a scene from Mariemont. The renovation was lengthy because care was taken to properly plan and design the renovation to maintain the historical significance and character of the building while modernizing the hotel to rival contemporary luxury hotels. The remodel transformed it from a 1920's luxury hotel to a modern-day hotel. While maintaining the historical significance and charm of the hotel wasn't always the cheapest or easiest route, Spinnenweber felt it was the right approach.

The Mariemont Inn was originally built



The Mariemont Inn as originally designed and planned to be built in 1925

to be a focal point of the Village, a gathering place for the community and the anchor of the Village Square. Those sentiments remain

the same today, some 86 years later.

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Movers & Shakers: Wednesdays at 10:30 am. Bring the little ones 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, May 28 at 4 pm. Ages 5-10.

Teens

Maker Monday: Create something new using gadgets, tools, art supplies — even food! Ages 10-16. Monday, May 18, at 4:30 pm.

Adults

Book Club: *The Good Luck of Right Now* by Matthew Quick will be discussed Thursday, May 28, at 6:45 pm. Copies are available at the branch.

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, May 2 and May 16, at 10:30 am.

Mariemont Branch Library is closed Monday, May 25, for Memorial Day.

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Spotlight on Over-the-Rhine

BY DELTA CRABTREE

This article was inspired by two new Mariemont residents featured this month. One family moved to Mariemont after living in Downtown Cincinnati, and the



other relocated from Chicago for an amazing career opportunity at a company based in Over-the-Rhine (OTR).

In my twenty-five years (and counting) of living in Greater

Cincinnati, many amazing things have happened in the city, particularly in the gem that is OTR. Over-the-Rhine is an urban treasure. It is home to such fine arts jewels as the Cincinnati Symphony, Music Hall, the Cincinnati Opera, the Cincinnati Ballet, School for Creative and Performing Arts, Know Theatre, New Stage Collective and Ensemble Theatre.

In addition to the arts, it is also where you can find Cincinnati's oldest public market, Findlay Market. Findlay Market is full of wonderful vendors stocked with amazing wares. I particularly love the meat and specialty cheese vendors; Eckerlin Meats and Silverglades are both family businesses that go

back several generations and are worth a visit. Many of the areas' social and cultural events are centered in and around Washington Park. Washington Park was founded in 1878. I believe the resurgence of this historic district positively affects the desirability of our village, in that you can choose to live in scenic, tree-lined Mariemont and yet be a

New Neighbor News

mere 20 minutes away from everything the city and particularly OTR has to offer.

Our first new neighbor is a part of the exciting business revitalization going on in OTR. Please join me in welcoming Dan and Jennifer Bryant and their son Riley to Mariemont. They purchased the home at 6986 Grace Avenue. Prior to their move to Cincinnati, Dan had been collaborating professionally with Lightborne Communications based in Over-the-Rhine. His first project with them was as Executive Producer of the tour visuals for Katy Perry's Super Bowl halftime performance. I encourage you to take a moment to look at their website <http://lightborne.com/work/project/tour-visuals-montage>. What a talented and innovative group must be assembled there to have such an impressive list of clients and accomplishments!

At the moment, Jen is enjoying being at home with Riley. After three years of frigid cold in Chicago, our Cincinnati winter seemed mild by comparison and our spring warmth is even more welcome. Jen shared a quote from "Annie" – "I think we're gonna like it here!" Well, your Mariemont neighbors definitely are happy you are here!

Next, I would like to warmly welcome David Hein, Meredith Dille and their dog Ruthie. They moved from Texas after they both got out of the Air Force. They first lived in Downtown Cincinnati before buying their home at 3855 Homewood Road. They love to run and walk with Ruthie and look forward to meeting many of their neighbors that way. They are already very thankful for the warm welcome they have received from many of their new neighbors.

I would also like to mention the McGuire family. Ryan and Heather and their children, Emma – twelve years old and a sixth grader at Mariemont Elementary, and Kate – nine years old and a third grader also at the elementary school; and their five-year-old dog Lucca. The McGuires lived on Homewood Road and recently moved to the opposite side of the Village at 3912 Pocahontas Avenue. I'm sure your neighbors on Homewood will miss you, but you did not go too far and your Pocahontas neighbors are delighted to welcome you to your new home!

This is my last column before our summer break, but I encourage you to be in touch if you are new to Mariemont and have not yet been featured in the Town Crier. It is never too late! I can be reached via email at dcrabtree@comey.com or my cell 513-304-4719. I am also always happy to greet you in person at our neighborhood Comey & Shepherd office.



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For Whom the Bell Tolls

BY ELIZABETH MILLER WOOD

If you happened to hear a shaky rendition of “Amazing Grace” coming from the Dogwood Park bell tower a few Saturdays back, don’t be alarmed. That was me. And you can thank Richard Gegner, one of two carillonneurs for the Mary M. Emery Memory Carillon, for graciously letting me put my rusty piano skills to the test on the 86-year-old landmark.

Pulling those wooden levers was one of the many highlights on my tour of the 49-bell carillon, which included access to the keyboard room, the bell chamber, and the open-air observation deck. It was the perfect choice for this second edition of my Mariemont bucket-list column.

The tour started with a ride up the rickety 80-year-old elevator. Perhaps sensing my trepidation, Richard swiftly assured me it had just been serviced and had never gotten stuck. We made it to the top without a hitch and promptly began my crash course on all-things-carillon. Having played these bells faithfully since 1967, Richard was the perfect guide.

I quickly learned ours is one of just 180 “true” carillons in North America, meaning it’s played manually and not electronically. (Though, our carillon does have an automatic mode for evening vesper hymns.) It was gifted by Miss Isabella F. Hopkins in memory of her sister Mary Emery, who founded the Village of Mariemont, and is maintained today by the Thomas J. Emery Memorial.

The Memorial requires some stipulations for operation, one being that a live concert must be played every Sunday, every major holiday, and annually on May 21, the date Charles Lindberg completed his historical

flight across the Atlantic Ocean. By “live concert” I mean that a living, breathing human being travels to the top of that tower every week, and sometimes more, to play those bells for our Village. I’m ashamed

New Kid on the Block

to admit I had assumed all those concerts were recorded! So, now, I’m all the more impressed at the commitment of our carillonneurs. Several times a year, they even perform duets.

Sunday concerts last 45 to 60 minutes and include anything from hymns and classical music to Americana favorites and Broadway tunes. (I’m officially requesting “Popular” from Wicked, for the record.) In another nod to tradition, every concert begins with the Doxology. When asked to name his favorite composer, Richard chuckled and said they’re all his favorite.

The bells themselves were a vision of beauty, ranging from a delicate 19 pounds to a whopping 4,800 pounds—more than twice the weight of the Liberty Bell. Made

of 80 percent copper and 20 percent tin, the bells were imported in two batches: the first 23 coming from England in 1929 and the remaining 26 coming from Holland in 1969. Don’t ask me how they got them up there; I’m just glad I didn’t have to help.

In 2008, the carillon underwent a massive \$230,000 renovation, upgrading it from “Jeep” status to “Mercedes” status, according to Richard. The new digs even have a practice keyboard for when the carillonneurs are learning new tunes—and, yes, even after nearly 50 years of carillon service, Richard says he’s still learning new pieces all the time.

There’s so much more I could tell you about this exceptional piece of history, but I wouldn’t want to spoil your tour...because surely you want to take one after reading this, right? Tours are free and open to the public after every Sunday concert, as well as by appointment by calling Mr. Gegner at 513-271-8519. Tell him Elizabeth sent you.

Have a suggestion for my next Mariemont adventure column? Drop me a line at elizabethmillerwood@gmail.com.



Elizabeth Wood tries her hand at playing the carillon bells.

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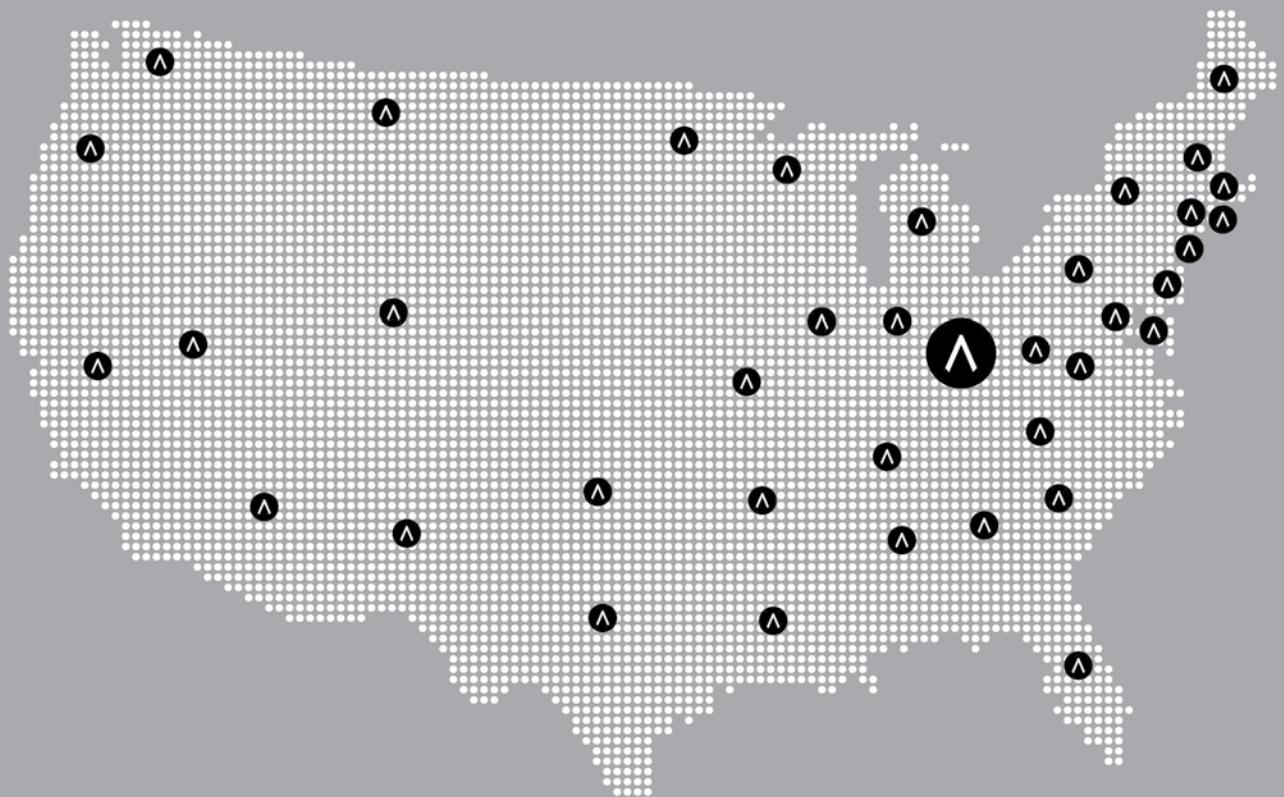
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Daddy/Daughter Dance at Mariemont Elementary

The energy in the room was electrifying! Many lucky young ladies with supportive families, all having a great time. Ken Wilson of Soundwave DJ Services, now in his 6th year of providing music at this event, got the dancing started with "Uptown Funk" and "It's All About That Bass."

A special thanks to the wonderful volunteers who set up the punch fountain and other decadent refreshments to the surprise and delight of many excited little girls!



Mark was the proud date of his beautiful daughter Rose Kipperman



Left to right: Amanda Lewis, Sydney Seeger, Chloe Reavill, Sophie Borgerding, Kate McIntosh and Katarina Dekamp



Some of the early arrivals at the Daddy/Daughter dance from left to right: David and Daphne Hayes; Steven Jeray and Hadley; Paul Iannello with Sophia and Elizabeth; Grandfather, Jeff Grigsby, with Lily Reeves, Ross Adams with Isabella Parlier, John Lawson with Madisyn and Makenna; Steve Giordullo with Myah; Alex Mayo and Ilyana; Jayson Clay with Jamison and Bailey; Thomas Lang and Kaitlyn; Jon Meaoe and Haley; and Eric Nevius with Kayla.

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Coalition Corner:

Recognizing Pathways to Addiction

Addiction is a brain disorder defined as “compulsive, ongoing, irresponsible use of a substance (or behavior) leading to significant and increasing negative consequences” and can be unleashed by patterned use of mood-altering substances during the teenage years. It is at this time that the brain - not yet fully formed - is profoundly prone to addiction: just add chemicals. The adolescent brain changes as a direct result. Unfortunately, teenagers are incapable of properly assessing risk and are inclined to overestimate reward. Ergo, teenagers are inclined to use - for example, marijuana - at an alarming rate.

Those teenagers whose parents/guardians do not endorse the use of mood-altering substances must find methods of use that are designed to go unnoticed. Market forces have responded to the teenager’s plight by creating “vaporizers”, electronic cigarettes” and “edibles”. “Vapes” are

battery operated devices that heat the marijuana, not enough for ignition, but enough to vaporize the active ingredient in marijuana. The result is a vapor containing highly concentrated amounts of THC....without the “Hey, kids, I smell marijuana” smoke. They

e-cigarettes are used to ingest nicotine, but our teenagers use them to “get high”, too. These are available wherever cigarettes are sold. Edibles are simply candies and food that are infused with marijuana and/or its active ingredient, THC.

To get a greater grip on this topic, just google “vape marijuana”, or something similar, and bear witness to what is relatively new in teenage drug use: greater secrecy....with all the accompanying risks and consequences: short-term and long-term.

“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 to make healthy choices.”

*Warrior Coalition Community Meeting
Monday, May 11 at 7:30 p.m.
RG Cribbet Recreation Center (Fairfax)
5903 Hawthorne Avenue*



are readily concealable, and they come in all shapes and sizes. Some appear to be Zippo lighters or ordinary flasks. By now, most people have seen an e-cigarette in operation...and they are odorless...regardless of what is being ingested. E-cigarettes operate using the same principles. However, a marijuana derivative can be used instead of nicotine or actual marijuana. Undoubtedly,



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Kiwanis Club Celebrates Historic Milestones

2015 marks a significant pair of milestones for the Kiwanis Club of Mariemont. While the Kiwanis International organization celebrated its 100th anniversary this past January, the local Kiwanis Club of Mariemont will embark on its golden anniversary this fall.

"Kiwanis International began its mission of serving the children of the world a century ago," said David Peterson, local club president, "and we're even more excited to continue our service to the surrounding communities, particularly the students of the Mariemont School District."

While the Kiwanis Club of Mariemont was chartered fifty years ago, the group's largest impact began near the turn of the century. "The club has a long history of service to the Mariemont area, but since the late 90s, we're hyper-focused on raising as much money as possible for student scholarships." With nearly \$200,000 raised since 1998, Kiwanis has impacted the lives of more than 60 local

students, many of whom received scholarships beyond their freshman year.

"It's just great to have the opportunity



to invest in the lives of our students," says Peterson, "but we couldn't do any of it without our great members and the area residents who support our fundraisers." Each year, the Kiwanis Club puts on three main events: a Spring Golf Outing in early May, the annual Art & Craft Fair the weekend after Labor Day, and their Holiday Nut Sale. And to celebrate their golden anniversary, the Kiwanis Club is building a float to highlight all of the community service groups in the area. "We know there are still a lot of people in the

community that don't know what the Kiwanis Club does, but I'm pretty sure this will get their attention."

As for why the club has had so much success to date, Peterson credits the commitment of its members. "We just have a lot of hardworking, dedicated people willing to give their time and energy year after year to make these events as great as they are, and the schools are a tremendous partner in our success. Everyone just wants to make our community a better place to live and work and go to school, and I look forward to seeing what we can do over the next fifty years."

The Kiwanis Club of Mariemont meets every Tuesday morning at 7:45 am in the Mariemont Elementary school cafeteria. All are invited to attend. The month of May is "Student Achievement Month" where each week's program will feature the great work being done in the Mariemont Schools. For more information visit MariemontKiwanis.org.

Creative Spotlight

BY KAREN KENNEDY

These lovely April flowers greet all who pass by Mrs. Field's door at Mariemont Elementary. The showy paper blossoms are being protected from the spring rain by colorful hand-made umbrellas...a creation her kindergarten students have put together in this vibrant, eye-pleasing display called, "April Showers Bring May Flowers."



Flowers adorn the wall outside of Mrs. Fields kindergarten class at mariemont Elementary.

Mrs. Fields has also had her students explore books by artist Mo Willems. The children were really taken with his characters, and Aidan Gross, a

kindergarten student in Mrs. Fields' class, created a really cute rendition of some of these characters. Great job, Aidan!



Aidan Gross' rendition of Mo Willems characters.

Meet New Village Council Representative Lorne Hlad

BY REX BEVIS

The Village is fortunate to have citizens willing to volunteer their services when needed. When Jim and Cindy Tinkham moved out of the Village recently, Jim needed to relinquish his Council seat. The timing was such that Town Meeting provided the venue for selecting a Council candidate, and the Town Meeting District 6 caucus nominated Mr. Lorne Hlad as its Council Representative. Village Council subsequently accepted Lorne, the Town Meeting candidate, as its newest Council Member, to fulfill the term of Mr. Tinkham.

Lorne was raised in Columbus, Ohio, attended Ohio State University, and

graduated from Trinity Lutheran Seminary in Columbus with a Masters of Divinity degree. Ordained in 2013, Lorne is pastor at Prince of Peace Church in Loveland, Ohio. Lorne served in the Army for 6 years, from 2004 – 2010 and was deployed to Iraq for one year (2006-2007). He is married to Becca Vianello Hlad and their little girl, Brianna, is a 4th generation Mariemonter, and the granddaughter of proud grandparents Susie and Jerry Vianello.

Lorne will take over the Chairmanship of the Village Council Safety Committee. He looks forward to working closely with Chief Hines and the Police and Fire Departments to insure that the Village remains safe and secure.



Lorne Hlad

The *Town Crier* extends a big 'thank you' to Jim Tinkham for his service to the Village and offers a warm welcome to Lorne Hlad as he enters Village Government service.

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

I hope you have enjoyed reading each issue. We try to include a variety of stories and features so there is something interesting for everyone. If you have enjoyed reading this publication, please consider a contribution. The copy you are reading

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Help Wanted

The *Town Crier* is looking for an individual to coordinate distribution, plus we are in need of a few carriers!

The Distribution Coordinator takes delivery of the *Town Criers* from the printer and sorts them into stacks for the different carriers. Any inserts are also sorted. The coordinator also gets a check and turns

it into cash to be divvied up among the carriers. Lisa Vanags has done a fabulous job with this for the past two years and is willing to share the ins and outs with a new volunteer. It is all quite organized and there are only eight issues a year, so it isn't too disruptive! All that's needed is a covered area such as porch in order to leave the boxes and bags for the carriers.

Carriers are generally elementary school students who want to earn a little spending money. Noah Vanags used his earnings to buy a gecko. A canvas bag is provided, and the routes are small enough that the eight deliveries a year generally aren't too much for any one child (or parents!).

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Volunteers Needed: High school students interested in assisting with summer camp should contact the Barn at 272-3700. You will receive 15 hours community service hours plus a free t-shirt!

Grades 4 - 7:

July 6 - 10, 10 am - noon, Weave a colorful scarf OR Art Of Manga (Fun cartooning)

July 13-17, 10 am - noon, Making Mandalas (An Ancient Art Form)

July 13 - 17, 4 pm - 6 pm, Mixed Media Wearable Art (Transforming canvas shoes into one of a kind wearable art)

July 20-24, 4 pm - 6 pm, Fabulous Fibers, Exploring Fiber Arts

Grades 8-12:

July 6 - 10, 1 pm - 3 pm, Fundamentals of Drawing & Painting

July 6 - 10, 1 pm - 3 pm, Learn to Sew (Project: Messenger Bag)



July 6 - 10, 1 pm - 3 pm, Improv (The art of spontaneous storytelling)

July 13 - 17, 1 pm - 3 pm, Drawing & Painting Portraits from a Model

July 13 - 17, 4 pm - 6 pm, Weaving Workshop

July 20 - 24, 2 pm - 4 pm, Monoprinting Workshop (Creating Fabulous painted/printed works of art)



Watercolor Workshop Coming May 15

Join artist Yuki Hall, a passionate and award-winning watercolor artist known for her loose style and spontaneous approach, in a three day Watercolor Workshop May 15-17 from 10 am-4 pm daily. The cost for this 3-day workshop is \$140. To register, please send the payment and the registration form below to Yuki Hall, 4136 Fox Fern Ct. Beavercreek, OH 45432. Questions? Call or e-mail Yuki at (937) 426-7229, yukihall@woh.rr.com.

In the Gallery...

This spring and summer, the Gallery is going to be a busy spot, with shows highlighting wonderfully diverse artists and



their varied art forms. Watch for exhibit information on Next Door Mariemont closer to each show's opening date.



"Feast for the Eyes" runs May 1 - 30, featuring the work of Ann Arnold, Myrtle Blankenbuehler, J. Dominic, Charlotte Hunter, Ursula Jones, Carol McAfee, Velma Morris, Tricia Noe, Jana O'Neal, R. O'Neal, Sandra Sperber, Bonnie Rettig and D. Thomas. These Cincinnati artists work in many media, including sculpture, fiber, pencil, oil and pastel. All are invited to a special concert by Bruce Menefield in the Gallery on Sunday, May 17 @ 2 pm. Gallery open weekends, 1 - 4 pm.

"Pal-ettes" features work by members of the Cincinnati Women's Club. The exhibit runs June 5 - 14, with weekend hours of 1 - 4 pm. All are welcome to the opening reception on Friday June 5 from 6 pm - 9 pm. Enjoy this early summer display of oils, watercolors, and acrylics by over 20 artists, including some local Cincinnati scenes.

"Mo'Vida Summer Solstice Show" by Dave Laug, noted artist, teacher, and

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W O M A N ' S A R T C L U B C U L T U R A L C E N T E R

raconteur from Terrace Park, returns to the Barn from June 19 – 29. Gallery open weekends from 1 pm – 4 pm, weekdays during office hours.

“Expressions of the Soul” - In July we welcome Cincinnati artist Elliott Jordan from July 10-31. Jordan has a gallery of his own in Pleasant Ridge, and we are excited to bring his Kandinsky-esque, vivid oil pastels, including recent portraits from his travels to the Dominican Republic. Come meet the artist and view his works at the opening reception on July 12, from 1-5pm.

“Greater Cincinnati Watercolor Society” - August brings a reprise of the summer show, August 8 – 23. Cool off with this exhibit of the top watercolor artists in the Cincinnati area. Works vary from loose, yupo still lifes to photo-realistic portraits to abstracts.

Rick Koehler and Francesca Padjen -Terrace Park artists Rick Koehler and Francesca Padjen will exhibit works in the Gallery during August 28 – September 9. This end of summer show will feature Michigan and local landscapes, along with charming house “portraits” that will make you long for the lazy summer days!

“Portrait of a Soul” – A special one weekend show, opening reception Friday, July 3 from 6 pm – 9 pm, gallery open 1 – 4 that weekend. Portrait of a Soul’s mission is to help heal the emotional wounds of children with craniofacial deformities by commissioning world-class portrait artists—typically reserved for only the wealthy and famous—to create stunning works of art that reflect the great worth, beauty and inner vision of these brave children.

Art Academy of Cincinnati Returns to The Barn....

The Art Academy of Cincinnati is returning to offer two classes at the Barn, beginning in May. Check out...

“Fundamentals of Drawing” - Tuesdays from May 26 to June 30 from 6-9 pm.

“Painting Basics “Through the Garden” – Wednesdays from May 27-July 1 from 1:30-4:30 pm. Both classes are co-ed, for ages 16

and up and are \$160 regular fee, \$144 for Senior, 60 and up. For complete details and registration, please visit <http://tinyurl.com/aacatthebarn>.

We are Part of the Kindervelt House Tour!

The Barn will also be a special stop during this year’s Kindervelt house tour, benefitting Children’s Hospital. If you haven’t been to the Barn lately, come on over on June 7 between 3pm to 5pm to tour the building, visit the “Pal-ettes” exhibit, and see what’s new upstairs in the Loft! Refreshments will be served.

A Tip of our Cap to...Mariemont Kiwanis

The Barn extends a big thank you to local Mariemont Kiwanis members who saved the day at The Barn. As part of the ongoing renovations and improvements in the Loft, the Barn was able to acquire 134 chairs, but how to get them there? Our wonderful friends at Kiwanis not only assembled the storage racks for the chairs, but also carted all 134 of them up to the Loft. Thank you, thank you, thank you! You exemplify community support!



And Speaking about the Loft....

See the photo of the “Tree in the Loft”. That is a full-sized apple tree being built as part of a set for an event in the Loft. This gives you an idea of the fun and creative opportunities that a renovated Loft is bringing to The Barn. The spaciousness and high ceilings of the Loft afford all kinds of creativity! Thanks to Chris Boone for his artistic talents! Don’t forget to consider The Barn and the Loft for your next event.



The Barn’s Annual Capital Campaign

The Annual Capital Campaign for The Barn will kick off in the next months and we will be counting on your support. The Barn is a vital part of the Village of Mariemont, and represents a physical piece of Mariemont’s history that we are so fortunate and honored to preserve and improve upon. It is hard to believe that it was only in 2005 that the Mariemont Maintenance Department vacated the Resthaven Barn and the Woman’s Art Club of Cincinnati was able to purchase the building, by then a crumbling, deteriorating mess. The Club was determined to restore the building while maintaining all of the original elements and detail. That attention to historic preservation has been the driving force behind all renovation, coupled with an eye to modern efficiency.

That renovation continues today, with the Loft project. Progress has been made, yet much remains to do to make the Loft a comfortable, accessible and widely usable space. The plans are in place and slowly, work is being done. As all homeowners know, renovation is a function of time and money. As we plan for increased educational, cultural and creative programming in the Loft, as well as expanded space for community gatherings, we feel we are honoring Mary Emery’s original plan for the Barn to “serve the community at large.” We just need a little help to make it happen.

We hope you will consider making a donation to The Barn, knowing that your gift will support the ongoing operations and growth of our dynamic community art and cultural center, one that we are so lucky to have right here in Mariemont.

VILLAGE GOVERNMENT

Council Meeting March 23, 2015

Mayor Policastro welcomed Mr. Lorne Hlad as our new member of Council to fill the un-expired term of Mr. Tinkham.

Building Commissioner Hodulik sent a memo March 11, 2015 re: Establishment of Residential Building Code Appeals Board. Mayor Policastro referred the matter to the Rules and Law Committee. In order to do this we will need to have an Ordinance in place. Mr. Wolter asked if this was precipitated by a request from a resident. Mayor Policastro said years ago we had an Appeals Board but those on the Committee no longer live in the Village. The Building Commissioner feels it is best to have Hamilton County do it for us – and there is no cost. Mr. Wolter said that would take some of the politics out of it.

Superintendent Scherpenberg sent a memo March 17, 2015 re: New Dump Truck/Power Washer. Fiscal Officer Borgerding said we budgeted \$80,000 in the Permanent Improvement Fund for the dump truck purchase. Mayor Policastro referred the matter to the Finance Committee.

Alicia Cline sent an email January 29, 2015 re: Fencing for Dogwood Park Tot Lot. Mayor Policastro said we helped the Pre-School Parents Group put together the fencing that makes our kids safe and they want to finish it. Especially behind the Clarence Erikson Shelter there is a drop off that they want to close off. The cost is approximately \$6600 with the Village's contribution of \$3000. Ms. Palazzolo moved, seconded by Mr. Wolter to approve the request. On roll call; six ayes, no nays. Mayor Policastro said the Pre-School Parents are possibly going to help with future purchases of play equipment at Ann Buntin Becker Park.

Mr. Miller moved, seconded by Ms. Palazzolo, to accept the recommendation of the Finance Committee regarding the salary ordinance for full-time Mariemont employees. The discussion detailed how the Village of Mariemont has fallen behind in the rankings in pay scale for

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emergency services personnel when compared to other local agencies. In the interest of fiscal responsibility, it was decided unanimously that a raise of 3.5% would be given to all full-time employees. The Mariemont Salary Ordinance also needs to be clarified relative to vacation time. As recommended by Village Solicitor, Ed McTigue, the Committee voted unanimously to change the wording of Section XII to read – “(a) one year anniversary date of continuous service, two weeks; (b) seven year anniversary date of continued service, three weeks; (c) fifteen year anniversary date of continuous service, four weeks”. Mr. Wolter said this is long overdue. Council deferred raises for the employees when times got tough and he whole heartedly supports this. On roll call; six ayes, no nays.

Mr. Wolter moved, seconded by Ms. Schwartz, to accept the recommendation of the Finance Committee regarding the need for a tennis guest membership. The Committee voted unanimously to grant the request for a fee of \$40 and asked that the legislation include the emergency clause due to the fact that rates need to be established for the 2015 season prior to the May registration deadline. On roll call; six ayes, no nays.

Council Meeting April 13, 2015

Building Commissioner Hodulik said building permits are up again. Two years ago there were 38 permits at the end of the first quarter, last year there were 58 and this year there are 78 permits at the end of the first quarter. He anticipates a busy second and third quarter and possibly the busiest year in the last 5-6 years. Ms. Palazzolo asked if we are doing a better job

at collecting permit fees when the work is performed. Building Commissioner Hodulik said part of it is that he has been diligent on taking information that the Building Inspector provides to him regarding work that is being done without a permit. He follows up with both the homeowner and the contractor. Most people are good about getting a permit when one is required.

Mr. Wolter asked if the people who are remiss in obtaining permits are doing it out of ignorance not out of action to avoid it. Building Commissioner said most are doing it out of ignorance and don't realize a permit is required. Mayor Policastro said we put information on permits in a recent Mayor's Bulletin. Building Commissioner Hodulik said it might be good to do that on a quarterly basis as a reminder and also put an article in the Town Crier. He has found that more people are calling or stopping into the office to inquire as to whether or not a permit is required.

Ms. Palazzolo moved, seconded by Ms. Schwartz to accept the recommendation of the Finance Committee regarding the request for a new dump truck for the Service Department. Superintendent Scherpenberg indicated that he found a Ford F550 for the same price as a F450 through a local dealership. The cost of the new, fully-outfitted truck will be approximately \$78,000. This next year the Village will be able to auction off 3 old trucks from the fleet which will save money in maintenance and insurance. The Committee recommends that the legislation be passed on an emergency basis to replace the old 2000 truck. On roll call; five ayes, no nays.

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VILLAGE GOVERNMENT



Village council meetings are held at the Village Administration building, 6907 Wooster Pike, on the second and fourth Mondays of each month.

Mr. Wolter moved, seconded by Ms. Schwartz to accept the recommendation of the Finance Committee regarding the request for a hot water power washer for the Service Department. Superintendent Scherpenberg found a “demo” unit through a local distributor that the Maintenance Department has been using. The cost of the new power washer will be \$4400 with another \$500 needed for the neutralizing soap. The Finance Committee voted unanimously to accept Superintendent Scherpenberg’s request. On roll call; five ayes, no nays.

“Resolution to Amend Resolution R-19-07 Implementing Sections 3735.65 Through 3735.70 of the Ohio Revised Code, Establishing and Describing the Boundaries of Community Reinvestment Area in the Village of Mariemont, Ohio and Designating a Housing Officer to Administer the Program and Creating a Community Reinvestment Area (CRA) Housing Council and a Tax Incentive Review Council; and To Declare Emergency” had a first reading. Mr. Marsland moved, seconded by Mr. Miller to suspend the rules to allow for the second and third readings. On roll call; five ayes, no nays. Building Commissioner Hodulik said we are expanding at the request of the new homeowner the

Caretaker’s Cottage next to the Barn (which already is in the CRA). The homeowner is doing a complete renovation and would like to get a tax abatement. It seems appropriate since what he is doing is sympathetic to the original design of the building and what he is planning on doing as far as exterior finishes would be congruent with what has been done at the Barn already. We see this as a way of protecting that particular property and being properly maintained and upgraded. Mayor Policastro said the whole interior has been gutted to the studs. Mr. Marsland asked who is overseeing the historic preservation. Building Commissioner Hodulik said the changes the homeowner is making does affect the outside of the home and has submitted an application to ARB for approval. The part that is being changed is not part of the original house. The Resolution had a third reading. Mr. Wolter moved, seconded by Ms. Palazzolo to adopt the Resolution. On roll call; five ayes, no nays. Mr. Miller moved, seconded by Ms. Schwartz to invoke the emergency clause. On roll call; five ayes, no nays. Resolution No. R-17-15 was adopted.

Planning Commission Meeting March 18, 2015

The first request was from Christopher T. Buchert of American Heritage Classic Homes of 1926 N. Fort Thomas Avenue, Fort Thomas, KY 41075, for the four family apartment buildings properties located at 3840, 3842, 3844, & 3846 Beech Street and 3860, 3862, 3864 & 3866 Beech Street, for concept and proposed lot consolidations approval and zoning variance of proposed accessory garage at northeast corner of 3866 Beech at Lane D approval

Mr. Vianello asked if this request will set a precedent in the Village. Mayor Policastro said the Planning Commission allowed a garage to be built in the back on Nolen Circle by the same applicant just last year. Every application is a little bit different. Also, years ago the Planning Commission allowed David Arends, 6504 Park Lane, to have the garage face Harvard Acres while the house faces Park Lane. He sees that as a precedent. Mr. Miller asked what the percentage of back yard this will utilize. Both Building Commissioner Hodulik and Mr. Buchert estimate 35%.

Mayor Policastro moved, seconded by Mr. Miller to allow the property variance based on Section 151.025(3)(b)(2)(c)(d)(e) (f). On roll call; three ayes, no nays.

Village Church Celebrates Fifth Anniversary

What humbly began as a group gathering in the Mariemont Elementary School auditorium and eventually grew to fill the gymnasium at Dale Park School, will celebrate its fifth anniversary this summer in its recently acquired church building in the Historic District of Mariemont. The Village Church of Mariemont has found a permanent home at the corner of Maple and Oak and looks ahead to many more anniversaries. Founded by long-time resident and Mariemont High School alum, Pastor Todd Keyes, this traditional-style church was established with the desire to meet the spiritual needs of community members in the context of our unique village.

During these past few years, the Village Church has been privileged to serve the surrounding community through events like Good Friday services



and the Labor Day Weekend Church in the Park held at the Bell Tower. They have also sponsored the annual Mayor's Prayer Breakfast held the first Thursday of May as well as hosting various community groups like the Mariemont Schools Warrior Coalition and the Mariemont

Civic Association.

"It has been quite the journey over the last five years," Pastor Keyes recalls, "but we are grateful to the Lord for His guidance and allowing us to have such a powerful impact in our village. I'm excited to see what the next five years brings, and look forward to continuing to serve the community."

Visitors are welcome to join Pastor Keyes and their congregation for a special Anniversary Sunday Worship celebration on June 14 at 10:00 am at the corner of Oak and Maple Streets in Mariemont. Sunday School and childcare will be provided for children in nursery through sixth grade.

For more information, visit the church's website at VillageChurchofMariemont.org.

Mariemont Named Best Recycling Community in Hamilton County

Congratulations, fellow Mariemonters. Of all the communities in Hamilton County, ours has the highest percentage of residents who recycle. The top five communities are:

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| Mariemont | 33.28% |
| Wyoming | 28.83% |
| Montgomery | 27.64% |
| Terrace Park | 27.32% |
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Annual Prayer Breakfast Set for May 7

On Thursday, May 7, millions of Americans will once again unite in recognition of the National Day of Prayer. Thousands of events will take place from coast to coast including the annual Mariemont Community Mayor's Prayer Breakfast.

This year's event will be hosted by the Village Church of Mariemont and take place at the Mariemont Elementary Cafeteria starting at 7:15AM and conclude by 8:30AM. Community leaders and individuals will gather in prayer for our village, our city and our nation. Pastor Ed Bonniwell of Faith Christian Fellowship Church will speak about the importance of prayer for our nation. Those interested in attending can RSVP to Jamie Keyes at jamikeyes6@gmail.com or 271-4464.



History of the National Day of Prayer

The National Day of Prayer is a vital part of our heritage. Since the first call to prayer in 1775, when the Continental Congress asked the colonies to pray for wisdom in forming a nation, the call to prayer has continued through our history, including President Lincoln's proclamation of a day of "humiliation, fasting, and prayer" in 1863. In

1952, a joint resolution by Congress, signed by President Truman, declared an annual, national day of prayer. In 1988, the law was amended and signed by President Reagan, permanently setting the day as the first Thursday of every May.

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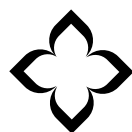


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