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Mysterious Mariemont

BY CLAIRE KUPFERLE

With Halloween on the horizon, the *Town Crier* went hunting for stories of “ghoulies and ghosties and long-leggedy beasties and things that go bump in the night.” Do you know who is buried in the cemetery next to the Mariemont Community Church? See Elizabeth Miller’s article on page 5. Read on for more stories of Mysterious Mariemont!

We started our search for spooky goings-on with the internet, which turned up this story of a haunted townhome:

“I used to rent a townhome in Mariemont, Ohio (suburb of Cincinnati). After doing some research I found out that these particular townhomes were built in the late 1920’s. Anyways, from the day we moved in the strange things started happening.

Our first day there I was upstairs unpacking things in the bathroom; my husband went to go get some food. About 10 minutes later I heard the back door open, close and then footsteps coming through the hall. I yelled down to my husband but got no reply. So, I went downstairs - nobody was there and both the front and back doors were open. This really freaked me out - but things just got worse.

On my first night sleeping there alone (my husband used to work night shift) - the master bedroom upstairs had an old deadbolt on the door only accessible from the inside of the room. I went to bed with the door dead bolted. In the middle of the night I heard a loud POP - I sat up and looked around but saw nothing. I went back to sleep. A few hours later I heard someone rattling the door handle

trying to get in - I thought it was my husband who had returned from work. Being that I was so tired, I yelled “I’m not opening the door” and went back to sleep. When I awoke - I found the door wide open. I went downstairs and asked my husband how he got the door open - and he replied “it was open when I came home.”

One bedroom was ALWAYS cold, and whenever I went in there I felt like someone was watching me. Whenever I slept upstairs I had TERRIBLE nightmares of people being beat up and killed. My VCR would always stop in the middle of movies (runs perfectly since we moved), lamps would go on and off (and rock back and forth), doors would open and close.

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Many of the tombstones in the Mariemont Community Church cemetery are over one hundred years old. Read more with Elizabeth Miller Wood on page 5.

photos by Ron Schroeder

SCHOOLS

Don't Miss This Year's Warrior Run

The Warrior Run: The Race for Life, an event featuring a 5K race, and one-mile walk will be held Saturday, October 10, 2015, 1M at 5:15 pm, 5K at 5:30 pm. Both courses start and finish at the Bell Tower in Dogwood Park, off Pleasant Street, in the historic Village of Mariemont, Ohio.

Kid's Fun Run starts at 7 pm. The family-oriented fundraiser benefits Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center's (CCHMC) Surviving the Teens® program plus local in-school mental health programs. Make it a night—enjoy a beautiful setting, a scenic run/walk through Mariemont, great food, music, carnival-style kids games and a movie at dark. Don't miss the fun! Sign up at www.cincywarriorrun.org. Online registration closes October 8 at 11:59 am.



School Chat Scheduled

Superintendent Steven Estep is hosting a school chat on **Wednesday, October 28 from 8:30-9:30 am at Dunkin' Donuts** in Fairfax. There is no agenda, but Mr. Estep would like to take a little

time to talk with parents and community members about the schools and answer any questions you may have. Stop in any time and stay for as long as you would like. All are welcome!

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(Siblings listed together share routes; siblings listed separately have their own routes)

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One night my husband fell asleep on the couch, and I in my chair. I woke up in the middle of the night terrified - flipped on the light and our silverware from dinner which we had left on the coffee table had been bent up. Another night I was laying on the couch - looked up and saw an old man in suspenders and a red hat on the stairs watching me. Then he just faded away. The basement was very spooky - late at night when I went down there it felt like someone was breathing on my neck. We had an old couch downstairs that we decided to sell and took pictures of it. I attached the pictures for you to evaluate. They were taken middle of the afternoon; it was not a damp basement. However, it was very scary - hooks in the walls & ceilings (large meat hooks!) Well, I could go on and on with more stories - thinking about them freaks me out all over again. I am happy to report that once we moved everything returned to normal for us. I did, however, upon moving, tell "Ernie" (as my husband named him) that he had to stay there and we did not want him to come with us. I'm sure he's still there - haunting the next unsuspecting victim to move in there.

Interesting story, I think. Naming ghosts always seems to rob them of their dignity and make them less scary. So if you have one, start calling him Ernie and he'll seem less threatening." Source: <http://www.forgottenoh.com/Encounters/mariemont>

A further search revealed a tale of a

haunted theater:

Ghost Story at Walton Creek Theater

The ghost here seems to be quite angry with those who enter the building. People will hear whispers from unknown sources telling them to get out. Recently, this phenomenon was reported by a sound technician who was working on a production. He left the building in terror as these phantom voices whispered to him.

Other people have reported feeling uncomfortable inside the theater, as if there is a presence that doesn't want them to be there. Most often, these whispers and feelings of discomfort are experienced in the basement of the building.

People also claim to see actual apparitions throughout the theater. Many of these apparitions will be those of Native Americans, although sometimes people will see small children dressed in nineteenth century clothing—perhaps ghosts of those children who once used this building as a school. These apparitions always vanish when they are approached. Source: http://citybeat.com/cincinnati/article-21876-walton_creek_theater.html

Undaunted, the fearless staff at the Town Crier pressed on, discovering oral reports of mysterious goings on in the Village. The first is a word-of-mouth account of a balloon

floating down the hallway at St. Theresa when it was Mercy Hospital. Staffers seemed convinced Mary Emery was visiting!

Other stories swirl around the Ferris House on Plainville Road, the oldest standing brick structure in Hamilton County. Built in 1802 by Eliphalet Ferris, the structure is reportedly haunted by the spirit of his daughter, Ann Ferris. Young Ann fell in love with a farm hand and eloped to Indiana without her family's knowledge. Her father refused to let her return, but legend has it her spirit returned to take up residence. Over the years, people have reported doors slamming and mysterious knocks. One individual was reported as describing seeing a woman through the window as he approached the building. She looked to be wearing early 19th century garb and was standing in the hall arranging red roses. Moments later the woman and the roses had vanished. A woman with an old-fashioned parasol waving up at the house from the outside has also been reported.

Another mystery story centered on a member of the Ferris family was found in a *Cincinnati Post* article published after the death of Phebe Ferris in 1896. Phebe was the daughter of Joseph Ferris, one of the three brothers who settled in this area in the late 18th and early 19th centuries. Her land stretched from the Little Miami to Mariemont, and she was instrumental in allowing Dr. Charles Metz access to her and, where he excavated the site of a Native American village designated the Madisonville Site. A headline from the paper on October 20, 1898 proclaims: "DRANK MILK After Which Pioneer Woman Died" Ms. Ferris is described as "an eccentric unmarried pioneer." The story reports on a court case which arose when her will was contested by a California relative who was left out of the will. In his opening remarks, an attorney for the spurned relative contended that Ms. Ferris was poisoned within 24 hours of executing her will. According to the newspaper account, the attorney promised to produce a witness who would testify that Miss Ferris "suddenly threw back her head with a jerk and died," after drinking malted milk. No follow-up articles could be found, making this a true Mariemont Mystery!

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Dawn of the Dead: A Cemetery Adventure

As intrepid Town Crier staffer Elizabeth Miller Wood samples all that Mariemont has to offer.

BY ELIZABETH MILLER WOOD

I'm not normally one to be found traipsing around cemeteries. I'm also not one to particularly enjoy haunted houses or ghost stories or anything else that might keep me awake at night. But in the spirit of all-things spooky and Halloweeny this month, I figured it was my now-or-never opportunity to explore the Mariemont pioneer cemetery. In full disclosure, I chose the least scary time of the week to go—a Sunday morning—because I

New Kid on the Block

figured all the ghosts would be in church, rather than lurking around their headstones.

The cemetery is located next to the Mariemont Community Church, enclosed by a stone wall and an iron gate that is never locked. There are just over a dozen headstones throughout the grounds—some still remarkably shiny and new-looking, others more weathered and tattered. (But I'm not judging. I'd be showing my age after 200 years, too.)

The headstones mostly date from the mid 1850s to the late 1890s, though I found one that dated back to 1822. The ages range from heartbreakingly young to a handful of twenty- and thirty-somethings to a couple of lucky ones who made it past 70.

Thanks to some handy literature from the Mariemont Preservation Foundation, I learned that many of the graves belong to members of the Ferris and Stites families, the earliest settlers of our area after the prehistoric Native Americans. The Stites brothers—Benjamin, Elijah, and Hezekial—had owned the land since 1788 and had originally settled down by Lunken Airport. After realizing the land was prone to flooding, they later moved further uphill toward current day Mariemont. Apparently they had no interest in getting into the houseboat business.

Then there were the three Ferris brothers—Eliphalet, Joseph, and Andrew—who purchased

the land that is now Mariemont from the Stites brothers in 1799. They were farmers and also liquor-makers, which seems like a logical profession for coping with Ohio winters.

Other traces of these early settlers can be found at the Eliphalet Ferris house, which was built in 1802 and is located across from the tennis courts on Plainville Road. Eliphalet's brother Joseph built the brick building that is now home to The Eisele Gallery of Fine Arts in Fairfax.

In sum, my adventure to the cemetery

was both educational and sobering. It felt like paying homage to the families that came before us—recognizing their vision for our land, appreciating the strides they made, and giving them serious kudos for somehow functioning without a Starbucks. I'm grateful to live in a community that continues to honor their legacy with the preservation of their cemetery.

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



Many of the markers are faded by they years.



Tombstones of the Ferris and Stites families mark the burial sites of some of the earlier area settlers.

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Mariemont Mixer: Shop, Eat, Drink

Join your neighbors and support the Mariemont business community for a festive special event on the evening of Thursday, October 8 from six to nine pm. This is the third annual event and it is quickly becoming a community favorite! Many businesses along the Strand and the Square will be open later than usual that evening to welcome and pamper their customers. Refreshments, entertainment and special promotions abound! Don't miss the free samples offered by our neighboring award-winning brewery 50West. Adults are welcome to stroll from shop to shop and enjoy!

The Dilly Café, The National Exemplar and The Quarter are all participating and will have specials including live music, wine tastings, and more.

Participating businesses open for this event include, The Wardrobe, Lolli's, Sara Benjamin's, pomegranate & lime, Erin Wachs Gallery, Mariemont Hearing Center, Eyecare on the Square, The Villager, Worthy Yoga, Roosters Men's Grooming Center, and Walsh Asset Management.

The Mariemont business community is very fortunate to count on the support of the Village Mayor – Dan Policastro, and a generous monetary contribution by the Mariemont Civic Association and the Spinnenweber family.

Let's cross our fingers that Mother Nature will provide ideal weather for a fun, festive event supporting and celebrating our local business community!



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On November 3, voters will go to the polls and determine whether or not marijuana will be legalized for medicinal and recreational use in the State of Ohio. The proposed Marijuana Legalization Amendment (Issue 3), if passed, would control the licensing, regulation, manufacturing and taxation of marijuana, as well as laws governing possession. A competing measure, Issue 2, will also appear on the ballot. If Issue 2 passes, it would invalidate any initiatives that voters approve on the November 3 ballot that establish economic monopolies. Specifically, it would invalidate the *Marijuana Legalization Initiative* which limits the number of "grow sites" for marijuana to 10 statewide.

As of mid-September, The Cincinnati Enquirer reports that 9 individuals and organizations have taken official stands in support of Issue 3 while 39 organizations and individuals have expressed their opposition. Opinion

has been heated on both sides of the issue, however, many of the prominent organizations that care about the welfare of our children and teens stand opposed. Opponents include: The American Academy of Pediatrics, Ohio Chapter; The Ohio Children's Hospital Association (of



which Cincinnati Children's is a member); The Ohio State Medical Association; The

Ohio State Coroner's Association; The Ohio School Boards Association and the Drug Free Action Alliance among others. Drug Free Action Alliance has created a new webpage which includes resources helpful to understanding the initiatives. Go to www.DrugFreeActionAlliance.org/marijuana for:

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Ohio Marijuana Ballot Initiative Language and Concerns
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News from Other States

As states have sought to legalize marijuana, our youth have begun to perceive marijuana as a safe alternative to alcohol and tobacco use. The 2014 Pride Survey of Mariemont High School and Mariemont Junior High School students, indicates an increase in marijuana use among teenagers in our community. Results also indicate that "age of first use" of marijuana is 14.5 years. This is unfortunate news because research indicates that marijuana use can be particularly damaging to a developing adolescent brain.

If you are looking for more information and suggestions about how to address the topic with your child, Partnership for Drug-Free Kids offers a "Marijuana Talk Kit" to parents. Please visit www.drugfree.org/MJTalkKit for a free copy

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That's Amore!

BY KIM BEACH

The Ranalli's love story began at Joseph-Beth Booksellers in Hyde Park. Margaret was running the restaurant Bronte, and Roger was looking for guidance. He found what he was looking for when he ran into Margaret in the personal growth section of the bookstore and a new chapter in their lives began. Roger had a background in the restaurant business and after some time ended up working with Margaret at Bronte. The two ultimately married in 1998 and will be celebrating seventeen years of marriage next month.

The next thing Roger and Margaret fell in love with was the Village of Mariemont. They moved to their Linden Place "cottage" and began to make it their home. They added a large kitchen, master bedroom and eventually a beautiful young daughter named Emilia. Margaret had always envisioned having her own restaurant and was constantly searching for the perfect fit. After "kissing a lot of frogs," as she aptly described it, she discovered the current space of her next love, Enoteca Emilia in O'Bryonville. The name derives from Enoteca meaning "wine bar" and the Ranalli's daughter's first name, Emilia.

The Northern Italian restaurant opened in August 2011 after thoughtful renovation and the magic touch of designer Meg Fiora of Fiora Designs (and a previous Mariemont resident). With exposed brick, gentle natural light and a delightful coziness, the restaurant is a perfect environment to share the tantalizing small plates, pizza and pasta with friends. The Ranalli's were especially thrilled to be given Cincinnati Magazine's Best New Restaurant award in the first few months they were open. With seating for 108, the quaint eatery is open Monday through Sunday and also has a private party room available for special occasions. They have an extensive wine list and very knowledgeable servers/



Roger and Margaret Ranalli at Enoteca Emilia's

bartenders who are happy to assist in your selections.

With Enoteca Emilia successfully up and running, Roger and Margaret wanted to expand their offerings and Son of A Preacher Man (SOPM) was launched in February 2015. Located behind their current restaurant, the space and timing were perfect. Margaret had operated southern stores for Joseph-Beth in Memphis and Nashville and had fallen in love with southern comfort food. This is the scrumptious concept she brought to SOPM which is described as a "casual southern bourbon bar joint". The restaurant has also started brunch and off-site catering. Preacher Picnics (think buckets of chicken and sides) are the newest addition and ready for tailgate season.

Margaret and Roger enjoy working together and feel that their talents complement each other well. Ironically, their biggest challenge is trying to

coordinate personal time together. When asked what they love most about Mariemont, Roger's response is the community/neighbors and Margaret is a huge fan of the school system. She is thrilled with her daughter's experience and how she has thrived in the extraordinary setting. The convenience and walkability of the Village are also big assets that were mentioned by both.

When traveling out of area, the Ranalli's spend time in Colorado, North Carolina and other mountain areas. They are also big fans of Quebec and Montreal. And of course, there is good food all along the way. One of the couple's favorite meals was a fondue dinner at the Swiss House in Mont Tremblant, Quebec.

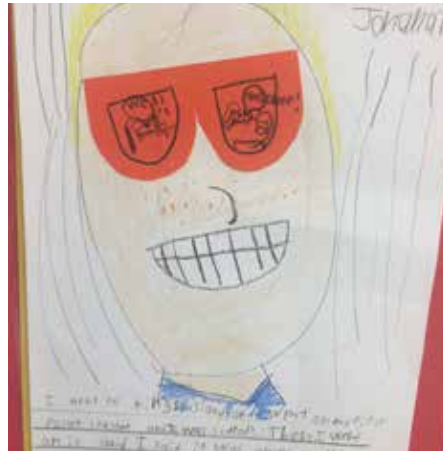
When asked about their next plans, both agree that they would like to have a restaurant in the Mariemont area and have been looking for options. We look forward to their next dining project...we know it will be a labor of love!

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Town Crier Creative Spotlight - Second Grade Vacations

By KAREN KENNEDY

Mrs. Jacob's second grade students were assigned the task of capturing a moment of their summer vacation...The experience is reflected in the eye glasses worn on each image. While most were positive, Anayah had captured a, not so great experience we all have had at one time or another...I am so happy that grandma came to the rescue! Welcome back Mariemont Elementary students! The positive attitude of the new year is reflected in this sign above Mrs. Jacob's door...there are many messages like this posted around the school halls and individual rooms. Have a great year!



Jonathan Hester documents his first roller coaster ride.



Anayah Rameriz remembers a not-so-pleasant experience.

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Ella Holloway has a bright smile and cool shades.



Chloe Hoover recounts a Disney experience.

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District Wide Scavenger Hunt Draws Local Families for an Action Packed Adventure

Kusel Stadium was host to a different kind of sporting event August 15 as families flocked the stands to commence the first annual Village Scavenger Hunt. The Amazing Race-style event, sponsored by the Mariemont School Foundation, took families on a road rally through the Mariemont City School District. Teams raced through the villages of Fairfax, Mariemont, Columbia Township and Terrace Park in a spirited quest to collect points in a series of challenges and stops at local businesses and area landmarks. The hunt ended at the finish line party where families were greeted with inflatables, life-size games, popcorn, candy and the announcement of winners! The Dewey Family of Mariemont secured the win for bragging rights and the coveted Road Rally trophy. Sponsors Time Timer, Bleux Water Spa, Tri-State Running, Snappy Tomato and Oxford Prep helped make the event possible.

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Mariemont Junior High girls stop at the Mariemont School Foundation Recognition Wall.



The Neville Family and Robbie Long of Terrace Park stop to clean a car window during the hunt.



Mariemont Junior High School principal and teachers "squeeze into a small space" during the Village Scavenger Hunt.

Family Event - Opera in the Park

THE MARIELDERS and The Cincinnati Opera request the honor of your presence at The Marriage of Figaro: The Essentials. Be sure to RSVP to this light-hearted presentation of Mozart's masterpiece. This family event will be held on Sunday, October 11 at Dogwood Park. Dinner will be provided by Smoker EZ from 4 to 5 with a Carillon Concert at 4:30 and the opera starting at 5:00 pm. Tickets are \$25 for adults and \$5 for kids under 12 and must be purchased in advanced at the MARIELDERS. If the weather is bad, this event will be held at the Mariemont Elementary School.

Health Insurance Assistance

It's open enrollment for Medicare and secondary insurances – if you have questions or want to enroll in a different plan our expert Melissa Bales will be here on October 22 at 9:00 am. She will be setting up 1 hour

appointments to discuss your insurance. Please call Kathy to set up an appointment at 271-5588.

Craft Show

THE MARIELDERS will be hosting its 4th Annual Lollipop Craft Show on Saturday,

December 12 from 10am to 4pm at the Mariemont Elementary School.

At this time we are seeking crafters for the show. For more information on booth space or an application please call Kathy at 271-5588.

Kiwanis Annual Art & Craft Fair a Success

The Kiwanis Club of Mariemont held its 30th Annual Fall Art and Craft Fair Sunday, September 13 with beautiful, fall-like weather in the heart of downtown Mariemont. Nearly 100 vendors from across the Tri-State were featured and enjoyed by many area residents.

The Kiwanis Club would like to extend special congratulations to the following award winners: First Place Art, Kevin Nichols (Facebook.com/BeardedArtist), Runner-Up Art, The Women's Art Club (ArtAtTheBarn.org), First Place Craft, Ball Wood Works (Facebook.com/BallWoodWorks), and Runner-Up Craft, J Dolls (Instagram.com/jdollspets).

Kiwanis also thanks our food vendor, Village Church of Mariemont, as well as several local businesses who donated raffle prizes: Kroger Mariemont, National Exemplar, Mariemont Inn, Flipddady's, Graeter's, Mariemont Theater, Miami Fitness Club, and Sky Galley Restaurant.

The Annual Fall Art and Craft Fair is Mariemont Kiwanis' largest fundraiser for local scholarships. Along with our annual spring golf

outing, the Fairfax Fall Festival and upcoming holiday nut sale, the fair helps raise close to \$15,000 for scholarships for graduating seniors of the Mariemont School District. To date, the Kiwanis Club of Mariemont has given away over \$200,000 in scholarships to over 60 students from Mariemont, Fairfax and Terrace Park.

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 7:45 am 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.

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What's Happening at the Mariemont Branch Library - October

Children

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

Movers & Shakers: Wednesdays at 10:30 am. Bring the little ones 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, October 22, at 4 pm. Ages 5-10.

Tales to Tails Tater Tot is back! Practice your reading skills by reading aloud to an adorable dog. Thursday, October 8, at 4 pm.

Teens

Maker Monday: Create something new using gadgets, tools, art supplies — even food! Monday, October 26, at 4:30 pm. Ages 10-16.

Adults

Wellness Series:

“Living a More Healthy Life” — Tuesday, Oct. 13, at 6:30 pm. Registration required.

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

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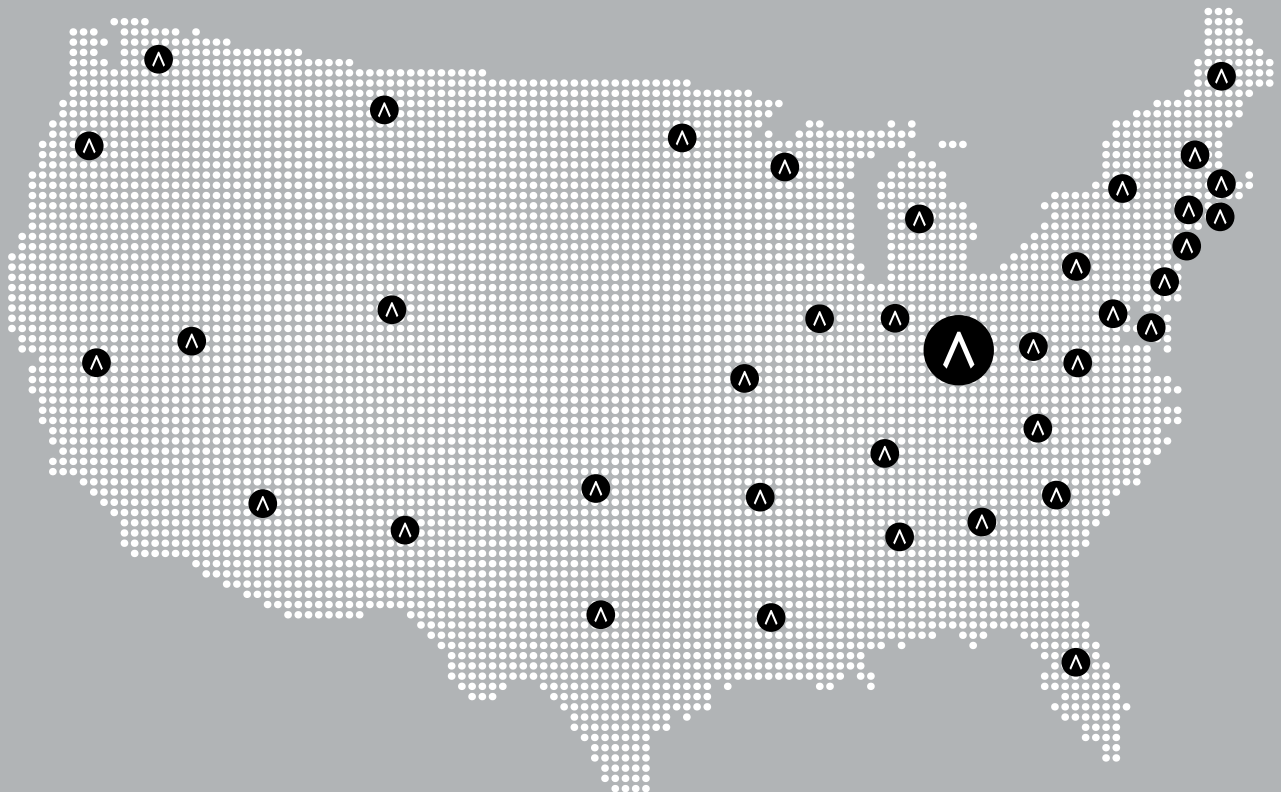
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Connecting to Your Local Community

BY DELTA CRABTREE

As I write my article for this month, we are about four weeks into the Mariemont High School year, and for my eldest the beginning

of her sophomore year at Miami University.

Even though tradition dictates that the "New Year" begins on January 1 each year – it feels like a new beginning as we transition from summer into fall and the academic year



begins. For me, life becomes very busy with school activities, kids sports and community volunteering. As a result, I am interacting with friends – old and new through all of these community connections.

Being connected in our community gives me a sense of belonging and I believe it directly correlates to my overall personal happiness. There are so many things each of us can do to improve the wellbeing of our community, beginning with getting to know your neighbors, supporting local activities and finding ways to help improve our community facilities for everyone's benefit.

This month I would like to highlight the Mariemont Mixer, taking place the evening of Thursday, October 8 from six to nine pm. This is quickly becoming a new favorite Mariemont tradition. Businesses along the Mariemont Strand and Square will be welcoming visitors with special promotions and refreshments. As a Mariemont resident I am happy to help our local businesses celebrate everything they bring to our community. As you may know, many of these small business owners are also our friends and Mariemont neighbors – making these connections even more special.

Let's hope for a great fall evening where we can experience our shopping district; while enjoying specials, live entertainment, wine tastings and more! As a guest for this event, the award-winning 50West brewery will be

offering samples of their craft beers for the enjoyment of adults as they stroll between shops, eateries and other participating businesses.

New Neighbor News

This month we are welcoming three new families. First, Christy and Josh Combs recently moved to 6989 Bramble Hill Dr. They come to Mariemont from a place that Christy jokingly referred to as "a place not many of us have ventured... the west side!" They are ecstatic to be more centrally located and now have all of their favorite things within a short walk or drive. They love walking to the Dilly Café and Starbucks and can't wait to try new running routes in the area. Christy is a nurse practitioner in the cardiology department at Children's Hospital and Josh owns a general contracting company doing mostly commercial construction work. They have two old English sheepdogs named Emma and Sophie and enjoy boating and spending as much time as possible at their home at Norris Lake.

The Uihlein family just moved into 6975 Murray Avenue. They are a family of four; Adam, Abby, Will (three) and Elle (one). After selling their house in Madisonville in March, they spent the summer in a rental apartment looking for the perfect house in Mariemont. They fell in love with the Village while walking down the Murray bike trail to the square. They feel that their home on Murray is a perfect fit for their family. They are looking forward to enjoying the beauty of Mariemont in the fall!

Finally, Alex and Margaret Jevic recently moved to 6951 Nolen Circle. Alex and Margaret are newlyweds and both grew up right here in Mariemont! They are recent graduates of Miami University and are very happy to be back home. At the moment, they regularly dog-sit a very energetic five pound Papillon named Beau. Apparently, if you see them out walking Beau, he makes quite a lasting impression! They love the history

of the Village of Mariemont; love the great restaurants, shops and parks and look forward to getting involved in the community. They were married on June 20 and this summer Alex has become quite the "meat master" on their new charcoal grill. Margaret is studying to be a nurse and enjoys making her own cleaning and beauty products.

Welcome to these three lovely families! In addition, please look for new faces on the following streets: Petoskey, Wooster Pike, Thorndike, Joan Place, Homewood, Elm, West, Pleasant, Hammerstone Way, Miami Bluff and Harvard Acres. I would love to introduce everyone to the community through this article, but completely understand that busy schedules and the stress of a move, might make it difficult to respond to my letter requesting participation. Just remember that it is never too late to be welcomed! Always feel free to contact me 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.



**Join us Sundays at
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Lite Bites are served at 10:15am

*Kids 0-5th grade meet during both services
Jr & Sr High youth group meets at 11am*

www.mariemontchurch.org

The Details of My Summer Garden

BY LISA BERNSTEIN

Ruby Trout Speckled lettuce ... yeah ...it's really a thing
Bright lime-green leaves allow the royal red ruby color sing.
Nestled together in a neat thick patch, screaming for attention
"Taste me" they yell to me, please add me to your basket collection.

But somebody else noticed this wildly colorful bounty
Every wild-haired white cotton tailed bunny in our entire county!
Who promptly ate all of the amazing Royal Ruby Speckled lettuce.
You're welcome my new friend, because there was only enough for one of us.

Heirloom tomato plants are standing tall and are neatly tied in sticks
Hand torn ragged strips of an old white t-shirt does the trick.
Small yellow flowers give birth to fruit all over the place
The clock has started ticking, growing is now a race.
But somebody else noticed these baby green globes so round
A husky raccoon, never to be seen ... never found.

Who ate small bites from yes ... every single one
And left me the rest on the ground ... just for fun.
You're welcome my new friend, because there was only enough for one of us.

The broccoli and cabbage grew dense heads so mighty and strong
Perfection at it's best, harvest time is near ... it wouldn't be long
I gathered my recipes from my mother's time-tested trials.
The mere thought of us together in the kitchen brought instant smiles!
But somebody else noticed that the time was perfectly right
A nation of slimy cabbage worms worked all

through the night.
They ate the crop very neatly and as you will see
Unlike the raccoon, they left absolutely none for me.
You're welcome my new friend, because there was only enough for one of us.

I planted in the same pot two different strawberry vines to start a new life
I declared them officially married, now they are husband and wife.
This is my summer science experiment to grow something new
Detailing every note in my journal as good any scientist would do.

But somebody else noticed these super-tasty red fruity seeds
Don't let these feathered summer birds fool you, they had selfish needs!
You see they have their own internet and tweeted for all to come.
They feasted on these red jewels until there were none.
You're welcome my new friend, because there was only enough for one of us.

So off I go to the farmer's market to purchase everything organic.
It's a reliable back-up plan to ease all my panic.
I walk in amazement, my senses heightened by the vast crops

Everything was perfectly displayed, even the carrots included their tops.
How could this be, how could they have so much produce to sell?
Then I realized it ... right then and right there ... I shouldn't get angry and I definitely shouldn't care,
You see they can keep all of their produce, because I stand proud when I'm done,
I have many new friends to welcome me, and from the looks of their produce ... they have none.

Those of you who are working days, we invite you to attend our fun evening meeting on Wednesday, October 7, 2015 at 6:30 pm for an Open House at the Barn - "Tweets and Treats" by Mary Alice Maze
We would also like to inform you of our field trip on Thursday, October 22 for Art in Bloom at the Cincinnati Art Museum. We will meet at the Barn at 10:30 am to carpool. During Art in Bloom, October 22-25, 2015, you have the opportunity to view a unique group of paintings that highlights Cincinnati Public Schools Art Collection. If you have never attended this event, see how people interpret the selected paintings by using floral materials. This event occurs every two years. Plan to attend with us on October 22 or on the days listed. Art in Bloom is a wonderful experience for any age.



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Mariemont High School Distinguished Alumni Selected

***Recipients Include an Entrepreneur,
Health Care Executive and U.S.
Ambassador***

The Mariemont Alumni Association and the Mariemont School Foundation are pleased to announce the recipients of Mariemont High School's third annual Distinguished Alumni Award. The award recognizes Mariemont High School graduates of at least 10 years who have notably distinguished themselves by extraordinary contributions and/or remarkable accomplishments in their chosen career; skill, trade or business; in civic duties; in military service; in philanthropy; in volunteerism; in the arts; in the sciences; in education; in religion; or any other field, endeavor or pursuit.

The recipients are Donn M. Davis, class of 1981, Managing Partner, Revolution Growth; Michael L. Fordyce, class of 1969, President/CEO, Craig Hospital; and Mark W. Lippert, class of 1991, United States Ambassador to South Korea. The third class of recipients was selected from nominations submitted to a committee including Mariemont Alumni Association (MAA) and Mariemont School Foundation (MSF) board members.

On Friday, October 2, these truly distinguished alumni will spend the day at Mariemont High School, where they will meet the faculty, visit with students and share their stories of success. At 5:30pm, they will be featured as honored guests in the school district's annual Homecoming Parade. Finally, the Distinguished Alumni will be formally introduced and honored before the start of the Homecoming Game at Kusel Stadium.

Donn M. Davis graduated from Mariemont High School with the class of 1981 where he was Senior Class President. He graduated from Miami University with a BS in finance and then earned his JD from the University of Michigan

Law School. Donn started his career as an attorney at Sidley & Austin in Chicago, specializing in media and technology transactions. At 29 years old, he became the youngest team attorney in Major League Baseball negotiating player contracts for the Chicago Cubs. From 1992 to 1998, he served in senior roles at Tribune Company, where he was President of Tribune Ventures. From 1998 to 2003, Donn was a senior executive at America Online, including President of the AOL Interactive Properties Group. He then became CEO of Exclusive Resorts, building it into one of the first successful "sharing economy" companies. In 2005 Donn co-founded venture capital firm Revolution LLC with Steve Case and serves as its Managing Partner. Mr. Davis and his wife Sharon live in Great Falls, Virginia with their three children, Cameron, Cooper and Tess.

Michael L. Fordyce is a graduate from the class of 1969. Mr. Fordyce was a standout athlete at Mariemont High School, where he earned 10 varsity letters and held records in cross country and track. He attended the University of Cincinnati, graduating cum laude with a degree in business. Mike advanced in his professional

career, becoming the chief administrative officer for the Catholic Health Initiatives, a national healthcare system of 72 hospitals and 42 long-term care facilities where he served for 21 years. In 2008, Mike became the President and CEO of Craig Hospital in Denver, Colorado, the position he holds today. Craig Hospital specializes in neurological rehabilitation and research and has been ranked the #1 rehabilitation hospital in the United States for the past three years (and top 10 for 25 years). Mr. Fordyce's philanthropic pursuits include a deep commitment to various health care industry initiatives and the establishment of the Steve McKee-Mike Fordyce Scholarship for Mariemont High School seniors.

Mark W. Lippert is a member of the Mariemont High School class of 1991. Mr. Lippert graduated Phi Beta Kappa from Stanford University with both a B.A. in Political Science and an M.A. in International Policy Studies. From 1999 through 2005, he served as an advisor and a professional staff member for several Senate committees, advising Senators Patrick Leahy, Tom Daschle and others.

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Donn M. Davis



Michael L. Fordyce



Mark W. Lippert

**Mariemont High School
2015 Distinguished Alumni**

VILLAGE

Taste of Mariemont

Families enjoyed food, fun and friends at the annual Taste of Mariemont, organized by Mariemont Preservation Foundation (MPF).

Mark followed as the foreign policy advisor for then-Senator Obama, working on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. Mr. Lippert has served as Deputy Assistant to the President, Chief of Staff for the National Security Council, Assistant Secretary of Defense for Asian and Pacific Security Affairs, and Chief of Staff to the Secretary of Defense. In September 2014, he was confirmed as the United States Ambassador to South Korea. His military service includes active duty deployments as an intelligence officer with the United States Navy to Iraq and Afghanistan with Seal Team One, and the Naval Special Warfare Development Group, respectively. Mark and his wife, Robyn, have one son, James William Sejun.

The Mariemont School Foundation is a non-profit organization whose mission is to support the long-term success of our students and community through initiatives that enhance educational excellence in the Mariemont School District. Your support of our Annual Fund Drive is critical to our success. For more information contact Scott Weston, MSF Trustee, at 513-349-5854. Nominations for 2016 will be solicited in the spring. Visit <http://mariemontschoolfoundation.org> for more information.

Mobile Mammography Comes to the Village

A mobile mammography unit will be at Health First Physicians on Friday, November 6, 2015 from 8:30 am until 12:30 pm. Health First is located at 6825 Wooster Pike in Mariemont. To schedule an appointment, visit **community.trihealthmobile@timetrade.com** or call (513) 569-6565.

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It was a beautiful day to come together at the Concourse



The MPF booth was full of history about the Village.



Creativity was encouraged!



See you next year!

The Mariemont Paint Out – October 16 and 17

A New Village Event

Join the fun of a new event in Mariemont – The Mariemont Paint Out! This is a two-part event that will be fun for all. The first part is the actual painting, when during the days on October 16 and 17; artists from across the region will be in Mariemont painting “en plein air.” This French expression means painting “in the open air” and is particularly used to describe painting outdoors, not in studios.



Stroll through Mariemont and look for the artists as they work on their canvases in the most picturesque locations. This is a competition for the artists and they will be working diligently to complete their work of art in less than 48 hours.

If you would like to participate as an artist, sign up online at www.artatthebarn.org. There you will find lots of info and inspirational photos of wonderful Mariemont locations. The First Place winner is to be awarded \$500 and a solo gallery exhibition at The Barn, so join up to participate now!

The second part of the event is the Evening Reception and Sale. The finished, framed works will be returned to The Barn Saturday October 17 for judging and hanging

and the Gallery will open at 7 pm for a FREE party to view and purchase the art on display. What a wonderful way to obtain an original painting of a favorite Village scene and benefit The Barn!

The Evening Reception & Sale is Saturday, October 17 from 7-10 pm and there is no charge to attend, so make plans now to enjoy a wonderful evening of local art. Refreshments will be served.



*Artist Deborah Ridgely paints at the Concourse.
photo by Joe Stoner*

Mariemont Preservation Presents... “High School Alien”

The kickoff presentation for this year's Mariemont Preservation Presents is “High School Alien”, a Playhouse in the Park Off the Hill family series world premiere production coming to The Barn on October 17. Showtime is 10:30 am. Remember that Saturday morning is wonderful family time together and this production is good for the whole family, recommended for ages 7 and up.



For Maddie, high school is a totally new universe with unlimited possibilities. An eager freshman, she's determined to change her image, and regain the attention of her former friend Robyn. But everyday challenges of fitting in take on new meaning when an alien refugee from outer space enrolls at school, and Maddie must decide if achieving popularity is worth compromising her true personality.

Register for this show and any future Mariemont Preservation Presents at www.artatthebarn.org. All of these family friendly events are \$5 per person.

In the Gallery...

“Our Stories”, the Women's Art Club of Cincinnati All Member Show

Opens Friday October 9 with a reception from 6-9pm.

The Woman's Art Club of Cincinnati will hold its annual All-Member Exhibition from October 11 through November 1. The exhibition, themed Our Stories, will have an opening reception on Friday, October 9 from 6-9 pm. “It's a showcase for local talent and a great opportunity to purchase original art,” says club president, Marie Smith.

Show dates and hours at The Barn gallery are: October 11 through November 1 on Tuesdays- Fridays from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm, and 1:00 pm- 4:00 pm on weekends. A closing reception will be held Sunday, November 1 from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm. All visitors are welcome to the receptions as well

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WOMAN'S ART CLUB CULTURAL CENTER

as the show and there is no charge.



New Classes...

For Adults

Model Sketch Group –Now is your chance to sketch live models with the newly formed Model Sketch Group. This group is open to the public as well as Women's Art Club Members, meeting on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month from 1-4 pm. This is not a teaching class; it is an opportunity to practice on your own, with a live model set up for you. Reservations are required for each class and the cost is \$10 cash for Club Members and \$15 cash for non-members. For more information contact Deborah Ridgely at 513-259-9302.



Fiber Arts at The Barn with Susan Austin

Susan Austin has started the most fabulous fiber arts program at The Barn. She has developed many, many classes for both adults and kids alike, including weaving, embroidery, knitting and more. Sign up for a class and open up a whole new world of creative fun. Be careful though, you may get "hooked"! Contact Susan at fabulousfibers@gmail.com to register.

Have you been HEXED?

Tuesday October 20
9:30 am-12:30 pm - \$25
Hexagons have invaded the world of

quilting with the book, *The New Hexagon* by Katja Marek. Come and become a part of this monthly meeting group that will create a wonderful quilt top! Initial meeting is Tuesday 9:30-12:30. Cost is \$25 for the year!

Weave a Colorful scarf!

Friday October 23 6:30-9:30 and

Sunday October 25 1-4 pm - \$60

Come learn to weave using a rigid heddle loom! Each student will complete at least one scarf. This two-session class will allow you to take looms home with you to weave during free time.

Introduction to Punch Needle Embroidery

Tuesday October 27 1-4 pm - \$30

Come, bring your favorite colors of embroidery floss and learn a fun, relaxing technique using a needle punch. Weaver's cloth will be provided and Cameo ultra punch needles can be rented from the Barn for \$5 for the class.

Let's Weave a kitchen rug!

Thursday October 29 1-4 pm - \$30

Bring a sheet you don't love and one that you do, and we will teach you how to weave a wonderful rug for your kitchen floor. You will be allowed to take the loom home with you for one week following the class to finish your project. Loom rental included in course fee.

Weave a Colorful scarf!

Friday October 30 6:30-9:30 pm and

Sunday November 1 1-4pm - \$60

Pick two yarns in your favorite colors and weave a colorful scarf using a Rigid Heddle loom. This two-day workshop introduces a very relaxing and easy form of weaving. Complete at least one wonderful scarf (handy during the fall and winter). Looms can be rented from The Barn for \$10 for the length of the workshop.

Let's Weave a Holiday Gift!

Monday November 2 and

Wednesday November 4 1-4pm - \$60

This two -class session will teach students to use a rigid heddle loom to create a beautiful gift. Bring your two favorite colors of yarn and finish a scarf in plain weave by the end of class. Looms can be rented from the Barn for \$10 and be taken home between classes to weave at home!

Classes with Joy Ritter

Learn to Crochet with Joy Ritter

Saturday October 24, 1-4 pm - \$45

Crochet is an enjoyable hobby, which almost anyone can learn in a small amount of time. Come and learn to crochet beautiful stitches and create your own handmade items, to keep and enjoy or to give as gifts. Materials will be provided. Contact Joy at 513-508-8621 or joyfulforall@gmail.com.

Intro to Zentangle with Joy Ritter

Saturday Oct. 24, 9 am to noon

Another class to learn the art of Zentangle, the intricate, abstract black and white art pieces, created in a process thought of as artistic meditation. Fun for all! Contact Joy to register.

For Children and Young Adults

Artivity (Grades 2-4)

Mondays 4-5:30 pm – Have fun making wild art projects after school! Ideal for creative kids wanting more art time. Diverse, project-based enrichment activities including origami, crayon resist, pet portraits, mosaics, crazy sculpture, cartooning and more. Class runs until November 16. Contact teacher Dave Laug at 513-885-5284 or dvdlaug@gmail.com.

Art Club (Grades 5-8) –Tuesdays 4-5:30 pm - Explore art, focusing on drawing and painting. Kids will paint and draw people, pets, portraits, landscapes and whatever else sounds fun, focusing on technique and basic elements of art. Have fun while enhancing your art skills! Contact teacher Dave Laug as above. Both classes started late September but fees will be prorated for late registrants.



VILLAGE GOVERNMENT

Architectural Review Board (ARB) – July 20, 2015

Present were Mr. Bruggeman, Ms. Stalzer, Mr. Allen, Mr. Miller, Mr. Thomas and Mayor Policastro. Mr. Haffner was not in attendance. Also in attendance was Building Commissioner Kirk Hodulik.

The request was from Ean Siemer of ES Remodel LLC of 885 Zan Court, Cincinnati, Ohio 45226 for 4101 Rowan Hill Drive for a Certificate of Appropriateness for air conditioning condensing unit fence enclosure per Planning Commission variance. (PLEASE NOTE: The approved Planning Commission variance is a compromise endorsed by the Woman's Art Club of Cincinnati, with a proviso that the fence and its maintenance shall extend and run with the land, so that any future homeowners cannot remove this structure).

Ms. Debbie Catalanotto was in attendance for the applicant. Building Commissioner Hodulik said the applicant wishes to put the air conditioning unit in the required side yard setback. It made the most sense from a location standpoint. If you put it anywhere else it would end up in the front yard or back by the garage which would create a long run for the condensing unit refrigerant. It would also be noisy. Mr. Siemer approached the Woman's Art Club to work with them in hopes of getting approval from the Planning Commission. They negotiated a six-foot high fence in keeping with the siding and look of the house. Because the property is in the Historic District and because it is a Historic Landmark it requires approval from the ARB. Mr. Thomas asked if it has to be screened. Building Commissioner Hodulik said yes that was part of the compromise with the Woman's Art Club. Legally it did not meet the zoning requirements. It will be screened on three sides with the back side having a gate so the unit can be serviced. Mr. Allen moved, seconded by Mayor Policastro to approve the request for a Certificate of Appropriateness. On roll call; six ayes, no nays.

The ARB members briefly discussed

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Mayor:	Dan Policastro	mayordan1@gmail.com

limiting split rail fencing in the Village. Mayor Policastro said due to the Sunshine Law it really needs to be on the agenda for discussion.

Council Highlights August 24, 2015

The Mayor and Council members Mr. Marsland, Mr. Miller, Ms. Palazzolo and Ms. Schwartz were present.

Mr. Marsland said he had received six white pine trees from Penn State for Miami Bluff to be planted in front of the pool. Mayor Policastro asked about the size of the trees. Mr. Marsland said they were about three inches in diameter at breast height and about six feet tall. He said it was a little too early to plant them now. It would be best to wait until later in September. He said he would continue to take care of them by watering the burlap wrapping around them and would notify the Service Department when the time is right to plant them.

Building Commissioner Hodulik said he received an email from Hamilton County regarding the Village's agreement establishing a Board of Appeals. The email indicated some minor changes that needed to be made to the agreement before it could be put into effect. Mr. Hodulik then informed Council that he would be resigning as Building Commissioner to take a full-time job elsewhere. However, it is his intent to stay on until his replacement can be appointed and until he had time to train that person for the job. Mr. Hodulik said he has enjoyed working for the Village and thanked Police Chief Hines, Asst. Fire Chief Kiefer, Service Department Superintendent John

Scherpenberg, all the people of the Village and members of Council, Mayor Policastro who hired him, Mrs. Van Pelt, Mrs. Singleton, and all those who had helped him throughout the time he has served as Building Commissioner. Mr. Miller thanked Mr. Hodulik for being willing to stay long enough to get his replacement trained. He said Mr. Hodulik has done a great job and will be missed.

A letter was received from Mark Erhardt resigning from the South 80 Trails, Gardens and Park Advisory Board. Mayor Policastro explained that Mr. Erhardt has moved out of the Village and can no longer be a member of the Board. It is his understanding that Joe Stelzer will take over as Chairman of the South 80 Board.

Mayor Policastro said the equipment at the swimming pool is old, rusted, and falling apart. We received a quote from Shamrock Enterprises. Ed Beck provided us with a list of other companies we could contact for competitive quotes. Mayor Policastro said he would have Mrs. Singleton send those companies a request for quotes. He then referred the matter to the Public Works and Services Committee.

Mayor Policastro said that we currently have a contract with Duke Retail that will expire on December 31 of this year. Since Duke Retail was bought out by Dynegy, we decided to look at other providers to see if we could do better on the costs. Mrs. Singleton said we have met with a few companies that will do the shopping for us for electric and gas suppliers. Regarding electric, the best quote we got was from Muirfield Energy, who had 'shopped' for electric suppliers for us and recommended that we go with

VILLAGE GOVERNMENT



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

Champion Energy Services. If we sign a three-year agreement with Champion, the discount would save us \$3,398.08 per year on our electric costs, for a savings over the three-year contract term of \$10,194.24. One of the things that Champion can offer to us that Duke Energy Retail could not was to offer a discount on our street light accounts. One street light account normally runs around \$2,000.00 per month, so any discount we can get will help. Muirfield Energy, however, was not able to offer us much of a discount for our natural gas supply. Energy Alliances, who shopped for gas suppliers for us, was able to offer us a better discount on gas. They would put us in a group plan. They buy the gas during the off months, during the summer when demand is down and, therefore, costs are down. They then "warehouse" it for when we need it in the winter when the demand is higher. This means we would still be paying the lower cost even when demand and costs are up, because we would have bought ahead of time. Energy Alliance could not give us a quote for the gas costs, because it changes every day, just like the stock market. The actual cost will depend on when we sign the agreement. Right now, we have no discount on any of our four natural gas accounts, so any discount we get would be a savings. Mrs. Singleton said that after all the companies she spoke with, it is her

suggestion that we go through Muirfield Energy to go with Champion for our electric supplier and that we go through Energy Alliance for our gas supplier. Mayor Policastro called for a vote on Mrs. Singleton's proposal. Mr. Miller moved, seconded by Ms. Palazzolo to accept the agreement with Champion Energy for our electric supplier and with Energy Alliance for our natural gas supplier. On roll call, four ayes, no nays.

Mayor Policastro stated that we have some major expenses coming up. The work at the pool will cost about \$50,000, but it is important to keep the pool in good shape. If we are going to do this, we have to do it this year. We need to replace it during the off-season to have it ready for next summer. This is not something we can do during the pool season. Hopefully the committee will get with Mrs. Singleton, get some requests for quotes out, and get started on repairing the pool. According to Pool Facilities Manager, Ed Beck, we were very lucky to have made it through this year with the equipment being in the condition it's in.

Mayor Policastro also said the air conditioning in the Municipal Building needs to be replaced. They are over 50 years old. He showed Council a rusted piece from the condensation pans that

sit under the two current units in the Municipal Building attic and said we had fixed those temporarily with a rubber mat. The company that did that work said we really need to get new air handlers. We contacted about eight heating and air conditioning companies. They came out, got up in the attic, took a look at what we had and we never heard from them again. Not one of them was even willing to give us a bid. The current units were put in when the building was constructed and they were built into the attic. It is going to be a big job to get the old units out and put new ones in. Mr. Miller asked if the units would have to be removed through the roof. Mayor Policastro said they will have to be disassembled in the attic and taken out that way. He said Village resident Bob Steinkamp had provided us with the name of a company to contact and we are waiting for his quote. Mr. Miller asked if the contractors were aware that other companies had been contacted for quotes. He said he felt we would get more competitive bids if each of them knew other quotes were going to be submitted. Mayor Policastro said we had let all of them know that we are requesting quotes from other contractors. He said that, in addition to the units in the attic, Assistant Fire Chief Kiefer had pointed out that

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there is also a large air handler in the basement that needs to be replaced. It will also be very difficult to remove and replace. That means that there are actually three units that need to be replaced. We want to do this work in the fall when the temperature in the attic would be cool enough for people to work up there and when outside temperatures would not require us to run the air conditioners to keep the building comfortable. He believes the new air conditioning will cost about \$40,000.

Mayor Policastro said the balance in the Permanent Improvement Fund is now \$225,000, but we have made the final payment on the new fire truck and next year the fund should start to replenish itself. We should receive approximately \$350,000 from the capital tax levy and another \$100,000 for the Street Fund. Even though it will be tough, we need to do these projects this fall. Mayor Policastro said in the spring, we need to replace the

driveway for the fire trucks and estimated it would cost about \$20,000. He said he wanted to let Council know what was ahead of us and we will need to make some decisions on these projects over the next month or so.

The Health and Recreation Committee met on Wednesday August 12, 2015 to discuss the Murray Avenue Bike Trail. Present were Mary Ann Schwartz, Dennis Wolter, Maggie Palazzolo, Mayor Policastro and Village Engineer Chris Ertel. Each Committee member listed their rankings of the seven Letters of Interest submitted to Village Engineer, Chris Ertel, for the Murray Avenue bike path. Choice One Engineering was the unanimous choice of the Committee Members including Mayor Policastro. It is recommended by the Committee to have Village Engineer enter into contract negotiations with Choice One Engineering. Ms. Palazzolo moved, seconded by Mr. Marsland to accept the recommendation of the committee.

Mayor Policastro asked if a resolution or ordinance was required at this time. Engineer Chris Ertel said all we need at this point is the report and approval of Council. On roll call, four ayes, no nays.

Architectural Review Board (ARB) September 21, 2015

Mr. Thomas called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Present were Mr. Thomas, Ms. Stalzer, Mr. Allen, Mr. Haffner and Mayor Policastro. Also in attendance was Building Administrator Don Keyes.

The request was from Gail McBride, Trustee of the Mariemont Preservation Foundation, on behalf of Ean Siemer, contractor and owner of 4101 Rowan Hill Drive, Mariemont, Ohio 45227 known as the "Farmer's Cottage" of "Caretaker's Cottage" for a Certificate of Appropriateness for 15"x12" bronze plaque mounted on a boulder to be place on above noted property front left of front path, identifying the historic nature

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of the property. Mayor Policastro said it is an historic building and we have done this sort of identification all over the Village. Mr. Thomas said the only question he had was in the letter Ms. McBride states that the agreement was a prior agreement that consisted of a "consolidated" permit for all plaques produced by MPF even though they were to be done over a period of time. He is not sure what that means and if it is true then he is not sure why a Certificate of Appropriateness needs to be granted.

Mr. Don Keyes (who is also President of MPF) said the goal is to ensure that the owner of the property (and subsequent buyers) cannot move the boulder with the plaque. MPF would continue to own the rock and the plaque so the owner and future owners cannot dispose of it. Mr. Keyes said MPF was thinking they could get some sort of easement. Mr. Thomas said the new owner would have to grant an easement to MPF. Mr. Keyes said MPF was hopeful to get the

easement on the title prior to the sale by Mr. Siemer before he sold it. Mr. Thomas said that would be a good idea.

Mr. Haffner said the rock is in place. Mr. Keyes said Mr. Siemer indicated that he wanted the plaque in place by the beginning of September. Mr. Haffner said it would certainly be noticed by anyone looking to buy the property. Mayor Policastro suggested Mr. Allman may be able to provide legal advice to MPF.

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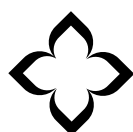
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