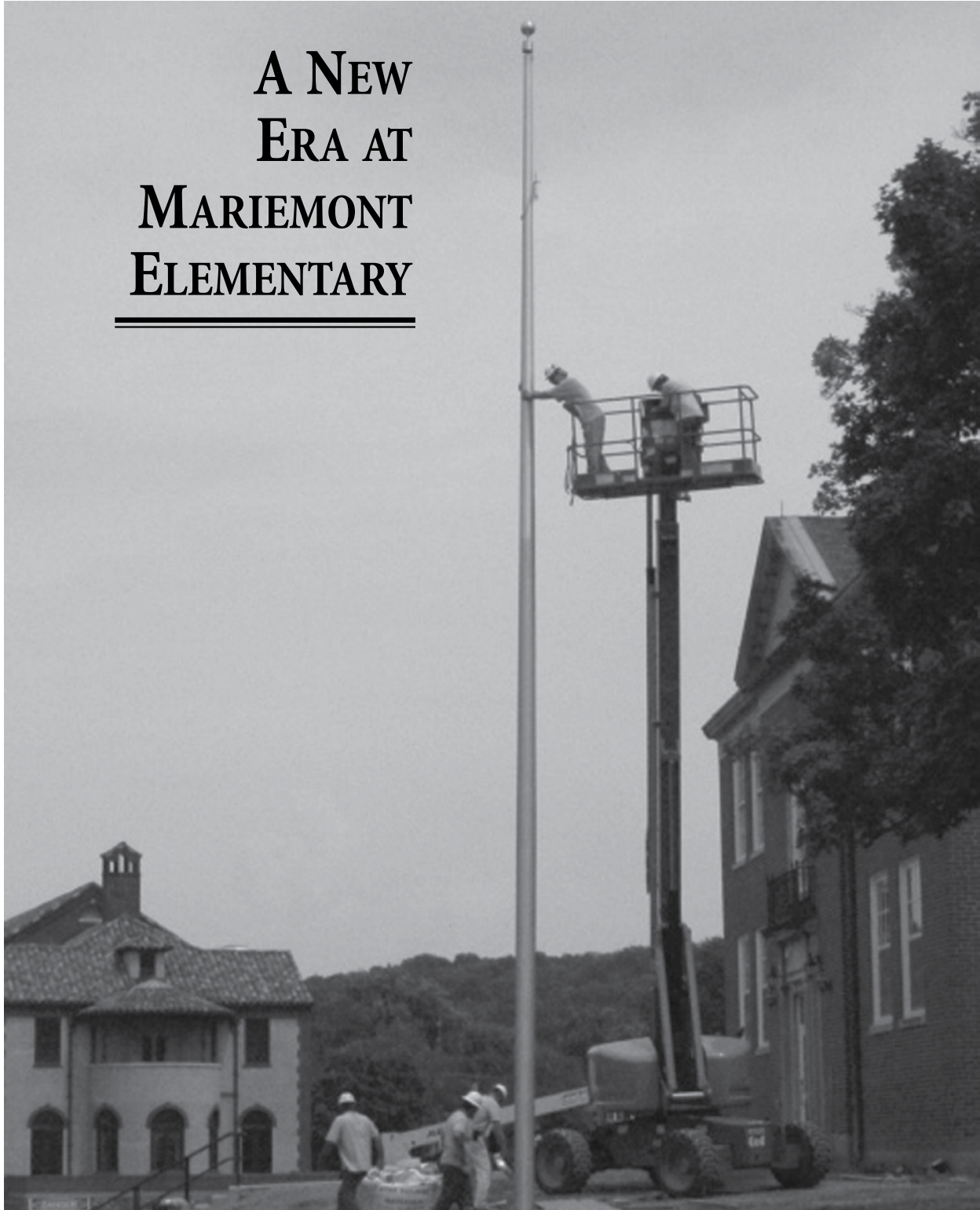


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The flagpole at Mariemont Elementary is raised in anticipation of the official dedication ceremony on September 9 at 2 pm.

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New Village Web Site Debuts

By CLAIRE KUPFERLE, EDITOR

The Town Crier has a new home on the Internet. Visit www.mariemont.com for recent and past Town Criers and much more!

The purpose of mariemont.com is to provide connections for residents, businesses, and visitors to the Village. A nice feature of the site is a Business Directory that Mariemont residents can add to at no cost. If you offer piano lessons in your home, you can add your business to the Directory. Perhaps you are an attorney with offices downtown. We still want you listed! Many residents might want to do business with other residents, but don't know which neighbor might be an insurance salesman, a tutor, or an accountant.

Another feature of the site is the Calendar. We are working out the details, but eventually, each organization in Mariemont can have its



Front row: Claire Kupferle. Back row, Larry Goetz, Jay Moore, Rich Wendel and Dick Wendel.

own page of the calendar. If someone wants to know about events coming up at MariElders, they will be able to go to the Calendar and find the MariElders listings.

Mariemont resident Richard Wendel has pulled together a team to create and

administer the site. Jay Moore, of Moore Business Consulting, is building the site. Mr. Moore is also helping develop the new web site for Mariemont City Schools and is a SCORE counselor, along with Dr. Wendel. Larry Goetz is also a part of mariemont.com. Mr. Goetz retired in May from Mariemont City Schools, where he was most recently the Digital Video instructor and webmaster. Your friendly neighborhood editor has also gotten involved. [Mariemont.com](http://mariemont.com) will host the Town Crier, since it will no longer be hosted on the Mariemont Schools web site. The Town Crier will provide content for the new website.

Dick Wendel is a man of many talents. He is a retired urologist, SCORE counselor, author, and a long-time resident of Mariemont. His grandson, Rich Wendel, is a sophomore at Turpin High School and a very talented webmaster for mariemont.com.

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Warrior Run Planned for October 13

By RANDY YORK

The Warrior Run: The Race for Life will be held on Saturday, October 13, 2012 at 5:30 pm in historic Mariemont. The 5K race will begin at the Mariemont Bell Tower on Pleasant Street and then wind through the tree-lined streets of the Village to the cheers and encouragement of Mariemont residents as the crunch of fallen leaves provided a rhythm for the runners.

The event benefits the Surviving the Teens® program created by Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center. It provides information, resources and support on teen mental health problems to help guide teens and families through the ups and downs they might face. To date, The Warrior Run: The Race for Life has raised over \$70,000 for the Surviving the Teens® program. Last year the event drew over 1,000 runners/walkers



and resulted in a donation of \$40,000 to the Surviving the Teens® program.

Concurrent with the USATF sanctioned 5k Warrior Run will be an untimed one-mile walk through the scenic Village of Mariemont. Both courses start and finish at the Bell Tower at Dogwood Park, off Pleasant Street, in the Village of Mariemont.

Following the race, the family-oriented event will continue with a fun-filled evening of food, drinks, music, and carnival-style kid's games. Food for the event includes City Barbecue pulled pork and chicken, Homemade Chili, LaRosa's pizza, UDF ice cream, hot dogs, hamburgers, pasta salads, and cookies and muffins. The event will also include

a Bid-n-Buy event with items donated by area merchants. Music will be provided by radio station Rewind 94.9, and at dusk the festivities will conclude with the showing of a movie on a temporary big screen erected in the center of the Bell Tower Park.

Race registration and information can be found at cincywarriorrun.org, or you may contact Nancy Miller at 271-5599 or jmiller21@cinci.rr.com.

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Early Packet Pickup

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Eastern Corridor Project Causes Controversy

BY AMY HOLLON

The Eastern Corridor Project could expand Red Bank Road, relocate State Route 32 closer to Miami Bluff, and bring commuter rail from downtown Cincinnati through Fairfax and Newtown, but much work remains and the proposed route is raising concerns among some Mariemont officials.

The project is currently being developed through a partnership with the Ohio Department of Transportation, the city of Cincinnati, the Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana Regional Council of Governments, the Southwest Ohio Regional Transit Authority and the Hamilton and Clermont Counties' Transportation Improvement Districts. The idea is that Cincinnati currently has poor east-west connectivity and insufficient interstate travel to downtown leading to congestion and more accidents. There are also pinch points, such as the Little Miami River crossings, and little room

for future traffic growth.

"What we do today, if done right, will ease traffic congestion, reduce air pollution and set the stage for community improvement and benefit for the next hundred years," County Commissioner Todd Portune said in a press release.

The project has been in development since 2005 and is divided into four parts. It would begin by improving the I-275 and State Route 32 interchange in the Eastgate area. Over the next year, conceptual alternatives for the project will be developed and narrowed to define exactly what the project will look like. Second, the Red Bank Expressway would be improved between U.S. Route 50 and I-71. What exactly these improvements would look like has not yet been determined, but one option could be a limited-access highway with interchanges.

Third, the project would relocate and expand State Route 32 into a four-lane divided highway, the piece of the project most likely to affect Mariemont. The new road would be located significantly north of the current State Route 32. The west end of 32, which currently intersects with Beechmont Avenue, would be shifted north to create a new link with the Red Bank business corridor. From there the road would travel east, likely proceeding just south of Wooster Pike, through Mariemont's south 80 acres, cross the river near the rail yard east of the horseshoe bend, and intersect with Newtown Road north of Valley Avenue. The new road would be a four-lane divided highway with bike lanes on either side.

The exact alignment of the new road has not yet been determined. However, a recent environmental-impact study has narrowed the choices. Among other things, the study considered the flood plains and soil stability. "One of the things that came through during Tier 1 (the first phase of planning) was the challenge to find a stable part of the river," said Andy Fluegemann, a planning engineer for ODOT District 8. In fact, Fluegemann said the study revealed very limited options for where a bridge over the Little Miami River could feasibly be placed, meaning the bridge would have to be built east of Mariemont's South 80, also known as the Mariemont Lower Gardens and Walking Trails Park.

This has raised concerns for Mariemont Mayor Dan Policastro who doesn't want to see the park destroyed or a new road so close to the Village. "Putting a road through the middle of

our park would not only destroy this recreation area but would also alter the landscape of our National Historic Landmark Community," Policastro wrote in a letter to the Hamilton County Engineer. "This is unacceptable! It is in direct opposition to the National Parks Service guidelines for preserving historic landmark properties." Policastro also said he had concerns about a road so close to the earthwork near Miami Bluff Drive and nearby artifacts.

Finally, the project could add a commuter rail line, extending from the downtown Riverfront Transit Center through Milford. The proposed Oasis Rail Transit line would be designed similar to the Sprinter in San Diego County, California or the Capital Metro in Austin, Texas. The Oasis rail line is expected to closely follow U.S. Route 50 until State Route 32. The line would then follow the new State Route 32 through Milford. Ten areas of land have been identified to build up to as many stations because of their accessibility and current zoning.

"This is not your traditional transportation project," Portune said at an Aug. 2 meeting. "It is designed to mix transportation improvements with sound land-use planning." If everything proceeds smoothly, construction on State Route 32 and the rail line could begin in 2017. But much has to be done before that point. To date, funding has not yet been identified for the project. And although preliminary studies have been completed, exact routes have not yet been identified for any of the projects, and the final engineering phase has not yet taken place. ODOT is also still seeking public comment about the projects. Depending on responses from the public, a more exact route for State Route 32 is expected to be revealed at public meetings in December. For all of the projects one of the options is still "no-build." The rail project may still be the most tenuous.

Fluegemann said a business case assessment is still required. The assessment will consider the capital costs of the project – such as the costs to build the stations and purchase right-of-ways or improve existing rail lines – the operating costs over a 20-year period, and the fares that would be necessary to pay for the improvements. "We'll look at and decide 'Is this still a good idea?'" Fluegemann said.

For more information and maps of the project, visit www.easterncorridor.org.

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BY DENIS BEAUSEJOUR

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As I drip dry under the shade, reading and sipping on a drink, I hear a conversation nearby. I look up to see Ed Beck gently reminding two kids that

their food needs to stay in the concessions area. More like a granddad than a municipal employee, Ed has a gentle and yet authoritative style. The young boys happily and immediately return to the right spot to finish their snacks. I can see how Ed's affable smile, friendly eyes, glasses, trademark baseball cap and personality are a great fit. He moves around the pool, checking chemicals, picking up trash, talking with guests, and taking the occasional phone call.

Since 1986, Ed has been our Pool Manager, a pro who has a firm grasp on all details of his operation. Ed grew up swimming competitively and lifeguarding, and eventually graduated from the University of Cincinnati. His summers working at pools made a great complement to a career as a teacher and counselor. He eventually led the community aquatics programs in Anderson Township. When former Mariemont Mayor Dick Adams invited Ed to consider managing our pool, they agreed to a one year trial. Twenty seven years later, it looks like the trial is working out!

Ed is obviously really comfortable around pools. He has competed, worked, coached, and programmed recreation activities in many different pools, schools and community settings.

Throughout all this time, Ed found a way to juggle the pool responsibilities in Mariemont while handling a challenging schedule in Anderson, where he makes his home. Now retired, life is a bit less hectic, and Ed

obviously keeps working because he loves what he does. He speaks highly of his fellow Village employees, who all work together to keep things safe and in order. Safety and order are high on Ed's list – reminding kids softy of various concerns as he makes his rounds.

The Pool is an amazing community resource: swim lessons, competitions, great family facilities, and for folks like us - just fabulous R&R. With the help of assistant manager Jordan Schad and a team of 25-30 part time high school and college students, the pool runs seven days a week with front desk, lifeguard and concessions services. Ed also gives thanks to the Mayor's leadership, the Council, those serving in the office, the pool commission, and the coaches and parents. Things run smoothly because people work well together.

Ed has been married to his wife Peggy for 45 years, and successfully raised his own family. He brings that continuity and mature wisdom to bear as he interacts with parents and kids alike. He has a welcoming and soft spoken personality and he finds the people here easy to serve and work with. He has stayed so long because he truly enjoys what he does



and the people he serves. He seems to arrive early every time we take an early walk by the pool. Always upbeat, always making sure things are ship shape. Ed is a perfect fit for the role – and I realize that every community depends on more than their residents for quality of life. Ed is another unique person that makes Mariemont a special place to live.



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The Mystery of Mariemont's White Squirrels

By JOAN WELSH

"What was that?" You're sitting at your kitchen table and see a flash of white outside your window. A rabbit? A cat? Upon a closer look you see a perfect white squirrel. Hasn't this happened to all of us at one time or the other here in Mariemont? What are these creatures? Why are they here in Mariemont? Mariemont has had white squirrels for many decades.

There's a lot more to this than meets the eye. There are actually two schools of thought on our white squirrels. One is that they are albino squirrels; the other is that they are actually a strain apart; a variant of the Eastern Gray Squirrel (*Sciurus carolinensis*) most commonly found in Cincinnati. Just because an animal is white (when it normally isn't that color) doesn't mean that it's an albino. Conversely, an albino animal doesn't have to be totally white, either. The answers can all be found in the animal's genes. Animals that have strong white coloration lack the genetics to produce the pigment melanin. An albino member of a species inherits genes that interrupt the making of melanin. But other members of the same species may have factors that block melanin production, making the animal look all white. The key difference can be found in the eyes. An albino will have pink or light blue eyes, shades that are very uncommon to the animal. A white, non-albino

will have eyes that typically are the color of its species, usually black. The rate of albinism in squirrels is estimated at one in 100,000. Naturalist Karl Maslowski says that Terrace Park's white squirrels are a strain apart, and not merely albino versions of the common squirrel.

Gray squirrels live on average for 6-8 years and up to 10-12 years in the wild if they make it past the high 75 percent death rate for first year squirrels. The lack of eye pigment in albino animals decreases sight and has been thought to increase death rates. There are colonies of albino squirrels developed through semi-controlled breeding and protection policies in several towns in the United States, most notably Olney, Illinois. Dr. John Stencil, a biology teacher at Olney Central College



conducted annual albino squirrel counts for 35 years. Dr. Stencil's albino study and a similar studies for the White Squirrel Research Institute by Dr. Robert Glesener on white squirrels with black eyes report that these squirrel populations remain stable once established in protected urban settings (such as Mariemont) which seems to suggest pink eyes and white fur colors are not major factors in death rates.

Gray squirrels running up and down and around trees are thought to be engaging in a courtship ritual. Mating between two squirrels with different coat colors is random. Coat color is not nearly as much a factor as hormonal



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attraction. Squirrels have two breeding seasons per year, one in winter and one in summer. When a female enters estrus, interested males come from hundreds of yards away and camp out at her "door step" (outside her nest) before dawn without ever seeing her coat color. "Courtship" offers little opportunity for females to be selective by any means, let alone coat color (Steele and Koprowski, 2001). She is only "receptive" and pursued by males for one day during each breeding period. During that time, she may be impregnated by several different males, none of which help raise the young. That is one reason piecing together the genetics of coat color variation in squirrels is so difficult. Those of you who remember your high school science classes know that Gregor Mendel studied genetics with dominant and recessive genes. A recessive gene would cause the white coat of our squirrels. If two of our gray squirrels carried this recessive gene then out of 4 babies, one of the squirrels would be white according to Cincinnati Nature Naturalist, Bill Creasey. The gray squirrel has a home range of 1 – 2 acres for the females. The males will venture out a bit farther. This would help explain why once a cluster of white squirrels develops the individuals remain close by.

The jury is still out if albinism is a detriment to survival. On first thought you might think being all white would be a huge disadvantage, as it would make it easier to be spotted by a predator. But through more study, naturalists have come to believe predators may not even recognize a white-version of their prey as food so subsequently the white animals are left alone. Gray squirrels will take shelter in leaf nests they have constructed, or in tree dens. Leaf nests are usually 1 to 2 feet in diameter with an interior cavity of 4 to 5 inches. The mass of leaves left at the top of older trees in your backyard that is revealed in the fall is a squirrel nest. Gray squirrels do not hibernate in the winter, but they can take cover in their den for an extended period of time. Much of the winter food is the acorns and other nuts the squirrels buried during the year. Retrieving the nuts is not a function of memory, but rather smell.

Our neighbors in the Cincinnati neighborhood of Glendale celebrate their black squirrels. There are towns in America that boast about their white squirrels. Brevard, North Carolina has their own White Squirrel Festival where everyone is invited to "go nuts" each Memorial Day weekend. Olney, Illinois,



protects and fosters the white squirrel's growth. They've had laws on the books to protect the white rodents since 1902 and had a population that grew to 1,000 at one time. Today, there are about 200. Olney, along with towns in California, Texas and Ontario, use their white squirrels as tourist attractions.

The next time you see one of our cute white squirrels in your yard, grab your camera and take some photos. Let's see if we can determine the color of their eyes. Do we have albinos? A strand of white Gray Squirrels? Or both?! You can report your findings to the *Town Crier*.



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Outside, the Woman's Art Club Cultural Center looks like a barn.... INSIDE is where the excitement starts! Please join the WACC Foundation, now more simply known as the Barn Foundation, for its fifth annual event, "An Evening at the Barn" on September 21, 2012, in Mariemont, from 6-9 pm.

Co-chairs Barbara Weyand and Donna Wymore are busy with their committee, planning an exciting evening that will truly be "all about art." The event will highlight original fine art displayed in our Gallery, which includes paintings and works on paper, donated for sale by the Woman's Art Club members. Mini Masterpieces, back by popular demand, are small works of art offered for \$99. This is a perfect chance to buy original fine art very reasonably priced, by artists whose work usually sells for much more.

We will also be exhibiting a very important painting by Dixie Selden, a popular and noted Cincinnati artist. Quebec City, 1919, depicts the charming old quarter of Quebec City, on a blustery, snowy day. The painting is for sale and price is upon request. The painting was donated to the Woman's Art Club Foundation. Its sale will benefit the Foundation, the Barn, and help to support our ongoing community programs.

Five unique art experiences will be silent-auctioned during the evening.

- Mark Daly has donated his oil painting (above right). Mark is an American Impressionist painter of snow, beach, and urban scenes. Cincinnati Art Galleries showcased Mark's recent paintings in a show titled "The Musician's Paintbrush" in spring of 2012.



the great nephew of Camille Pissarro and his work is collected internationally. The painting, "Jeune Fleuriste a Aix" measures 30" x 24" and depicts a French cityscape.

- An anonymous Barn patron has donated a mixed media painting "The Macaw" by Ann Arnold (below). This Cincinnati artist creates



stunning abstracts and compositions of strong color and shape which create an energized whole.

- A Culinary Arts dining experience for eight in a beautiful Indian Hill home.

- A wine tasting with paired savories-by-the bite for 10 in another lovely Indian Hill home.

We have some exciting raffle items as well which include:

- Four tickets to Cincinnati Ballet's Performance of ALICE (in wonderland) on October 26-28, 2012.



- "An Evening of Dinner and Theater" Four tickets to a play of your choice from Playhouse in the Park and dinner at Room with a View before the performance.

- Stunning jewelry items.

The Barn Foundation will be awarding prize money for exceptional works from the Woman's Art Club annual gallery show and sale. The awards will include a first place, \$350, second, \$100, third, \$50 and a People's Choice award, also for \$50. Phenomenal art opportunities will be happening all around you, so please don't forget to enjoy the fine wines, martinis, elegant edibles and music that will be offered for your enjoyment.

The event is \$50 per person. You can register on line at www.womansartclub.com The Dixie Selden, Mark Daly, Frederic Pissarro and Ann Arnold paintings can be viewed on our website. Please call the Barn at 272-3700 for more information. The Barn is located at 6980 Cambridge Ave., Mariemont, Ohio, 45227.

Please join the Woman's Art Club of Cincinnati as it celebrates 120 years!

The Woman's Art Club of Cincinnati is celebrating 120 years with its Fall 2012 all-members' art show. The exhibit in the beautiful Barn Gallery will include 100 paintings in oil, acrylic, and watercolor as well as three-dimensional work and fabric art. We are looking forward to sharing this excellent show with friends and community. This free exhibit opens Saturday, September 15 from 1-4 pm.

The Barn Foundation will be awarding 1st, 2nd and 3rd place cash prizes totaling \$500 during the reception on Sunday, September 16 from 1- 4 pm. Weekday viewing is Tuesday—Friday, from 9:00 am- 2:00 pm. The show runs until October 5.

The Women's Art Club of Cincinnati was founded in December 1892. Its 19 members drafted a mission statement which was "...to

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stimulate its members to greater effort in their work and to increase a general interest in art. "The Club held its first show at the Clossons Co. on Elm Street, April 1893. By 1903, the club had grown to 75 members. The growing art club had some very early, distinguished members who have left behind an impressive artistic legacy. They were Elizabeth Nourse, Dixie Selden, and later, Bessie Hoover Wessel.

Go to www.womansartclub.com for information on Art Club lectures, classes, field trips, workshops, and membership. You can also call 272-3700 to request a membership form. Annual dues are \$55.00 and membership is open to any interested woman. We are 200 strong and welcome new members!

ACCIDENTAL FRIENDS, by Y York (Sponsored by Playhouse in the Park, "Off the Hill Productions")

September 30th, 2:00-3:00 pm in the Barn Gallery.

This funny but moving play tells the story of Jonathan, temporarily blinded by a head injury. He sits alone speculating why his best friends don't come see him. Enter Hilda, a classic over-achiever geek, wondering why Jonathan hasn't answered the witty letter she was made to write in class. With Hilda's relentless encouragement, Jonathan learns to get around using his sense

of touch. He also discovers that although Hilda may be unusual, she is also interesting and funny. The characters are rich, the story is honest, and the play respects its audience.

The play is family friendly and appropriate for age 7 and up. The play is free; a \$5.00 donation is appreciated! Register on line at www.womansartclub.com, or call 272-3700 for information.

The Barn at the Kiwanis Art Fair

Visit the Barn's booth at the Kiwanis Art Fair on Sept. 9th, from 11:00 am-5:00 pm. This year we are featuring a free paper fan, featuring a comical cow that children can decorate and take home. Our booth will be on the Wooster Pike median near Starbucks.

Cincinnati Opera presents "Opera in a Box" September 23 at 2:00 pm.

Please come and experience the Cincinnati Opera in the family-friendly environment of the Barn Gallery. Jonathan Zeng will perform selected pieces and answer questions from the audience during this hour-long program. Register online at www.womansartclub.com. The cost is \$5 per family, the stunning enhancement in August. (See paver insert in this month's *Town Crier*).

(✂ Clip and keep ✂)

Coming to The Barn in 2012/2013:

Contemporary Arts Center – Family Art Day	July 28, 10 am
Cincinnati Opera – Opera in a Box!	Sept 23, 2 pm
Playhouse in the Park – "Two Accidental Friends"	Sept 30, 2 pm
Taft Museum – "Talks of the Taft"	Oct 10, 7 pm
Madcap Puppets – "Rumpelstiltskin"	Oct 28, 2 pm
Ensemble Theatre – Actors Workshop	Nov 3, 10 am
Cincinnati Ballet – A Day in the Life of a Ballet Dancer	Nov 4, 2 pm
Playhouse in the Park – "The Jekyll & Hyde Travelling Show"	Jan 25, 7 pm
Playhouse in the Park – "Go Dog Go"	April 6, 10:30 am

More information at www.womansartclub.com or (513) 272-3700

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Hats Off!



...to Karyn Georgilis, who is among 13 incoming freshmen from around the nation awarded a full, \$88,000 Cincinnati Presidential scholarship to the University of Cincinnati. Since 1997, UC's Cincinnati Scholarship Program has provided different levels of awards for academic achievement, leadership and commitment to community service. As part of his or her scholarship commitment, each scholarship recipient will perform 30 hours of community service every year. The \$88,000 awards cover tuition, fees, room and board and books.

Karyn is the daughter of Ellen and Andrew Georgilis of Mariemont. She will be majoring in industrial design in the College of Design, Architecture, Art, and Planning (DAAP).

"UC has consistently ranked number one in the country in terms of undergraduate industrial design programs, so naturally UC was very appealing," says Georgilis. "I also liked the idea of being part of a university and not just solely an art school." Georgilis has received local and national recognition for her photography and was president of her high school art club and leadership council. She was also involved in show choir and was a member of the Cincinnati Teen Arts Council. Georgilis was captain of her high school track team, a member of the National Honor Society and member of her high school's Mock Trial Team. Her service activities included working at an orphanage for girls in Haiti, organizing a 5K run to support a local food bank and participating in youth group service activities in Appalachia and the south. She says she's looking forward to joining a university community that's "highly acclaimed in both the arts and sciences as well as participating in a uniquely diverse community."

Neighboring with Nina

BY NINA IREDALE



I hope everyone has had a wonderful summer and I'm looking forward to another year of talking to Mariemont's newest neighbors. I'd like to thank everyone

who responded so quickly to my request for information and am looking forward to hearing from the remaining new neighbors before the October issue deadline. At anytime, if you are new to Mariemont and I haven't yet contacted you, please feel free to contact me so I can gather your information. It's never too late to be welcomed!

Brad and Brenda Westfall purchased 6503 Mariemont Ave. earlier this year. They previously owned 2 different homes on Indianview from 1988-1997 and wanted to live in this wonderful community again after being gone 14 years. They continued to visit dear friends here in Mariemont every summer and always thought of it as home and wanted to come back. Brad and Brenda have 2 daughters in college; Ellie will be in her 4th year at UVA and Madeline will be a sophomore at Furman this fall. Their youngest daughter, Grace will be a freshman at MHS. Brad is the President of

Ashta Chemicals in Ashtabula, OH and Brenda is keeping busy with some house projects, reconnecting with friends, yoga and meeting new people.

Ron and Beth Shelander purchased 3 Spring Hill in June. They too used to live in Mariemont and are overjoyed to be back after about a 5-year absence. Mariemont has always been honored as one of the best places to raise a family and they are always going to treasure those days. Both Ron and Beth's daughters graduated from MHS. Their girls often think how lucky and appreciative they are about growing up in such a beautiful place.

Karen Kennedy purchased a condo at 3925 Petoskey in April. She moved from the Montgomery area. Karen's daughter graduated from MHS and they originally lived on Chestnut about 32 years ago. Karen felt she always wanted to "come back home." She has 2 grandchildren that live in Madeira and owns a golden-doodle named Molly. Karen works at Tri Health, used to teach fitness classes and has joined Mariemont's Civic Association. She keeps very busy with her hobbies that include music, dancing, photography and painting.

6720 Hammerstone Way was purchased by Nick and Elizabeth Deblasio. They moved here from Milford to be closer to their son's school and Nick's work. Their son Mark is a second grader at Seven Hills and Tom (4) is in pre-school in Loveland. Nick is a Pediatrician at Children's Hospital. Elizabeth is a stay at home mom and is enjoying taking the boys to the Park and Graeter's.

Chris Marette and his wife Caitlin Cardina moved to 7009 Wooster Pike from Mt. Lookout. They met while both were in professional schools at Ohio State and recently married in Columbus. It was a bit of work, but they were happy to spend their "honeymoon" moving into their new home! Caitlin is a Dentist at the Cincinnati Health Department and Chris is a Resident Physician at UC Hospital. They

chose Mariemont for its beautiful and walkable neighborhood and friendly neighbors; not to mention the close proximity to the library! Chris and Caitlin are looking forward to exploring everything Mariemont has to offer.

3869 Settle Road was purchased by Steve and Charlene Badenhop in April. They have two boys, Preston (4) and Spencer (2). They met in the Detroit area but moved to Northern Kentucky for their jobs. Steve works for Toyota in Erlanger and Charlene works for Perfetti-Van-Melle, which makes Airheads and Mentos. After renting in Kentucky, they chose Mariemont for its schools, walkability, close proximity to the bike trails and the fact that Mariemont is an active community.

Elizabeth O'Brien purchased 3720 Petoskey in April. She grew up in the area and moved into the apartments on Chestnut until she found a house that she wanted to purchase. Elizabeth graduated from Elon College in North Carolina and is a teacher at Mercer Elementary in the Forest Hills School District as a Media Specialist for all grades. She chose Mariemont because of the walkability, schools and the fact it is a close-knit community. Elizabeth has a high school friend, Eliza, as a roommate along with her cat.

3741 West St was purchased by Alan Zidek and Jennifer Woods. They moved here from Little Rock for Jennifer's job. She is a physician at Children's Hospital as Medical Director of the Adolescent Division. Alan is a Physical Therapist at The Drake Center. They both love to cook and chose Mariemont for its beautiful spaces and walkability. Alan and Jennifer have 2 dogs, Tsali and Deacon.

Joe and Carol Bujak moved into 6823 Hammerstone Way in May but previously lived at 3734 Settle Road. They originally moved to Mariemont in 2006 from Nashville. Joe and Carol have always loved the walkability, close proximity to downtown and Clifton in this "Norman Rockwellian" little village. They

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loved their home on Settle but simply ran out of room once their second daughter, Charlie (1) was born. Big sister Reese is 3 1/2. As they searched for a larger home, they decided to build their dream home in Anderson Township but sold it a month after closing once realizing how attached to Mariemont they had become. The parks, schools and friendly neighbors were just too hard to give up. Carol is an Anesthesiologist at Good Samaritan Hospital in Clifton and Joe is an educational consultant with Perseverance Inc. and founder of the Cincy Tutoring Crew.

6988 Grace was purchased by Jake and Jill Steffee in July and moved here for Jill's job. She works for Cintas Corporation and Jake works for Win Wholesalers. They moved here from Grand Rapids, MI and chose Mariemont because of the community. They drove around many neighborhoods looking for a charming area that they could feel safe and walk to everything, in which they found that in Mariemont. Jake and Jill have a golden retriever that they take on walks around town.

Jeff and Mallory Wallace purchased 3852 Settle after renting in Cincinnati for a couple of years and finally being ready to become homeowners. They are also newlyweds, having gotten married in July! Mallory is a Speech Pathologist at Cincinnati Children's Hospital and Jeff works at the design firm, Interbrand. They were attracted to Mariemont's friendly residents and respected school district. Jeff and Mallory love their new home and can't wait to plant some roots.

6607 Mariemont Avenue was purchased by Deland Basora and his wife Erica Noble in late May. They moved here from Chicago for Deland's job at Procter and Gamble. Erica will continue to work as a Public Relations Consultant for the Washington, DC office of Edelman. As Ohio natives and Ohio University graduates, they are happy to be back in the Buckeye State. Deland and Erica just welcomed their first child, Theodore (Theo) on August 6th. They are thrilled to be closer to family and to join such a welcoming, family-friendly neighborhood!

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 that I may have missed, please let me know so they can be included in a future issue. My phone numbers are 272-1551 or 484-2647 and email is niredale@sibcycleline.com.

Dale Park Finds New Owners

By ANDREW KUPFERLE

The Dale Park building, formerly Mariemont Junior High, has been sold by the school district's Board of Education to the Cincinnati Waldorf School, an alternative private school with about 1,000 locations across the world. The Board of Education accepted a bid of \$725,000 for the historic building. School officials commented that even

though the selling price is less than half the appraised value, the new owners will face a lot of renovation work. The Cincinnati Waldorf School made the only offer.

Waldorf education emphasizes a holistic and experience-based approach to learning, which "promotes academic excellence, artistic expression, and critical thinking skills" and "educates the whole child," according to the Cincinnati Waldorf School's website (cinciwaldorf.org). Waldorf education arose out of the philosophy of Rudolf Steiner, an Austrian philosopher of the early 20th century. The Cincinnati Waldorf School is currently leasing two locations in Cincinnati and is reported to be interested in Dale Park because of a desire for a permanent location. The deal is not yet finalized, pending final inspections of the building and the official closing of the sale in October.

Down & Dirty with the Garden Club

*Cut flowers – Beautiful,
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Do you remember the days when the cut flower arrangements in your home came straight from the flower garden? The beautiful light perfume permeated throughout the house. I don't know about you, but I miss that. This weekend I learned about a new movement in flowers, known as the slow flower movement. As with many ideas these days, buying local is the common thread. I learned how to make a beautiful flower arrangement using local garden varieties like Phlox, Black-Eyed Susans, Russian Sage, Zinnias, Cosmos, and Daisies. For extra greenery, I added Morning Glory flowers and vines. Of course, you can combine what you like and make a beautiful arrangement of your own. There are a few places where you can cut your own or buy a selection of precut flowers. Glenwood Gardens in Evendale as well as Turner Farms in Indian Hill charge a small fee to pick flowers from their amazing gardens. Findley Market has some vendors on the outside that come with a plethora of fresh cut local flowers. Finally, you can look to your own garden for inspiration. I hope to see you at the gardens!

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What Makes Mariemont Work: The Parks Advisory Board

BY REX BEVIS

The fifth in a series of articles on the Boards and Commissions of the Village.

On a typical July, 2012 day, with temperatures and humidity in the 90's, where are the Mariemont Parks Advisory Board members? Well, I have found them tending to the park areas of the Village, making this little corner of the world more beautiful. Under the leadership of current president Louise Schomburg, Board members take individual responsibility for the plantings in the public areas. This particular day I find Louise tending to the flowers in the Village Square. (I note that it is quite normal to find her there.)

The Parks Advisory Board, by Village statute, has the mission "to oversee, plan and make recommendations to the Mayor



Parks Advisory Board: (left to right) Mayor Dan PolICASTRO, Secretary Ruth Varner, Laura McMahon, Jim Gerace, President Louise Schomburg, Nancy Stelzer, Darla Michael. Absent: Peggy Keyes, Eric Marsland.



Winner of Townhome Beautification Contest was The Ross Family, 6635 Chestnut Street.

regarding conservation, management and development as necessary of the numerous parks and green spaces for the benefit of the entire Village." What is not said, but certainly should be, is that being a Parks Advisory Board member also assumes a hands-on commitment and lots of hard work. Board Members serve two-year terms that are staggered in order to insure continuity of members. There are nine (9) Board positions appointed by the Mayor and ratified by Village Council. There are currently eight members and one vacancy at the time of this writing.

In addition to their parks maintenance responsibilities, the Parks Advisory Board has taken on additional activities in support of Village beautification. For example, this past spring the Board conducted a Townhome Garden Contest for residents of Historic Townhomes. Residents were invited to

design and plant a front yard garden as a fun beautification contest. The Grand Prize was a one-year family membership to the Mariemont Swimming Pool. Other prizes included breakfast at the National Exemplar and tickets to the Mariemont Theatre. This year's winner was Elizabeth Ross of Chestnut Street. A photo of her front yard garden accompanies this article.

Another example of Board outreach activities is a project in which the Village will receive a donation of 225 trees for seeding the Mayor's Tree Farm. These trees will be Red Maple, Dogwood, White Oak and Red Oak.

What Makes Mariemont Work? If you look around at the parks and other public spaces it is clear that the Parks Advisory Board members roll up their sleeves and contribute their time and talents to beautifying the Village.

Joe Stelzer Named Council Rep for District 3

BY CLAIRE KUPFERLE, EDITOR

We welcome Joe Stelzer to Mariemont Village Council, where he will fill the unexpired term of Andy Black. Mr. Black is moving out of the Village, and therefore resigned his Council seat.

Mr. Stelzer submitted a letter of intent to run for the open seat, following the parameters of the Town Meeting process that provides a representative from each of Mariemont's six districts. He was the only candidate to do so. However, when his nomination was brought before Council, there was some concern that members needed more time to get to know the candidate. The vote to approve Mr. Stelzer for Council passed with four ayes, one nay (Andrews) and one abstention (McCarthy).

Joe said, "My primary reason to seek the open Council position is to bring some additional positive energy and common sense thinking to Council. I would like to see a reduction in the current negative energy and focus on the significant issues facing Mariemont."

He has lived in the Mariemont area for all but three years of his life. His work career actually began when he sold newspapers in front of the Mariemont Inn in 1968.

Joe said, "I have many friends and acquaintances going back to grade school in Mariemont and neighboring communities."

For the last 18 years, he has been very active in the Village, coaching many youth athletic teams and being the Mariemont Youth Track Czar (Bob Rich's term) for nine years. He has served on the Mariemont Recreation Association Board and is currently a member of Coordinating Committee for the Jim Miller Mile / Warrior Run. For many years, he was the Meet Director of the Mariemont Youth



Track Meet which is the largest one day event at Kusel Stadium. He has also served on the Board of the Mariemont Civic Association. Most recently, Joe organized the group that designed and built the South 80 Trails.

Joe believes he brings a good understanding of the role of a Councilperson in our current form of Village government. He sees the most pressing issue facing Mariemont being the budget deficit projected for 2013 and beyond. Joe stated, "The current budget deficit is around 5% of the total budget so the problem is manageable but will require all Village officials to work cooperatively to identify areas for expense reduction and/or revenue expansion. The Mariemont Village budget

deficit is indirectly caused by reductions in the income and estate taxes at the state level. While Mariemont residents are benefiting from the lower taxes at the state level, there does not seem to be much support for raising taxes at the local level as an offset. I plan to study and completely understand the budget and develop a menu of potential expense reductions and/or revenue expansions. This information will then be shared with residents to solicit feedback. The good news is that 2012 revenues are actually trending higher so Mariemont may not have a budget deficit in 2013."

He continued, "Another issue facing Mariemont is the relocation of the State Route 32 as part of the Eastern Corridor project. The Ohio Department of Transportation recently selected a preferred relocation route that will go straight through the Mariemont Gardens and South 80 Trails. Our Mayor has already contacted Hamilton County officials and voiced opposition to the plan. I plan to monitor the status of this project and Mariemont's response." Joe will also look into a problem in District 3, where residents have experienced disruption in electrical service after storms.

Joe has been married for 25 years to Nancy, who works at the Mariemont Community Church Preschool, is the CEO of Hiphuts and is a very active member of the Mariemont Parks Advisory Board. They have two daughters, Kailyn who attends nursing school and Carly who is a sophomore at Mariemont High School.

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Kiwanis Art and Craft Fair Coming September 9

The Kiwanis Club of Mariemont will hold their 27th Annual Fall Art and Craft Fair Sunday, September 9 from 11am to 5pm on Wooster Pike in the heart of beautiful, downtown Mariemont. This year's Fair will feature over 75 exhibitors from across the Tri-State area, including many in our local community. Exhibitors will be showing a wide variety of original art and craft ideally suited for home and office décor, gifts and collections. Because of their unique nature, most items are not available anywhere else.

The Annual Fall Art and Craft Fair is one of Kiwanis' largest fundraisers for local scholarships. The Kiwanis Club of Mariemont exists to serve the youth of the Fairfax,

Terrace Park and Mariemont communities, and each year raises close to \$15,000 in scholarship money 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, stop by the Kiwanis booth at the Fair or visit their Website at www.mariemontschools.org/kiwanis.

The Kiwanis Club of Mariemont meets every Tuesday morning at 8 am at the Dale Park Building in Mariemont. A continental breakfast is served at 7:30 am and meetings last one hour.

Seth Rosin Joins Mariemont Preservation Foundation

Mariemont Preservation Foundation (MPF) has hired Seth Rosin as Executive Secretary/Archivist. Mr. Rosin replaces Janet Setchell, who held the position for 26 years.



He will be responsible for administrative work and archiving the growing collection of historic documents and artifacts at the Foundation's museum on

Plainville Road in Mariemont.

Seth and his wife, Katrina, a medical resident at the Christ Hospital, moved to Mariemont from Florida and immediately felt at home. "We wanted to live in a place where our kids could see a change in season and could actually grow up playing in the snow," Seth recalls. "Cincinnati, and in particular, Mariemont, stole our hearts." Seth and Katrina have a newborn daughter, Skylar.

Seth holds BA and MA degrees in History, and has worked full time at the Cincinnati Museum Center, where he is active as a volunteer, developing educational programs for use throughout the Museum. His expertise will be extremely valuable as MPF pursues its mission statement: "To foster within the community an appreciation of the unique qualities of the Village; to assure the continuity of the principles of town planning; to collect and preserve historic artifacts and to protect historic properties; to perpetuate the dream of Mariemont's founder, Mary Emery, of the Village as a special place for family life."

To contact Seth at MPF, stop by any Saturday from 9 am to noon (3919 Plainville Road), email him at srosin@mariemontpreservation.org, or call the museum at 272-1166.

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Hats Off!



...to Nick Thoman who placed second in the men's 100-meter backstroke final in the 2012 Summer Games in London. Thoman graduated in 2004 from Mariemont High School. Although

his family now lives in Terrace Park, Nick lived in Mariemont as a youngster, and learned to swim at the Mariemont Pool. Rex Bevis recalls his daughter giving young Nick swimming lessons at the pool, although she takes no credit for his later accomplishments!

...to Mariemont High School Digital Video Production teacher Larry Goetz who was honored with a Lifetime Achievement Award at the 2012 Blue Chip Cable Access Awards at The Redmoor on May 9.

Lifetime Achievement Awards are not awarded each year - only when there is an exceptional honoree. Since Goetz started his Video Production class at Mariemont High School in 2001, projects

from the program have earned over forty Blue Chip Awards. Goetz was honored with a tribute video played at the awards ceremony showcasing him working with his students over the years.

A few of Goetz' students also took home a 2012 Blue Chip award. MHS seniors Michael Weston and Bryan Routt won for "Egg Drop Physics" in the Instructional/Educational - Youth category. Senior Luke Porst also earned a Blue Chip in the Documentary- Youth category for "Kick Drum Hearts."

The Blue Chip Cable Access Awards is a cooperative venture among area cable access organizations to recognize the achievements of local access producers. Awards were determined based on four criteria: content, creativity, production quality and reaction.

...to Mariemont High School senior Blake Adams, who was awarded the Anthony Munoz Foundation Straight "A" Student Award presented at a luncheon on April 24. Out of hundreds of nominees from area schools, Adams was one of 18 finalists chosen for Academic excellence, Athletic achievements, strong Ambition, a winning Attitude, the ability to overcome Adversity and for having an

Active role in the community.

Adams received a scholarship for a college of his choice. He will be attending Indiana University and has been accepted into their Honors Program and is a direct admit into the IU Kelley School of Business. Blake is the son of Doug and Tiffany Adams of Mariemont.



Doug and Tiffany Adams, Anthony Munoz, and Blake Adams.

...to recent Mariemont High School graduate Cooper "Jimmy" Beach who was honored this summer by being named Ohio Division II Lacrosse Midfielder of the Year. He was also named to the first team All Region and first team All State at that level. Cooper was a team captain for the Mariemont Boys lacrosse squad, and holds the all



Mariemont Warriors Boys Varsity Lacrosse Head Coach Steve Peterson congratulates Cooper Beach on his recent honor.

time single season scoring record at Mariemont. He was also Team Offensive Player of the Year.

Warrior Coach Steve Peterson said of Cooper; "Newport Beach could really 'take it to the cooker' and score big goals! He was also a youth lacrosse official and coach throughout his career at Mariemont, and our younger players really looked up to him in the community."

Cooper will be attending Wittenberg University this fall, where he will be playing NCAA Lacrosse along with his brother Chase who was a HS All-American at Mariemont in 2011. His parents are Kim and Ted Beach of Mariemont.



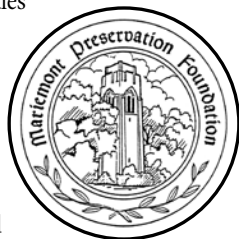
At the 2012 Blue Chip Cable Access Awards on May 9, Mariemont High School video production teacher and Lifetime Achievement honoree Larry Goetz celebrates with his students and fellow Blue Chip honorees, Bryan Routt, Michael Weston and Luke Porst.

The House That Built a Village

BY SETH ROSIN, MPF

As summer peaks and Village residents vacation abroad, flee to the community pool, or stay indoors, captive to their air conditioning systems, it was around this time years back that Mariemont's founder, Mary Emery, would be escaping the heat at her summer estate in Middletown suburb outside of Newport, Rhode Island.

On December 6, 1901, Mary's husband, Thomas J. Emery, purchased the estate in her name. Gifting the estate to Mary, he named it Mariemont, combining the two French words "Marie" after her name, and "mont" for the hill on which the home stood. At the time of sale, the estate, originally the home of Silas H. Witherbee, was sold to the Emerys for \$17,500, including an additional \$2,182 for building and acreage expenses. While not an insignificant amount of money at the time, it pales in comparison to the \$15.7 million spent by actor Nicholas Cage on his Rhode Island estate, also located in Middletown.



Originally designed in a Swiss cottage style by the eminent architect Richard Morris Hunt in 1871, Mary Emery remodeled the estate into a Shingle style design with Colonial Revival elements. Although Newport was the country's premiere summer resort destination, Mrs. Emery's tasteful Shingle style estate was more modest than other homes located, at what was then and is still today, one of America's most exclusive vacation spots.

Although the interior of Mariemont was as elegant as any of the homes belonging to Newport's Gilded Age Society, it was the elaborate gardens of the estate that were arguably the most luxurious feature of the property. Formal rock and vegetable gardens were expertly planted against the backdrop of the Atlantic coast and were contrasted dramatically by the natural green pastoral landscape of Middletown.

When we think of what goes into maintaining our yards here in our Village,



most of us employ the time-tested practice of dragging a groggy teenager out of bed on a late weekend morning to assist in routine yard work, or hiring a local landscaping company to take care of a much-needed spring cleanup. In contrast, Mariemont, like other elaborate Newport gardens, required elaborate attention. The gardens were designed by the landscape architectural firm of Frederick Law Olmsted Jr. beginning in 1903. Mrs. Emery continued to commission the firm of Frederick Law Olmsted Brothers for their gardening expertise for well over a decade. Beyond utilizing one of the most distinguished firms in its conceptual design, the gardens of Mariemont required a significant staff of workers. Led by Head Gardener, Andrew L. Dorward, a team of Portuguese gardeners meticulously worked the property year-round to maintain its natural beauty.

This emphasis on the gardens of the estate,

paired with Mary Emery's love for Middletown's natural beauty, resulted in her dedication to further develop the property. From the time the home was purchased by the Emery's in 1901, until her death in 1927, Mary set out to expand the estate. Over the next twenty-six years, the property multiplied to include over sixty acres in six different parcels of farm fields, picturesque hills, and lush gardens, looking out upon the Atlantic Ocean.

When Mary Emery passed away in 1927 Mary's sister, Isabella Hopkins, continued to



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have access to the Mariemont estate for as long as she pleased. With her sister no longer around, Isabella had little interest in maintaining Mariemont's large tract of sixty acres, nor the upkeep required of its costly gardens. With the stock market crash of 1929, the Mariemont estate sold in 1930 for the insignificant price of \$43,970.87. Although the original house still stands in Middletown town, it is now segmented into condominiums, with the rest of the estate split into several separate pieces of property.

It is clear that Mary Emery took much pride in her summer estate and the gardens within. Although the estate as it once stood no longer remains, we can assume Mary would have been pleased to know that our Village (named for her estate) has been recognized as a "Tree City U.S.A." community by the Arbor Day Foundation for its lush greenery. Moreover, our recently forged Sister City relationship with Hampstead Garden Suburb further reaffirms such a notion. The people of Hampstead Garden Suburb, like Mary Emery, pride themselves on their beautiful and elaborate gardens.

Much of the history and beauty of the Mariemont estate has been captured and stored in the archival collection of the Mariemont Preservation Foundation. Through numerous artifacts, journal articles, and exhibit displays, the summer estate that was so dear to Mary Emery can still be visited vicariously at anytime by the public. If you would like to learn more about Mary Emery, the Emery summer estate, or Mariemont history, visitors

are encouraged to stop by MPF during its public hours of operation on Saturdays from 9:00 am. – 12:00 pm. The Mariemont Preservation Foundation and its museum are located at 3919 Plainville Rd. Additional information can be accessed by visiting the Mariemont Preservation Foundation website at www.mariemontpreservationfoundation.com.

So as we say goodbye to another summer, return from vacation, bid farewell to out of town visits with extended family, and ready the kids for another school year, let's take a moment to remember what was undoubtedly a very pleasurable time of year for Mary Emery. A time when she boarded her private train coach to Rhode Island, bound for the home her husband both gifted and named in her honor. A home that was so dear to Mary, it served as the inspiration for the name of the planned community we now call home.

There's No Place Like Home, Except...

By SETH ROSIN, MPF



Sometimes you do have to go far to feel right at home. While visiting their daughter in London, Gerry and Donna Remme of Mariemont had the opportunity of touring our sister city, Hampstead Garden Suburb. Hampstead Garden Suburb, like Mariemont, was founded by a socially concerned woman and was instrumental in John Nolen's planning of our Village. Although London was experiencing one of the wettest months on the books during the Remme's visit in June, the clouds parted for Donna and Gerry, and graced them with a partially sunny sky for a day they had hoped they were going to be able

to squeeze into their hectic itinerary. When they arrived unannounced, or as Donna puts it, "cold turkey," at the Hampstead Garden Trust Office, they were welcomed warmly by Trust Manager Jane Blackburn. Learning that Gerry and Donna were both residents of Mariemont, Jane escorted the Remmes to the proclamation on the wall signed by our Mayor, Dan Policastro, on April 23, 2011.

Donna advises, "Our residents should go even if they just drop in because they will welcome you with open arms." When asked what similarities Donna saw between Mariemont and Hampstead Garden Suburb, she reflects, "It's a very charming area. It's a larger area, so there's more diversity in architecture, but you can see why it was selected to be our sister city because of its similarities." After touring the area, the Remmes, at the recommendation of the Hampstead Garden Suburb Trust, enjoyed a traditional English lunch at the local Spaniards Pub and headed for home, although, it didn't feel they were far from it.

If you find yourself planning a trip to London and would like to visit Hampstead Garden Suburb, please visit the Mariemont Preservation Foundation (272-1166) for information regarding our Sister City, including a walking tour packet that will help you plan your visit. You can also visit Hampstead Garden Suburb on-line at <http://www.hgs.org.uk/> and <http://www.hgstrust.org/>

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Mariemont residents didn't seem to mind the late July heat as they checked out safety equipment and talked to personnel from a variety of safety services. Here are some pictures, courtesy of Ron Schroeder Photography and the Mariemont Town Crier.



Safety Service Night Out



In Memoriam: Jackie Pickering

Jacqueline C. Pickering (nee Clifton), age 84, passed away peacefully on August 15. Beloved wife of the late Quentin H. Pickering; loving mother of Brian (Andrea), Janice (Dan), Bruce (Kathy), Karen (Dylan Starratt); dear grandmother of nine (Zoe, Aaron, Ciara, Alyson, Elyse, Lynn, Connor, Aidan, and Gareth).



Jackie was a long time resident of Mariemont, OH. She is much loved and will always be remembered by all her numerous friends and her family.

Originally from Toronto, she became a Registered Nurse, working in the surgical department of University Hospital in Ann Arbor. After moving to Cincinnati, Ohio, she volunteered part time for the American Red Cross – taught Expectant Parent Classes, Home Care of the Sick and Injured, and was on call for the Disaster Team. While raising four children, she then worked part time for the US Government, Department of Federal Employee Occupational Health (DFOH) in the Health Unit. Jackie was recently honored for 50 years of volunteer service by the American Red Cross.

A service and reception were held at the Mariemont Parish Center on Sunday, August 19, and both were reportedly very well attended by family and friends.

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Kinderveldt #54 News

Kinderveldt 54 kicked off the new year with Ladies Night Out 2012, a wine tasting at Dilly Cafe Wines & Gourmet on August 15, 2012. Members, community members and guests enjoyed the beautiful weather on the Dilly Deli patio. Chuck Warinner gave an excellent presentation of five wines from all parts of the world creating an Olympic theme for the evening. "Fun While Raising Funds" for Children's Hospital was achieved! Thank you to all who attended and supported this great cause.

Kinderveldt Citywide (combination of all Kinderveldt chapters in Cincinnati) donated \$1,960,000 (total for previous four years) to the Division of Asthma, Cincinnati Children's Hospital. The Heart Institute / Neurodevelopmental Clinic will be the recipient of all Kinderveldt proceeds for the next four years.

Contact Jen Jones jonesj818@yahoo.



L to R: Lucianne Crowley (2012-2013 Kinderveldt #54 President), Chuck Warinner (dilly cafe Wines & Gourmet), Julena Bingaman (Kinderveldt #54 Vice President), and Jill Baumgartner (Event Chair).

com with any interest in joining Kinderveldt 54. We would love to have you join us!

Mr. Earl To Retire, But Mr. Earl's Keeps On Cutting

Earl Weber, owner of Mr. Earl's Hairstyling (Mariemont) will be retiring January 1, 2013. Mr. Earl shared his feelings as he approaches



retirement. "To all the loyal and wonderful people of the area Mr. Earl's has served over the past 40 plus years, a heartfelt thank you. I may be retiring but my business will remain open and in the very capable hands of my staff- Karen King, Karen "Andy" McKenrick and Lori Marcho Ferris, stylists who have each worked for Mr. Earl's for over 25 years. With all these years of experience, they are looking forward to keeping the business open and serving this great community. Everyone is looking forward to a successful new beginning. Thank you all again for helping make my career such a success."



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Mariemont Officer Honored By County and by Peers

On January 16, 2011 at 6:41 pm, the Mariemont Police was dispatched to 4412

Grove Ave. for a report of a person shot, with an active shooter still inside the residence. Mariemont Police Officer Phillip Mitchell immediately responded, and along with Fairfax Officer Richard Kaiser encountered a very dangerous situation in which a person had been murdered, and the suspect was still armed inside the residence. There was information that an elderly resident was still inside the house.

Police Assn. / E.O.P #69 award of "Act of Bravery." I feel that our officers here in Mariemont are the finest and best trained and are second to none. I appreciate the job that they do to keep our residents safe each and every day."

Officer Mitchell was also chosen to receive the Officer of the Year Award. The Eleventh Annual Mariemont Police Appreciation



Police recorded the following crimes:

Burglary, theft, and auto theft: 20 incidents
Criminal damaging: 3
Weapons violation: 1
Drug abuse: 13
Domestic violence: 1
Liquor law violations: 8

*Submitted by
Chief Rick Hines*



Mayor Dan Policastro, Officer Mitchell, and Chief Hines at the Cincinnati F.O.P. #69 Hall where the banquet was held.

Officers Mitchell and Kaiser courageously put their lives on the line and removed the resident, taking her to a safe place. The officers then took appropriate actions to set up a perimeter and secure the crime scene. After a standoff of several hours, the suspect was apprehended. On June 20, 2011, Dennis Reynolds was convicted of murder and sentenced to 18 years to life in prison for the senseless crime that took the life of his wife, Camille Reynolds.

Chief Hines said, "I am very proud of our Officer Mitchell, and the Fairfax Officer Kaiser.

Their actions quite possibly saved the life of a 90-year-old mother who had just witnessed the murder of her own daughter. These officers are very deserving of the 2011 Hamilton County

Dinner was held on Thursday, May 24 at the National Exemplar. Village residents mingled with the Department staff and their guests in the casual venue of the Tudor Room. Officer Phil Mitchell received the Chris Robisch Officer of the Year Award. Along with his dedication, leadership and professionalism, Officer Mitchell was recognized for his heroic actions as the first to respond to an active homicide scene. The recipient of the award, named for Mariemont's first Police Chief, is determined by a peer selection process.

June and July Police Reports

For the two months combined, Mariemont

Hats Off!



...to Dr. Edward Wnek (left), who participated in the Big Sur International Marathon on April 29, 2012. The course is a grueling 26.2 miles

with brutal headwinds and relentless hills, peaking with Hurricane Point, which, as the name implies, features strong winds. Dr. Wnek enjoyed the experience, however, and found the beauty of the area to be very inspiring.

...to Kevin Crowley, Mariemont resident since 2006, who, along with his wife Lucianne, and sons, Keaton (16) and Brennan (14), is celebrating a big family anniversary. Kevin encourages his Mariemont friends and neighbors to join him on Saturday, September 15 to celebrate the 75th anniversary of Crowley's bar.

Kevin has been a part owner in the bar for 15 years. He grew up on Mt. Adams and loved living there. He says, "Being in the bar business for 75 years is unheard of, but we have been around since 1937." The owners plan to close the street in front of the bar on the 15th from 2 until 10 pm. There will be a barbershop quartet, bag piper and Irish dancers from 7 to 10 pm, along with the Irish rock band, The Lucky Charms. Admission is free.

MariElders News

It has been so sunny and warm this summer, I have enjoyed sitting in the front window here at MariElders and seeing everyone walk by and look at how pretty I am. MEOW... Walk by and say Hi to me soon! Signed-Miss M.E. (The MariElders Cat).

Volunteers Needed

The MARIELDERS is in need of volunteer drivers. We have members that do not drive anymore and need rides to their medical appointments. If you can spare some time each month, maybe as little as three hours, we could sure use you. If interested, please call Kathy at 271-5588.

MARIELDER of The Year: Carol Olberding

Congratulations to Carol Olberding who is our 2012 MariElder of the Year. Carol joins an elite group of 36 MariElders. Carol joined the MariElders in 2010 and has become a very active and dedicated member. She is a kind, caring person who will go out of her way to help others. When another of our members became ill and had to go to the Cleveland Clinic, Carol

volunteered and drove the member there and stayed with her when she saw the doctors. In 2011 Carol was elected and still is President of our Members Council. Carol also donates her time with the Cincinnati Recreation Program, Kelly's Kids, offering programs for second graders at Edith M. Taylor School in Millvale. Carol will be inducted into the Senior Citizen Hall of Fame on Friday September 7, 2012 at the Hyatt Regency on 5th Street.

September is Senior Center Month

September is Senior Center Month and this year's theme is, "It Happens at My Center. My Life, My Time, My Way!" Join us as we party at MariElders with a series of events. On Wednesday September 5 at noon we will celebrate National Cheese Pizza Day with pizza from Snappy Tomato Pizza. On Wednesday September 12 we will celebrate National Chocolate Milkshake Day at noon with a lunch and of course, chocolate milkshakes. Finally, on Wednesday September 19 let's celebrate National Cheeseburger Day with a cookout at 12:00 pm. Cost for each of these events is \$3.50 a person. Come and see what happens at your Center!

Lifeline Screening

Lifeline Screening offers painless ultrasound (sonogram) to see the plaque buildup in your arteries-a leading cause of stroke. Did you know that 80% of strokes could be prevented? Lifeline offers 5 different screenings. They will be at Fairfax Recreation Center on Thursday September 13, 2012. MariElders is sponsoring this lifesaving event. For test, sign-up information, and prices, please call MariElders at 271-5588 or stop in and pick up a flyer. Signing up at the Center will save you \$10 on the tests, and MariElders will receive a donation from Lifeline. So call or come in today!

Elder Law Series: Basic Estate Planning

The MariElders is offering a free three part law series on Estate Planning this fall. Attorney William Hesch will be here conducting the series. His law firm helps clients develop and implement viable estate plans. He is often seen as a consultant on Channel 9 News. The series will start on Thursday September 20, 2012 at 6:00 pm with Basic Estate Planning. The second seminar will be October 18, 2012 with Medicaid Planning, and the third will be on November 15, 2012 at 6:00 pm, "Why you Need a Trust." The series will be held at MariElders and refreshments will be provided. For more information or to make a reservation please call (513) 271-5588.

Mammograms

The Jewish Hospital Mobile Mammography Unit will be here at MariElders on Friday September 28 from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm. Call for an appointment 271-5588.

Fairfax Fall Festival

MariElders will be participating in The Fairfax Fall Festival this year on September 7th & 8th, on Hawthorne Ave in Fairfax. The MariElders will have a festival booth-The Soda Pop Bottle Ring Toss. If you would like to work at the booth or donate a 2-liter of pop we would appreciate it. For more information call (513) 271-5588. As always, thank you for supporting The MariElders!



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What's Happening at the Library

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Spending, Saving Sharing for Kids:

Introduce your little ones to savings basics with the Sesame Street gang and PNC bank. Saturday, September 22 at 2:00 pm. Ages 3 to 6.

Crafty Kids: Fun crafts to make with your friends. Last Thursday of the month, September 27 at 3:30 pm. Ages 5 to 11.

Collect the Button Book Club (CBBC):

Each month, Ms. Katheryn's CBBC 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 button. Collect three buttons to receive a free pizza coupon from Snappy Tomato Pizza. September's series is "Dragon Slayer's Academy" by Kate McMullan. Ages 5 to 10.

Library Babies: The first Friday of the month at 10:30 am. Also, Saturday, September 22 at 10:30 am. This is a great opportunity to introduce your baby to books, songs, and

fingerplay. Ages birth to eighteen months. Registration suggested.

Movers and Shakers: Wednesdays at 10:30 am. Ages 1 to 4 years. Bring the little ones for stories, songs and dance as they learn about the library.

Pre-school Story Time: Wednesdays at 1:30 pm. Join Miss Katheryn for stories and crafts. Ages 3 to 5.

Tales to Tails: Thursday, September 6 at 5 to 6 pm. Kids read to a certified therapy dog to practice their reading skills. Ages 5 to 10.

Teens

Wii Games: Have fun with your friends with Wii. Ages 10 and up, Thursday, September 6 at 4:00 pm.

Adults

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. Saturdays, September 1 and September 15 at 10:30 am.

Technology Classes: Interested in brushing up on computer basics or want to learn how to download music or books? Call the branch and schedule a session.

Introduction to Yoga: Monday, September 10 at 6 pm. Registration required.

Drugstore Shopping and Saving Secrets: Tips for saving money at the pharmacy. Monday, September 17 at 6 pm.

Mariemont Branch Library, 3810 Pocahontas Ave., 369-4467

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Council Meeting Highlights

By AMY HOLLON

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For full minutes, go online to www.mariemont.org.

Council Meeting May 14, 2012

Itemizing Bills

Mr. Wolter said the suggestion that we itemize the miscellaneous bills adds undue work for our employees. With the additional work the Fire Department and other departments have taken on we will see an increase in these types of expenditures. He has a moral issue with the request for our employees. Our employees work hard and we erode the trust by saying we want to see an itemized listing. It takes a lot of time to do and he believes it is unnecessary. We have good people doing good work and if Council has a question on a certain bill we can ask to look at the bill. In addition, these are the types of expenses that the Auditors review. Mr. Andrews said he would agree and at that particular Council meeting he simply asked the question because there were so many on the bill list. He is not sure where the specific request came from for the itemization on each list. He does not believe that was the nature of the discussion that meeting. After further discussion, Council agreed to ask for itemization if a miscellaneous expense exceeds \$1000.

Planning Commission May 16, 2012

Mr. Stich called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Present were Mr. Miller, and Mr. Savage and Mayor Policastro. Also in attendance was the Building Commissioner, Dennis Malone.

Parking Variance

The first request was from Dan Spinnenweber of Spinnenweber Builders Inc., 6880 Wooster Pike, Mariemont, Ohio 45227 for a property variance to permit required parking to support the proposed 2-theatre addition to the Mariemont Theater to be accommodated on surrounding public and private parking spaces generally in the Business District of the Village.

Building Commissioner Malone stated that Mr. Spinnenweber has been working feverishly to add two theater additions to the Mariemont Theatre. The current zoning requires off street parking be provided for one car per 4 seats which totals 57 parking spaces. The Village has created 41 additional parking spaces by stripping several streets around the square. With the use of the Comey and Shepherd lot in addition to the school lot there should be adequate parking available to accommodate the theatre expansion. The key thrust to the variance is the required parking for the theatre expansion would be provided in the public domain rather than on the property the theatre sits.

Mr. Dan Spinnenweber said Mr. Goldman has been trying to add more seats to the theatre. The last year of the lease has been marginal for them. The theatre is so important to the square and all the surrounding businesses. It is unique to have it in our community. The ability to put the parking on site is just not feasible and would be a deal breaker. In addition to the expansion, they are planning on rebuilding the lobby. He would not expect the Village to be packed with cars everyday.

Mayor Policastro moved, seconded by Mr. Miller, to grant the variance based on Section 151.025(H)(3)(b)(2)(c)...Where, by reason of extraordinary or exceptional circumstances or conditions, the literal enforcement of the requirements of this Zoning Code would involve practical difficulty or would cause unnecessary hardship, or would not carry out the spirit and purpose of the Zoning Code and (d)(e)(f). On

roll call; four ayes, no nays.

Mariemont Architectural Review Board May 21, 2012

Addition to Theatre

There was a request was for a Certificate of Appropriateness from Dan Spinnenweber of Spinnenweber Builders Inc. for proposed addition to the rear of the Mariemont Theatre consisting of (1) 89-seat theater and (1) 129-seat theater.

Mr. Spinnenweber said a year ago July the lease expired on the theatre. They are renewing the lease but they need more room. The theatre has not been strong and hoped to add three more screens but there is only room for an additional two. There is not much he can do with the box exterior and there is not much that they can do with the back. Currently the glazed brick is deteriorating and his thought is the new building will have stucco. Also, twelve seats will be taken out of the back so they can expand the lobby area with a possible liquor license. He feels the theatre is an important feature in the Village.

Mr. Stegman questioned the additional parking that would be required. Mr. Spinnenweber said the Planning Commission granted them a variance to use Village parking spaces. In addition, Comey & Shepherd has granted permission to use the lot after 5:00 p.m. We will not need every parking space available every day. Mayor Policastro said he is working with the School Board who has been very cooperative and he is hoping to get additional parking.

Emergency Meeting June 6, 2012

Traffic Light at Wooster and Belmont

The meeting was called in order to determine whether or not to fund a traffic study concerning placing a traffic light at the intersection of Wooster Pike and Belmont Avenue.

Mayor Policastro introduced Traffic Engineer Caroline Duffy of Barr & Prevost, who helped us get \$80,000 which we will get next year through the Safe Routes to School grant. Phase I was Murray Avenue becoming one-way east to west which is working very well.

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Phase II will be the traffic light at Wooster and Belmont which is needed for several reasons. The children need a crosswalk to go to school at the Junior High in Fairfax. We also have sight impaired residents who have petitioned that we do something. In the future, it will be up to the residents if they want to possibly make Settle Road a cul-de-sac by extending the island.

We secured \$80,000 in grant money last year and received notification that we have been awarded \$380,000 additional funding to improve the walking and bicycling riding between the two schools. The proposal she submitted includes a traffic signal warrant, which is a standard process if a light is being replaced or if a new light is being installed. The signal warrant analysis is a procedure which collects existing traffic data.

Residents on hand voiced comments and concerns. Mr. Ken White, 3829 Settle Road, questioned about the section of Wooster Pike along Harvard Acres without sidewalks. Ms. Duffy said that property is in Mariemont and will be funded through the Safe Routes to School grant next year. Mr. White said he would be concerned with having a sidewalk so close to the street. Mr. Mark Amann, 6515 Wooster Pike, asked why the decision to put a traffic light at Belmont and not some other location. Ms. Duffy said because of the traffic numbers and everyone complaining about the difficulty getting out of the street. The traffic signal will be actuated, just like the two in Fairfax, and will definitely help with the congestion. They will be sensitive to the number and flow of traffic. The light will remain green unless there is side road traffic or someone pushes the button. Mr. John Meade, 3851 Homewood, asked for clarification of which we are solving for: Safe Routes to School or are we solving problems for those turning left on Wooster Pike. He also asked what Ms. Duffy's skin is in the game. Mayor Policastro said he asked the Village of Fairfax if they would allow the signal to be put in and they were agreeable. He has had a lot of complaints the past years of cars speeding along Homewood and Settle. We are always trying to find ways to put a stop to it. Mr. Meade said to him it appearing that we are over engineering.

Ms. Beth Finke, 3736 Settle Road, said her concern is now that Fairfax is the Village to nowhere, there is a lot more traffic on Belmont in front of her home. Traffic has always been bad turning left onto Wooster Pike. She is not opposed to a study but she is not sure a light is

necessarily the best thing. Mr. John Fakes, 3817 Settle, said the study would cost \$19,000. If the light is not warranted, his understanding is that the money will roll over. He questioned what we really have to lose in doing the traffic study. Mayor Policastro said we do not have much to lose but a lot to gain. He does not believe it will hurt anything - it does not necessarily mean the light is going in. Mayor Policastro said it is a great chance to obtain some grant money. Mr. Scheeser said if Ms. Duffy could model scenario A which is today and scenario B, which is tomorrow, of the scope of work that is being proposed.

Budget Hearing June 25, 2012

Clerk Borgerding commented that the earnings tax is continuing to increase greater than expected with a 12% increase over 2011 as of the end of May. Earnings tax is \$100,000 more this year than last year at the end of May. The real estate tax should grow with all the new development in the Village. However he did factor a conservative number. Mr. Scheeser commented that the numbers were flat from 2009-2011 and then increased for 2012-2013. Clerk Borgerding said most of it is due to the condo developments. The personal property tax will eventually disappear. Inheritance Tax collected for the first half of 2012 was \$46,000 and he estimates we will get at least that same amount for the second half. It is much less than normally budgeted which is \$250,000 per year. The Inheritance Tax will be gone for 2013. In addition, the local government funds have been reduced over the last three years and he expects it to stay where it is. We had a good bump in trash fees last year due to the increase of the sticker price and the 35% increase in waste fees. It should stay constant going forward. Mr. Andrews said he would expect those to go up assuming every two to three years the fees would increase 2% or so. Clerk Borgerding said the fees have not been increased much in the past except last year. Mr. Andrews asked what the philosophy is with increases in trash fees. He believes it should be planned to be increased just the same as salaries/benefits. Mayor Policastro said it would be up to the Council Committee to make recommendations for increases. Clerk Borgerding said he is budgeting for what we currently have. Down the road, Council may want to increase the fees/stickers so the Village does not subsidize the trash collection anymore. Mayor's Court fees were increased last year to match those of Hamilton

County, which equaled a 15% increase.

Clerk Borgerding said 2012 is projected to end with a \$160,000 deficit, which will bring the General Fund ending balance to \$934,000. By the end of 2016 the General Fund surplus would be \$500,000. In the next few years we need to reduce expenses or find ways to increase revenues. Mayor Policastro said in 2014 we need to start looking at what we are going to do. He believes right now the Village is in very good shape. We do not know what the economy will be like in the coming years. Mr. Andrews said he would like to see Council not assume that earnings are going to go up or expenses are going to get easier to manage. He does not want to wait until 2014 or late 2013. We need to plan to have an annual serious discussion about the budget and the scope of the discussion should be the size of the projections at that point. Mr. Scheeser said he trusts Clerk Borgerding and the due diligence he put in but we need to rally around the truth and use it as our incentive to act in 2013. Mayor Policastro said in the last 20 years we have never looked better financially to have a four-year window and he is not going to the residents for any more money until we need it. Clerk Borgerding said it seems every year we seem to catch up somehow. We have made some hard choices and cut some personnel but he does not think we can keep doing that because we are already pretty thin. Mr. Andrews said he does not disagree with any of that but we are projecting a deficit next year and he sees this as a call to action. Mayor Policastro said he does not think we are projecting a deficit next year - we are projecting a surplus of \$934,000. We are not going to make any decisions, as this meeting is just to discuss the 2013 budget. He thinks the budget looks pretty good. Mr. Scheeser said it looks awful. Maybe we are always doing the good work but we are spending \$161,000 in 2013 that we will not make. He believes this is the call to action and we have to take this seriously. This is unacceptable and it is not the way he wants his name associated with a deficit. Mr. Andrews said it is Council's responsibility to try and maintain and balance the budget. If we can solve some of it in 2013 it will make the outlook in 2014, 2015 and 2016 more manageable.

Council Meeting June 25, 2012

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Utility Aggregation

Mr. Scheeser said he had a resident ask him about utility aggregation. Several surrounding communities have utilized this savings including Indian Hill and Columbia Township. His research shows significant savings along with a smooth process. He estimates a net 10% savings for the municipal building per month. He would love for us to chase it and wanted to gauge the interest of Council. Mr. Andrews said he is open to having the discussion but for the same principal reason he had a couple of years ago he is against it. He does not think it is a government's decision to be picking a preferred provider. Mayor Policastro said to get him the information and he will put it in the Council packet and refer to the Finance Committee after he checks out our contract with Duke Energy Retail.

Mowing Contractor

Mr. Andrews said the mowing contractor is edging but they are not cutting the weeds that are growing out from the curb in the square area. Mr. Miller said attention needs to be paid to the clover in the grassy area between Rembold and Hiawatha. He was stopped by a resident to report that bees had stung her children. He said the square and the grassy area along Center need treatment as well. Mr. Wolter

said he noticed the new sidewalk area by the Municipal Building and East Street has not been cut regularly. Treasurer Kulesza reported that there are bee nests under the seating area on the fountain at the square. Mayor Policastro said he will make Superintendent Scherpenberg aware of these matters.

Council Meeting July 9, 2012

Police Report

Chief Hines said it has been a busy month and he wanted to acknowledge a job well done by Officer Shaw and Officer Warner. They had several vehicles broken into and Officer Shaw observed a surveillance photo of a suspect and was right away able to identify them. He had contact with him several weeks earlier and knew who he was and where he lived. Both officers went to the residence and brought the suspect in and were able to close the case and recover some of the stolen property.

New Fire Truck

Mr. Black moved, seconded by Mr. Wolter to accept the recommendation of the Safety Committee, which met on July 5, 2012 to discuss the need to purchase a new fire truck with aerial ladder. The current equipment was deemed unusable during a recent test of the ladder. The

Safety Committee recommends the purchase of the new fire truck per the attached proposal from Farrara Fire Apparatus and Tax Exempt Leasing Corporation, using the three-year financing plan at an interest rate of 1.98% with three annual payments of \$254,289.10 paid from Permanent Improvement and to declare emergency. In the meantime we will have to rely on mutual aid because the truck has failed safety inspections. The Assistant Fire Chief said unfortunately there is no place to rent a fire truck. He feels confident that mutual aid should suffice. He is looking to see if another municipality that has an extra truck may let them borrow it until the new truck arrives. Of course, should they need it back it would no longer be available. Mr. Scheeser asked how much has been saved over the years for the new fire truck. Clerk Borgerding said \$250,000 and \$500,000 set aside for the Municipal Building. Mr. Scheeser said our first payment is covered with the money set aside and we might have to scramble because we cannot save fast enough for the balance without dipping into the reserve for the Municipal Building. Clerk Borgerding said we would have to postpone plans for the Municipal Building.

Election of Joe Stelzer

Mayor Policastro referred to the communication left on each Council member's desk referring to Town Meeting's election of Mr. Joe Stelzer to fill the unexpired term of Mr. Black in District 3. Ms. McCarthy asked why we are doing this process differently than when she was elected and voted to Council to fill the unexpired term of Kim Sullivan. Mayor Policastro said it does not matter which way it was done and he is not sure why it was done that way. Solicitor McTigue said it would be okay to go forward with the vote because Mr. Black's letter states his resignation is effective July 9, 2012 when his replacement is in place. Mr. Scheeser asked if there has to be a vacant seat first before Council can vote to fill it and would that not imply that Mr. Black has to empty the chair. Mayor Policastro said Mr. Black's resignation will be effective at the end of this Council meeting. Solicitor McTigue said Mr. Black can vote for his replacement. Mr. Andrews cited Section 32.06 of the Code of Ordinances which states when a member of the Legislative Authority becomes vacant the vacancy shall be filled by election by the Legislative Authority for the unexpired term. It seems to him that there is no vacancy yet. Solicitor McTigue said

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he would have appreciated a little heads up on the matter so he could have researched the case law. Mr. Black said he would abstain from the vote. Mr. Andrews said Mr. Black should do whatever he feels is right based on the Solicitor's guidance but his concern is that the seat being filled should be selected by Council. His issue is that he got no communication regarding this vacancy. He does not know Mr. Stelzer. A name shows up on the agenda when Council has the right to discuss and select a candidate. Mr. Stelzer is probably a good choice but requested that Council wait two weeks before the vote so they can get to know him. The vote can happen at the next Council meeting. Mayor Policastro said the tradition is Town Meeting. The residents in District 3 received a flyer announcing Mr. Stelzer's intention and the people in the District pick the person who they want to represent them. Mr. Andrews said Town Meeting is an important tradition but it does not have the binding authority here - it is Council's selection. He is disappointed that Council was not informed when this resignation happened and that there was a candidate that was going to be considered at this meeting. Solicitor McTigue said it is the Legislative Authority of Council who elects. Mayor Policastro said he knows that but it is our tradition in the Village is to have the district decide who is going to be the candidate. Mr. Andrews moved to give Council a chance to get to know Mr. Stelzer because it is an important selection and put the vote on the next Council agenda. Mr. Wolter said that would say to the people in District 3 that what they want has no value because they had a choice and a caucus. Ms. McCarthy seconded the motion to table the vote until the next meeting. (A yeavote indicates the vote for Mr. Stelzer will be tabled until the next Council meeting). On roll call; three ayes, three nays (Mr. Black, Mr. Miller and Mr. Wolter dissenting). Mayor Policastro broke the tie with a nay vote. Mayor Policastro called for the vote to have Mr. Stelzer fulfill the unexpired term of Mr. Black. On roll call; four ayes, one nay and one abstain (Mr. Andrews dissenting and Ms. McCarthy abstained). Mayor Policastro thanked Mr. Stelzer for taking this position.

Planning Commission July 18, 2012

West Street Sidewalk

The only request was from Mr. Dan Spinnenweber of Spinnenweber Builders to remove the sidewalk on the east side of West

Street from Wooster Pike to Madisonville Road, install a fence on his property at the right-of-way line and install trees and landscaping between the fence and existing curb line, with all work to be done at Spinnenweber Builders' expense. Mr. Stich said that Mr. Spinnenweber is going to install a fence along the sidewalk on the east side of West Street. He is permitted to do that, and so that is not in question at tonight's meeting. What is in question is if we want him to remove the sidewalk and landscape that area to hide the fence. He said Mr. Spinnenweber has decided to install a fence along the sidewalk to sequester the parking lot belonging to him that serves the Executive Building and the businesses in the Strand from general use by folks to the west, mainly the school. There has been a constant problem with people parking in the parking lot that Mr. Spinnenweber owns and accessing the front door of the school by simply walking across the street to the front door, and thereby, poaching the parking spaces intended for the convenience of his customers and tenants. This causes a problem with numerous cars, sometimes many dozens of cars, using that space that he controls for his tenants' use. The fence will preclude this. When the fence is there, the sidewalk seems to have little value, because it doesn't serve anything. It will become the sidewalk from nowhere to nowhere. He would like to use some of that space to install a continuous landscaping screen to basically screen the cars and the fence and make it more attractive, and to install trees to replace the gumball trees that were recently removed.

Suzy Weinland, 3812 Indianview Avenue, said that the idea of the beautification is a great offer. However, as the mother of an elementary school student, she has been in and out of that area two to four times a day for seven years and has seen the ingress and egress of the cars, pedestrians, the walkers, the runners, and the people with strollers. She thinks there is a definite need for the sidewalk. She doesn't think a fair assessment can be made until the school is completed in the fall. She thinks it will be unsafe to not have a sidewalk on that side of the street and that the issue needs to be left open for discussion and input from residents. Martin Koepke, 3804 Settle Road, explained that he is a landscape architect who has lived in the Village for 26 years. He concurs with Mrs. Weinland's comments. He was recently hired by the Village to study the West Street parking problems. In the process, it was determined that adding parking to West Street was going

to be very expensive. Instead, the Village is going to invest in the school parking lot to add 22 spaces to it. The design to add those spaces included aligning the driveways from the school lot on West Street with the driveways in Mr. Spinnenweber's lot on that corner. If those aisles are removed, the circulation between the lots for public parking would be eliminated. He does not think the Village should give up public right-of-way just for subjective beautification. Beauty does not have to come at the expense of removing public use. We were rated as one of the top ten most walkable communities in the United States and a model for other communities. He thinks removing the sidewalk is seems counter to this. After further discussion, Mayor Policastro moved to table the decision until after school opens and everyone has a chance to see how it looks and can reassess the offer. Mr. Savage seconded the motion. On roll call: 4 ayes, no nays.

Council Meeting July 23, 2012

President Pro-Tem of Council

Mr. Scheeser moved to nominate Ms. McCarthy as President Pro-Tem of Council. He thinks she would do a great job and it would be nice to have a woman in the chair. We have talked about rotating the responsibility. Mr. Wolter moved to nominate Mr. Miller as President Pro-Tem of Council. His work on the Economic Development Committee shows he is the man for the job. There was no second nomination for Ms. McCarthy. Mr. Stelzer seconded the nomination of Mr. Miller. Mr. Andrews abstained from the vote. Mayor Policastro said a Council member couldn't abstain due to Rule 13 of Council. He will have the Solicitor explain it in more detail at the next meeting. The vote proceeded with five ayes, no nays (Mr. Andrews abstained)

Bike Trails

Mayor Policastro introduced Mr. Jay Andress who addressed Council regarding the possibility of expanding our bike trails. He would like to have a community meeting in the Village to develop public support and input. Mr. Andress suggested putting together a small group of people who would be willing to take an active interest in the project and connect with the community to try and also be a liaison to Council.

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Civility Code Suggested

Ms. McCarthy proposed that Council consider adopting a civility code or pledge so we can stop the name-calling and insults from happening and be more respectful. She passed out information from other cities that have done something similar and asked that it be put into a Committee of Council for further discussion. A member of Council or the Mayor should not feel the need to seek legal counsel because of incidents that happen during or after Council. Mayor Policastro said we will look it over and then he will make a decision. Mr. Scheeser said Ms. McCarthy's idea is worth merit and discussion. Mayor Policastro said he would let Council know – he is running the meeting. Mr. Andrews and Mr. Scheeser said it does not work that way. Mayor Policastro said yes it does. Mr. Scheeser said a committee can take up an issue anytime. Mr. Andrews said a Committee can take up a topic. Mayor Policastro said no it cannot. It has to go through a vote of Council. Mr. Miller suggested moving to the next topic and stopping the discussion right now.

Council Meeting August 13, 2012**Eastern Corridor**

Mayor Policastro said ODOT and Hamilton County changed the route that we thought it was

going to be for the last five years. They are now claiming they are not going to build a bridge and want to go through our lower 80 acres. He put together a letter indicating that we are a National Historic Landmark and we will make problems for them if they pursue our land. He is working on putting together a team of attorneys that live on Miami Bluff and in the adjacent area to help with pro bono work. The mayor is also going to get in touch with Todd Portune and Chris Monzel. He also said we will prove the fact that the Bluff is a very volatile hillside. We do not want any construction and earth movement at the bottom. In addition, University of Cincinnati Professor, Dr. Ken Tankersley, will help prove we have Indian burial grounds all over in the area.

Coyotes

Mr. Wolter said the Safety Committee met to discuss the coyote problem. The Committee decided to set up three parallel tracks using the three Safety Committee members. One will head up doing more research, one will put together public education program and the other will work with the Police Chief to put the culling program together. They plan to hold another meeting and then submit a report to Council. Mr. Wolter said the Committee also has been working on the fire code street violations. He has the map and will work with the other members to get the streets identified as far as parking to allow safety equipment through. Many streets are substandard and need to have the parking reconfigured.

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Mariemont's Railroads

By AMY HOLLON

"What are those railroad tracks down below?" ask observers looking out from the Concourse overlook.

The tracks below are now owned by Norfolk Southern Corporation and are only lightly used. But in earlier years the rail lines were owned by two important railroads which ran 20-30 freight trains and a dozen passenger trains a day through here to large metropolitan areas on the eastern seaboard. They were the mighty Pennsylvania Railroad and the coal-hauling Norfolk & Western Railway.

The first railroad was the Little Miami Railroad, the second in all of Ohio, which ran its tracks along the north bank Ohio River from the eastern edge of Cincinnati upstream to the Little Miami River valley, then past Mariemont-to-be, Plainville and to Milford in December of 1841. The Little Miami Railroad completed its tracks to Columbus where it connected with the Pennsylvania Railroad for connections to Pittsburgh, Philadelphia and New York. The business between Cincinnati and these cities was of such volume that the Pennsylvania leased the Little Miami entirely in 1870. They built a large station at Pete Rose Way and Riverview Drive, Sawyer Point Park now, and a yard at Undercliff next to Lunken Airport.

The second railroad was the Cincinnati & Eastern Railroad which built from the south bank of the Little Miami River through Newtown to Batavia, Ohio in 1876 and eventually to Portsmouth, Ohio in 1883. This railroad evolved into the Ohio & Northwestern and the Cincinnati, Portsmouth and Virginia before being purchased by the Norfolk & Western Railway in October of 1901. When built, the C&E had access to no level route to downtown Cincinnati so it built a bridge across Big Duck Creek and ran its tracks through the dairy land that became Hyde Park to the new manufacturing towns of Norwood and Evanston where it connected to the Cincinnati, Lebanon & Northern Railway. The CL&N line ran down Deer Creek Valley (along I-71 now) to its depot and yard at Court Street and Gilbert Avenue where the new casino is being built.

When the N&W bought the CP&V they built a new rail yard in the bottom land below Mariemont starting in 1901 and completing the

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construction in 1903. They added a roundhouse and other servicing facilities to the fourteen-track yard which was named Clare Yard. At the crossing of the PRR and the N&W was Clare station and Clare tower to control this crossing.

As business and manufacturing changed and moved in the United States, the Pennsylvania activity decreased such that their

rail line between Columbus and Cincinnati was abandoned in 1976. The N&W bought the short section of tracks under our Concourse and the PRR mainline from Clare over to Red Bank Road at that time.

The Norfolk & Western merged with the Southern Railway in 1982 to form today's

Norfolk Southern. Soon after the merger, Clare Yard was closed and the activities here were moved to the Southern's yard at Gest Street west of Cincinnati Union Terminal.

In 1993, Norfolk Southern tore out the yard to create an intermodal terminal for the transfer of bulk products and liquids to trucks from rail

cars. This is the yard today.

In 2003 NS closed the line eastward to Portsmouth and reduced it to a branch line which only sees a local train running over to Peebles in Adams County twice a week.

Resident Gary Rolih will give a lecture about the railroads in and around Mariemont on September 15 in the MPF building from 10 until noon. Coffee and doughnuts will be served. (3919 Plainville Rd.).

Hats Off!

...to Tommy Kauffmann, who was the featured distance runner on the Warrior Cross Country and Track teams, competing in the State Finals in track and Cross Country, while picking up CHL Runner of the Year honors, as well as numerous MHS and CHL records. Tommy went on to compete in the NCAA Championships and to lead the Xavier Musketeers to an A-10 Championship. Tommy's father, Tom Kauffmann, is also a member of the Hall of Fame for his athletic prowess in track and field.



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