By Renee Tecco

Today the eastern side of the Mariemont Promenade stands out from the rest of the strip mall. The blue-grey wood is in contrast to the rest of the building as the construction workers bustle around, getting ready for the mid to late October opening. There are hints of something exciting inside.

“We really just wanted to do something different in our industry,” said Kyle Henson of Sableux Salon and Bleux Water Spa. “Down in Northern Kentucky we have a really nice salon and spa but it is your typical salon and spa with the typical salon and spa services. One of the things that were really exciting for us was to be able to get in with something that had a unique proposition to it.”

The “unique proposition” is the fresh mineral water that flows deep beneath the hillside. The mineral water flows clear from an underground source and comes out at a consistent temperature of 50 degrees. For guests that want to have hot mineral water treatments the spa will heat the water for them. The water has been shown to have seven naturally occurring minerals including calcium, magnesium bicarbonate, magnesium sulfate, potassium and very little sodium.

For years the spring water at the edge of Mariemont was a draw for people around the Cincinnati area. Known as the Clare Yard Spring, people would bring whatever they could to carry the clean, clear water home with them, and frequently had to wait in line for their share.

Geologists trace the water to an underground river which source originates in Northern Ontario. In her book, Welcome Sweet Spring, Ruth Engelken quotes geologist Dr. Richard H. Durrell, who hypothesized the spring came into existence 19,000 years ago. She quotes Dr. Durell saying, “The water coming from these springs is pure and is known as spring water because it comes from rain and the layers of sand act like filter beds at the water works. Any contamination would be removed in a short distance of movement through these layers. Ms. Engelken conjectured that early Native Americans used the spring water, as did many animals, including mastodons, muskoxen and bison.

The water was first bottled and sold to the public by Orsell J. Ferris in the early 1900s under the name of Crystal Fountain Springs. Crystal Fountain Spring was also a cottage resort with gardens, fountains, and ponds decorating the hillside that is now the site of the Mariemont Promenade. The land was later purchased by Thomas J. Burke, Sr., who built a bottling plant. In the 1930s until 1970 the water was sold under the name Glacier Springs Bottling Company. Burke and his son Thomas Burke Jr. also sold orange drinks. The Mariemont Preservation Foundation has bottles marked with the Glacier Springs logo in their collection.

Ancient Spring Waters near Mariemont Bubble Forth Again

Although it doesn’t look like much, this natural spring drew people from all over the region, who would line up, holding buckets and jars which they filled with fresh mineral water. The spring is now being tapped by Bleux Water Spa at the Mariemont Promenade.

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A group of approximately 40 residents and Village first responders attended the September 11, 2014 Patriot's Day Memorial Service. It was held at 7:00 am outdoors at the Municipal Building in a light rain. Pastor Todd Keyes facilitated the remembrance, with readings and prayers by Chief Rick Hines and Charles Short, trumpet solos by Rick Canter, and a presentation of the colors by Boy Scout Troop 149.

**Youth Lacrosse Sign-ups Announced**

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Bull Dog Lacrosse Boys New Player Clinic

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Mariemont Resident Pens Open Letter to Eastern Corridor Proponents

Editor’s note: This article originally appeared in the September 10th Eastern Hills Journal.

By Paul Haffner, Mt. Vernon Avenue

Here is a wonderfully simple solution to all of the people whining about traffic on state Route 32 and the need for a relocated state Route 32 “Eastern Corridor” project to move forward. Ready? Move to Hamilton County or quit complaining.

You have selected to locate your home or business in Clermont County. God bless you. It is a fine place. You have lower taxes, a more rural way of life and all the elbow room a person could need.

I have chosen to live in Mariemont. I pay outrageously high taxes and barely fit two cars into a driveway on a postage stamp lot. I do have my convenience to the city and shared green space with my neighbors, and for that I am grateful.

I need someone to now please enlighten me on what gives you the right to pave over my limited green space so you can have an easier commute for yourself or your goods to the urban core from which you have chosen to distance yourself? There are many amazing residential and commercial properties in classic Cincinnati neighborhoods and more coming online routinely. We seem to have endless development opportunities within a 10-plus mile radius of Cincinnati and OTR on the rise.

I personally think the absolute worst thing we can do as a region is encourage more people to live/work 20-plus miles outside the city. We need to continue to pursue policies that bring people into the urban core which I will loosely define as Hamilton County and Northern Kentucky. Population density is a good thing, and public transportation even better.

If you want to talk about a rail option to serve the eastern suburbs better or widening existing state Route 32 a tad I am all ears. If you want to pave over my parkland to serve yourself and your desire for more land with lower taxes, well, I guess I would eschew the ears.

Suburban sprawl almost killed our city. Now that we have something good going we need to be doing all we can to promote and encourage this momentum. We do not need to make living 30 miles outside of the city easier; we need to make it harder (at least with cars on highways).

Don’t let people in Columbus or those that abandoned ship now control our transportation policies. Come join us in Mariemont, Madisonville, Kenwood, Over-the-Rhine, Oakley, North Avondale, Clifton, Northern Kentucky, etc. Locate your home or business here and enjoy what we have to offer. Or stay in Clermont County if you wish – perfectly fine.

Just no way you’re going to convince me that you have some constitutional right to an easier commute or trip to the Reds game. Deal with the traffic you helped create when you located there. I’ll deal with my neighbors.
Schools

Football Players Dedicate Buddy Walk to Team Manager

The Mariemont High School football team supported their team manager and classmate Scott Holland, by walking in this year’s Buddy Walk. They part of a group of over 10,000 participants who raised money for the Down Syndrome Association of Greater Cincinnati and supported a great team manager while doing so. The picture at right is also featured prominently on the Down Syndrome Association of Greater Cincinnati’s website. Go team!

Pictured are members of the Mariemont High School football team and other community members who participated in the 13th Annual Buddy Walk to promote Down Syndrome Awareness Month on September 6th, 2014.

Corrections

In the September issue’s Hats Off, we credited Amy Fischer with beginning the Luminaria event in the Village. Amy graciously pointed out that the credit also belongs to Lisa Koepke, who was also in the Preschool Parent’s Group at the time and helped initiate the tradition which is still going strong.

A photo credit was missing from one of the pictures accompanying the Mariemont Preschool Parents Group article last month. The credit should read: (from left) Shelton Schwartz, grandson of Vicki and Steve Schwartz, son of Heidi and Darren Schwartz, and Eli Lefebvre, grandson of Lynne and Kent LeFebvre, son of Vanessa Lefebvre.

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Mariemont Veterinary Clinic, Inc
By Nina Iredale

I’d like to start off by apologizing for not submitting my column last month! Getting two girls off to college pretty much overtook the entire month of August. I have caught up with quite a few of our new neighbors from this past summer. At anytime, if you are new to Mariemont and I haven’t contacted you, please feel free to email me and I will gather your information. It’s never too late to be welcomed!

3864 Settle Road was purchased by Andy and Amy Fleming. Andy is a native of Boston and Amy hails from Long Island, NY. The couple previously resided in Oakley and Hyde Park after spending three years in Chicago at Northwestern University. These travels follow Andy’s job as an award-winning soccer coach for the men’s team at Xavier, where they have made three NCAA tournaments in his first four years of coaching. Amy works in development for the Down Syndrome Association of Greater Cincinnati (DSAGC) and is also the Chairperson for Devin’s Team, which raises funds for the DSAGC on behalf of their daughter Devin (age 3). Their family also includes son Braden (age 5), daughter Quinn (almost 2) with with baby Fiona, born in June.

Karleen and Doug Wink purchased 18 Spring Knoll in February. They fell in love with Mariemont after their daughter and her family moved to Anderson Township about two years ago. Karleen and Doug want to spend more time with their two-year-old grandson and a new one that is on the way. They will share time with more grandchildren in Evansville, IN where they still reside while enjoying the Mariemont retirement culture part-time. Both Karleen and Doug love to walk to the square for dinners, movies and of course, ice cream!

3710 Settle Road was purchased by Amanda Tucker and her boyfriend Colin. They moved here from Hyde Park and chose Mariemont for its charm, small town feel and sense of community. Amanda works for a wine and spirits distributor and Colin works for a real estate investing company. They have an orange tabby cat named Caesar. They are enjoying the neighborhood and have met a lot of great people.

6550 Mariemont Avenue was purchased by Heather Vough and Lee Black in April. They have a two-year-old son Declan and a Cavalier King Charles Spaniel named Reilly. They moved here from Montreal, Quebec where they resided for six years. Heather is a professor of Management at the University of Cincinnati and Lee is an attorney who is finishing up his doctorate in law. They chose Mariemont for several reasons; They wanted a great school district, they loved the leafy, walkable streets with great access to movies, ice cream, the park, swimming pool and restaurants, and they fell in love with the house and have thoroughly enjoyed getting

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Neighboring (cont’d from previous page)
to know their neighbors and the area.

Tom and Sherry Farnham purchased
one of the new condo’s at 3900 West Street
because they wanted to downsize from their
home in Madeira. Tom and Sherry help run
Tom’s family business – Farnham Equipment
Company which supplies finishing elements
such as seating, labs, cabinets for schools
and businesses. Tom and Sherry have a
Labradoodle named Zoey and enjoy their
summers in Michigan.

Joe and Candace Grafton purchased a
condo in Jordan Park at 3944 Miami Road.
They moved here to downsize after spending
the last 23 years in Terrace Park. They
have a daughter Caroline, son Ryan and
new daughter-in-law Tiffany who all live in
Hyde Park. Joe is a pharmacist and Candace
works as a development director/grant writer
specializing in fundraising for non-profits.
Both Joe and Candace love the walkability of
Mariemont and Candace enjoys spending time
with the ladies’ wine club at Jordan Park. A
fun fact about Joe is his grandparents, Mark
and Sara Happ founded the current Villager
shop here in Mariemont. The store was called
the Mariemont 5 to a $1 when it was founded
in 1950 and they owned it until 1969 when
they retired to Hilton Head. Joe worked there
as a teen and their children referred to the
business as “grandpa’s store”.

3850 Settle Road was purchased by Danny
and Katy Mallon in May. They moved here
in July from Boston for Danny’s new job. He
is a pediatric gastroenterologist at Children’s
Hospital. Katy is a physical therapist but
does not yet have a new job. They have two
children, Owen (2) and Cara, four months
old. They chose Mariemont for its friendly
community feeling, abundance of young
families and think it will be a wonderful place
to raise their kids!

3867 Settle Road was purchased by David
Hayes and his wife Anastasia Nurre in August.
They are native Cincinnatians, but left the city
over a decade ago to pursue graduate degrees.
David finished his medical degree first and
Anastasia should graduate from the Ohio State
University with her PhD in History of Art
next Spring, David and Anastasia have two
children, Daphne and Elliot. They moved here
from Grosse Pointe, MI and love the close-knit
feel of the community, cute houses, and the
walkability. They chose to settle in Mariemont
after David signed on as the new doctor with
Health First on the Square and wanted to live
and work in the same community.

I’d like to WELCOME all of our new
neighbors and if anyone knows of a new
addition to someone’s family or a new
neighbor I may have missed, please let me
know so they can be included in a future
issue. My phone number is 272-1551 or
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Who remembers
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Over 500 skaters from around the country participated in the National Solo Dance Series, a series of competitions running from January 1 - August 17, 2014. Based on placement in these competitions, the top six skaters in each region (West, Midwest, East) were invited to compete in the 4th annual National Solo Dance Finals in Colorado Springs September 17 - 21. Four skaters from the Queen City Figure Skating Club in Cincinnati have qualified in the top six in the Midwest. Hannah Laird, a resident of Mariemont, finished 1st in the Midwest in her combined dance event and 3rd in the Midwest in compulsory dances. She worked very hard all season both on and off the ice to earn an invitation to compete in two events next week in Colorado. Hannah is a freshman at Cincinnati Country Day School.

The members of the Queen City Figure Skating Club are very proud to have four skaters representing Cincinnati at this National competition next week.
Schools

Five Mariemont Students Named National Merit Semifinalists

The faculty and staff of Mariemont High School are pleased to announce the National Merit Scholarship Corporation named five students as National Merit Semifinalists. Seniors Andrew Grissom, Addison Shelley, Steven Hassey, Katie Gaburo, and Christopher Benson scored in the top one percent of the nearly 1.6 million students who took the test last fall.

“These young scholars, their families and their teachers are to be congratulated for this exemplary achievement,” said James Renner, Ph.D., Mariemont High School principal. “All of us in the Mariemont City Schools community are very proud of their outstanding accomplishment and wish them the best of luck as they progress through their senior year.”

According to the National Merit Scholarship Organization website, about 16,000 students, or approximately one-third of the 50,000 high scorers, are notified they have qualified as Semifinalists. To ensure that academically talented young people from all parts of the United States are included in this talent pool, Semifinalists are designated on a state representational basis.

In February, about 15,000 Semifinalists will be notified by mail if they have advanced to the Finalist level. There are eight requirements the Semifinalists must achieve in order to advance to Finalist, including a record of consistently very high academic performance in grades 9 through 12 and in any college course work taken, as well as submitting SAT scores that confirm their 2013 PSAT performances.
Last spring, the Warrior Coalition conducted a logo design contest at Mariemont Junior High School. Digital Arts teacher Troy Woolery introduced the contest to his students and discussed the mission of the Warrior Coalition, as well as the dangers of substance abuse. With over twenty submissions, the Warrior Coalition is proud to announce Terrace Park resident, Reid Stautberg, was the winner. A special thank you to local graphic designer, Katie Lyons, who generously helped Reid “fine tune” his design. Reid was awarded a $50 Visa gift card from the Warrior Coalition and his design will appear on all promotional material used to promote healthy choices by our youth.

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.
What’s Happening at the Mariemont Branch Library

October

Children

Tales to Tails: Practice your reading with therapy dog Tater Tot. Thursday, October 9, at 4:00 pm. Ages 5 to 10.

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

Movers and Shakers: Wednesdays at 10:30 am. Bring the little ones for stories, songs and dance as they learn about the library. Ages 1 to 4. Note, there is no session Wednesday, October 8.

Library Babies: Wednesdays at 11:30 am. Lap songs and books for infants. Note, there is no session Wednesday, October 8.

Pre-school Story Time: Wednesdays at 1:30 p.m. Join us for stories and crafts. Ages 3 to 5. Note, there is no session Wednesday, October 8.

Crafty Kids: Thursday, October 23, at 4:00 pm. Ages 5 to 10.

Teens

InBeTween Club: Halloween crafts. Thursday, October 23, at 4:30 pm.

Adults

Let’s Get Ready for the Holidays! An organizing expert shares tips for simplifying your holiday preparations. Monday, October 27, at 6:30 pm. Registration required.

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, October 4, and Saturday, October 18, 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 2:00 pm. Call the branch and schedule a session.

Book Club: The Flight of Gemma Hardy by Margot Livesey will be discussed, Thursday, October 30, at 6:45 pm. Copies will be available at the branch.

Mariemont Branch Library, 3810 Pocahontas Avenue, 369-4467
Hours: Monday, Tuesday & Thursday, Noon to 8:00 pm.
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July 31, 2014 marked the 100th Anniversary for St. Theresa-A Diversicare Transistional Care Community. St. Theresa is a five-star-rated senior living community that offers all levels of care to the aging population throughout greater Cincinnati. St. Theresa Nursing Home was established by Mary Shanahan in July of 1914 at its original location in Silverton, Ohio. By 1991, the occupants outgrew the Silverton site and the facility was relocated to its current location in the former Our Lady of Mercy Hospital in Mariemont.

St. Theresa held a centennial celebration on August 1 to commemorate this historic event with a resident cook out and reading of a proclamation by Mayor Dan Policastro. Father Tom Axe, the resident priest, blessed the building and its residents with hopes of remaining a strong staple in the community. The celebration continued by honoring a resident and a staff member who have been with St. Theresa at both of the locations. Doris Jewell has been a resident at St. Theresa since 1991 and Margo Moore has worked for the organization for 27 years, starting in 1987.

St. Theresa is a great resource for the community and the entire greater Cincinnati area, and they hope to continue providing excellent service for the next 100 years!
The Kiwanis Club of Mariemont held its 29th Annual Fall Art and Craft Fair Sunday, September 7 under beautiful late summer skies in the heart of downtown Mariemont. Nearly 100 vendors from across the Tri-State were featured and their offerings enjoyed by many area residents.

The Kiwanis Club would like to extend special congratulations to the following award winners: First Place Art, Lince Art Studio (LinceArtStudio.com), Second Place Art, Marc Wavra Photography (MarcWavra.com), First Place Craft, Anne Huddleston, and Second Place Craft, Heidi Wineland (HeidiWineland.com). Vendors were judged by local artist Deborah Ridgely, local crafter Grace Wenstrup, art historian Virginia Holmes, and art teacher Tracy Binegar.

Kiwanis also thanks our food vendor, Village Church of Mariemont, as well as several local businesses who donated raffle prizes: Kroger Mariemont, 50 West Brewing Co., Pizzelii Pizza, Graeter's Mariemont and Fifth Third Fairfax.

The Annual Fall Art and Craft Fair is Mariemont Kiwanis’ largest fundraiser for local scholarships. Along with our annual spring golf outing and upcoming holiday nut sale, the fall fair helps raise close to $15,000 for scholarships for graduating seniors of the Mariemont School District.

In addition, Kiwanis works closely with students in the surrounding communities to provide mentoring relationships and support local youth activities. For information about how you can become more involved in serving our youth visit their website at www.MariemontKiwanis.org. You can also find them on Facebook (Mariemont Kiwanis) and Twitter (@MariemontKClub).

The Kiwanis Club of Mariemont meets every Tuesday morning at 7:45AM in the Mariemont Elementary school cafeteria. A continental breakfast is served and guests are welcome anytime. Meetings last less than one hour and feature a variety of local speakers.
You are invited to Artoberfest 2014 - “Cold Brews and Hot Blues”

It’s back and we want you there – another fun fall night of Art, Brews and Blues! Artoberfest is returning to The Barn on Saturday, October 18 starting at 7 pm. This “Brews and Blues”-themed evening will offer good food, good drink, good music, and good fun!

Enjoy 10 craft brews from four local breweries (50 West, Rivertown, Moerlein and Blank Slate) as well as “Wein” for the non-beer lovers (or w(h)ine, as our beer loving staff like to call it!). The grill will be serving up favorites in the “biergarten” and spooky pumpkins will again haunt the loft. Bring your decorated pumpkin to win fabulous prizes. The Gallery will be filled with treasures from the Woman’s Art Club of Cincinnati Annual All-Member Show.

Orange may be the new black, but this year’s band, 46 Long, is going to be singing the blues. They are a little band with a big groove, definitely not your usual blues group. High energy and soulful, 46 Long is creating a buzz with their funky, acoustic sound.

“I can win?” you ask? Yes, you may win games of chance and skill, win our famous “Wheelbarrow of Cheer” (filled with your favorite libations!) or win the decorated pumpkin contest. Bring it on!

Come and enjoy a “Foaming Good Time” and help raise funds for continued operations and renovations of the historic Barn (Women’s Art Club of Cincinnati Cultural Center). Save some dough! Tickets are $30 per person in advance, $35 at the door and may be purchased at www.artatthebarn.org. Free Valet Parking.

Woman’s Art Club All Member Show… “Our Stories”

Opens October 4 - Members of the

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Woman's Art Club of Cincinnati will display their artwork and the personal stories behind their art in “Our Stories,” the annual All-Member Show. This popular exhibit opens to the public with a reception on Saturday, October 4 from 3-6 pm at the Barn. Free admission.

The exhibition runs October 4-19, with gallery hours of 1 pm to 4 pm on weekends and 10 am to 2 pm on weekdays, Tuesday – Friday. “It’s a showcase for local talent and a great opportunity to purchase original art,” says Art Club President, Marie Smith.

“Our Stories” will explore each artist’s personal experiences, with stories that foster deeper relationships between people, allowing connections with other artists and viewers. The Woman’s Art Club of Cincinnati provides an opportunity for local women artists to connect to share creative experiences and talents. It is the oldest existing women’s art club operating without interruption in the US. There are currently over 200 members from communities all over Cincinnati and the TriState.

For more information about the club and this exhibit, go to the website www.artatthebarn.org.

“The Pirates of Penzance”

Ahoy and welcome aboard, matey! Pirates are invading the Barn. Our next Saturday morning program of family fun in the “Mariemont Preservation Presents” series is “The Pirates of Penzance” by the Cincinnati Opera on Saturday October 18, at 10:30 am at the Barn.

Join in the fun as the Pirate King, Ruth, and Frederic meet Mabel and the Major General for some olde English merriment. Romance blossoms, loyalty is put to the test, and mistakes are forgiven in this jolly good adaptation of Gilbert and Sullivan’s comic masterpiece.

With its zany word play and physical comedy, The Pirates of Penzance is an excellent springboard for discussion of time-honored values such as honesty, integrity, and respect for commitment. Recommended for students in grades K-6, families, and the young-at-heart. Wear your pirate costume for added fun!

Register for tickets at www.artatthebarn.org. $5 per person.

Mark your calendars now - The next Mariemont Preservation Presents will be “Family Artmaking: Mandalas” on Saturday, November 15. Sign up now and beat the rush!

“Tis the Season of Meetings…”

Fall and winter are a busy time for school groups, book clubs, community groups, volunteer organizations, etc. to meet. Need more space? Make it easy and gather at the Barn. Our gallery space is available for meetings at a very reasonable $25. More information on our website, www.artatthebarn.org or call 272-3700.

Thank you, Thank you, Thank you!

The Barn wishes to thank all of our very generous supporters whose donations to the Woman’s Art Club of Cincinnati Foundation’s Annual Campaign allowed us to meet our 2014 goal. The success of this campaign will allow for continued fine operations and programming at the Barn, as well as continued renovations to our 90-year-old building. Please come and visit, enjoy an exhibit, take a class, watch a performance, attend a lecture, have some fun. You will be amazed and appreciative this building is in our home village.
Mayor Policastro called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. The following Council members answered present to roll call: Mr. Marsland, Mr. Miller, Ms. Palazzolo, Ms. Schwartz, Mr. Tinkham and Mr. Wolter.

Mr. Wolter asked about the graffiti located on the brick wall/building in the alley by the Village Church and asked if it could be cleaned up. Mayor Policastro said that is private property. Either Mayor Policastro or Mr. Wolter will take a picture and give it to the Building Commissioner so he may send a request asking that it be cleaned.

From Building Commissioner Hodulik: August 2014 Monthly Report

Mrs. Busam, the Village Tax Administrator reported that there are 41 residents delinquent with their annual trash fee payments. Mayor Policastro asked for a copy of the list.

Regarding the Regional Trails Alliance and Taking Root Reforestation Campaign. Mayor Policastro said he invited Steve Johns to attend the next Council meeting to give a brief presentation.

Mayor Policastro said we are looking good with 1.5 million in the General Fund and $480,000 in the Permanent Improvement Fund. We have already paid the fire truck payment for this year and after next year’s payment we should be able to replenish the fund as the years go on.

Ms. Janine Cutcher, 3834 Settle Road, was granted permission to address Council. She said she emailed regarding a safety concern. It has become a dicey situation walking children to school with all the vehicle traffic in the vicinity of Waldorf School during drop off time. She recommends if the Village has a relationship with Waldorf to see if they would post crossing guards at their entrance and exit. Currently there is no staff member out there. It is very nerve-wracking to walk with small children. Additionally, in front of the church, parents are parking on Cherry Lane which adds to cars pulling in and out of the area. It has become a dangerous situation.

Mayor Policastro said he called Waldorf to see about a staff member helping out and he looked at the area for a possible sidewalk. A sidewalk would cost an enormous amount of money. Mr. Tinkham asked if an easement is required to put a sidewalk in. Mayor Policastro said we would have to get an easement from the Emery Memorial. It may require a 15’-20’ easement which would make the sidewalk go way up by the church. In addition, there are several large cherry trees that have to be considered. A sidewalk in the area would have to go before the Architectural Review Board for consideration. Mr. Tinkham asked if there were crossing guards when the school was the Junior High. Chief Hines said there was not a crossing guard at the Junior High. Mayor Policastro said we might be able to make Cherry Lane a school zone and post signage. Mr. Wolter said perhaps the school can start a public awareness campaign with the parents reminding them of where to park. Mr. Tinkham said that concept did not work so well at the elementary school. Mr. Wolter suggested using the sidewalk on the north side of Chestnut Street. Mayor Policastro suggested re-painting the crosswalks. Superintendent Scherpenberg said that has already been started. Mayor Policastro referred the matter to the Safety Committee for further discussion about signage on Cherry Lane.

Ms. Louise Schomburg, 3885 Oak Street, was granted permission to address Council. She has lived and taught in the area for a long time and she too has people stopping and parking in front of her house to walk children to the Waldorf as well. She reminded Council that if they are considering putting in a sidewalk that it is an historic area and what it would do to that. The church was in fact the first structure that was started to be built. They chose that plot of land because it was the highest point. There have never been any sidewalks in any plans or drawings that she has seen. A few years ago a curb was put in from Cherry Lane to Wooster Pike. During the first storm three trees just fell over because the roots had been cut. The replacement trees have not done well with the hot summers. In addition, she said all the way from Fairfax north of Wooster Pike from the Historic District to the elementary school there are three straight paths with sidewalks, crosswalks and crossing guards: (1) Murray Avenue (2) Chestnut Street (3) Elm Street. Money-wise it is not necessary to put in sidewalks. She does not see a safety issue when using one of the other streets. She sees people walking in the streets whether there are sidewalks or not. She understands that it may be difficult with the morning traffic but there are solutions already in place. She lives in the Historic District because she loves it and she also takes care of it. To put a sidewalk in by the church would be sacrilegious.

Aaron Ney 3857 Miami Run, was

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Mr. Paul Mace, 6639 Elm Street, was granted permission to address Council. He agrees that since Waldorf School has been there that traffic is more of an issue but he is also in agreement with Ms. Schomburg that putting a sidewalk in is not a necessary solution. The cut through traffic in the area tends to be an issue. People roll through the stop signs consistently and he asked for more of a police presence in the area, especially in the morning.

Mayor Policastro will call the superintendent at Waldorf to have a teacher out in the parking lot to continue the traffic. He referred to the Safety Committee naming Cherry Lane a school zone. He also asked Ms. Schomburg to write out her walking plan and he would put it in the next Mayor’s Bulletin.

Mr. Wolter moved, seconded by Mr. Miller to accept the recommendation of the Rules & Law Committee to discuss the need for “No Solicitation” signs. Committee members Maggie Palazzolo, Jim Tinkham and Dennis Wolter, along with Mayor Policastro recommended that “No Solicitation” signs be posted in the Village at the five-way stop coming into the Village from the north, near Mac’s Pizza Pub coming into the Village from the west, on Spring Hill at the corporation line coming into the Village from the east, and at the entrance to Belmont Avenue. All locations have existing signage. The Committee asks that the Solicitor prepare the necessary legislation if needed. On roll call; six ayes, no nays.

Fiscal Officer Borgerding asked what is the solicitation process and rules. Chief Hines said that only nonprofit and religious organizations are exempt. Usually if someone is soliciting door-to-door the department will get a phone call and go determine if they are prohibited. The officer will explain our ordinance and repeat offenders will be sent to Mayor’s Court.

**Ordinances:**

“To Amend Mariemont Code Section 78 Schedule III of the Mariemont Code of Ordinances” (stop sign at Hammerstone & Cachepit) had a third reading. Ms. Palazzolo moved, seconded by Ms. Schwartz to adopt the Ordinance. On roll call; six ayes, no nays. Ordinance No. O-24-14 was adopted.

“To Amend Mariemont Code Section 78, Section III, of the Mariemont Code of Ordinances” (Stop Signs at Miami Bluff and Harvard Acres) had a second reading.

“An Ordinance Authorizing Application and Contracting with the Ohio Public Works Commission” had a first reading.
Springs (cont’d from page 1)

On February 18, 1974 Eastern Hills Journal reporter E. George Hack was able to procure the last drink from the spring. At the time, the pipes for the spring were going through the old N&W railroad yards at Clare Yard. Although the Hamilton County Board of Health stated the water was unfit for consumption Hack felt the closing had more to do with politics. “My personal opinion is that nothing is wrong with this water,” Hack wrote. “It may be that the N&W railroad officials do not want so many people and cars going through the yards. If that is the case I can well understand their viewpoint.” Since bottling ceased 40 years ago, the flow has been interrupted but not completely stopped.

Mr. Henson expresses no desire to bottle the mineral water. “The water has been EPA certified for bottling but we’re not going to sell it; we are basically going to offer it to our customers to get the benefits.”

Once the Mariemont Sableux Salon and Bleux Water Spa opens, guests will walk through red mahogany doors into a main lobby where they will be greeted with a waterfall that flows behind the main desk and beneath their feet under the acrylic glass floor. There will be four mineral water spa rooms (three singles and one for couples) where guests can select treatments from 15 minutes up to one hour. The other four rooms of the spa will be for body wraps, skin treatments, pedicures and manicures. There are very few mineral spring spas in the United States and none in Ohio before will be able to bring customers back in the new millennium. Henson primes the pump for the well that sits at the back of the mall complex. Instantly the water springs forth strong, clear and cool. “This water tastes fantastic,” Henson said. “It’s literally the best water you will ever taste.”

For centuries many people have believed in the curative powers of soaking in hot mineral springs. A Daily Telegraph article from December, 2003 states, “Physiotherapists agree that water treatments can aid relaxation and improve movement in people suffering from musculo-skeletal or neurological conditions and those who are recovering from injury or joint-replacement. There is also anecdotal evidence that minerals can help with skin conditions, metabolic problems and digestive disorders.”

Henson himself can attest to the mineral water treatments. For years he has been plagued with lower back problems after participation in amateur and professional sports. The last few months he has been soaking in the warmed mineral water four days a week and he says he has been feeling great. Henson and his fiancée/co-owner Shelly Summe are hoping that what brought people from miles around nearly half a century ago will be able to bring customers back in the new millennium. Henson primes the pump for the well that sits at the back of the mall complex. Instantly the water springs forth strong, clear and cool. “This water tastes fantastic,” Henson said. “It’s literally the best water you will ever taste.”

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Join the staff at the Mariemont Town Crier and let your voice be heard! Writing for our local publication is a great way to shine a light on your corner of the Village. Staff members are asked to write four articles a year. There are eight meetings annually as well, when the staff comes together to discuss ideas for the upcoming issues. Call or email Claire Kupferle (561-4428 / indy3844@aol.com) if you are interested.

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Welcome to the first edition of the Town Crier’s recurring feature, Creative Showcase. We invite our readers of any age to send us drawings, photos, songs, poetry, cartoons, SHORT stories, and anything creative you do. Maybe you create art from re-purposed objects. If so, send us a picture and description! It can be anything, really, but the staff reserves the right to choose one or two to showcase in each issue.

Our first entry is The Mariemont Carillon Bell Tower, 9” x 12”, oil on linen, by Deborah G. Ridgley.

Send us your submission to be featured in a future edition of the Crier. Entries that are too long for us to print can be posted to our Facebook page...videos, too! Help us encourage participation in the arts and send us your creative output.

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