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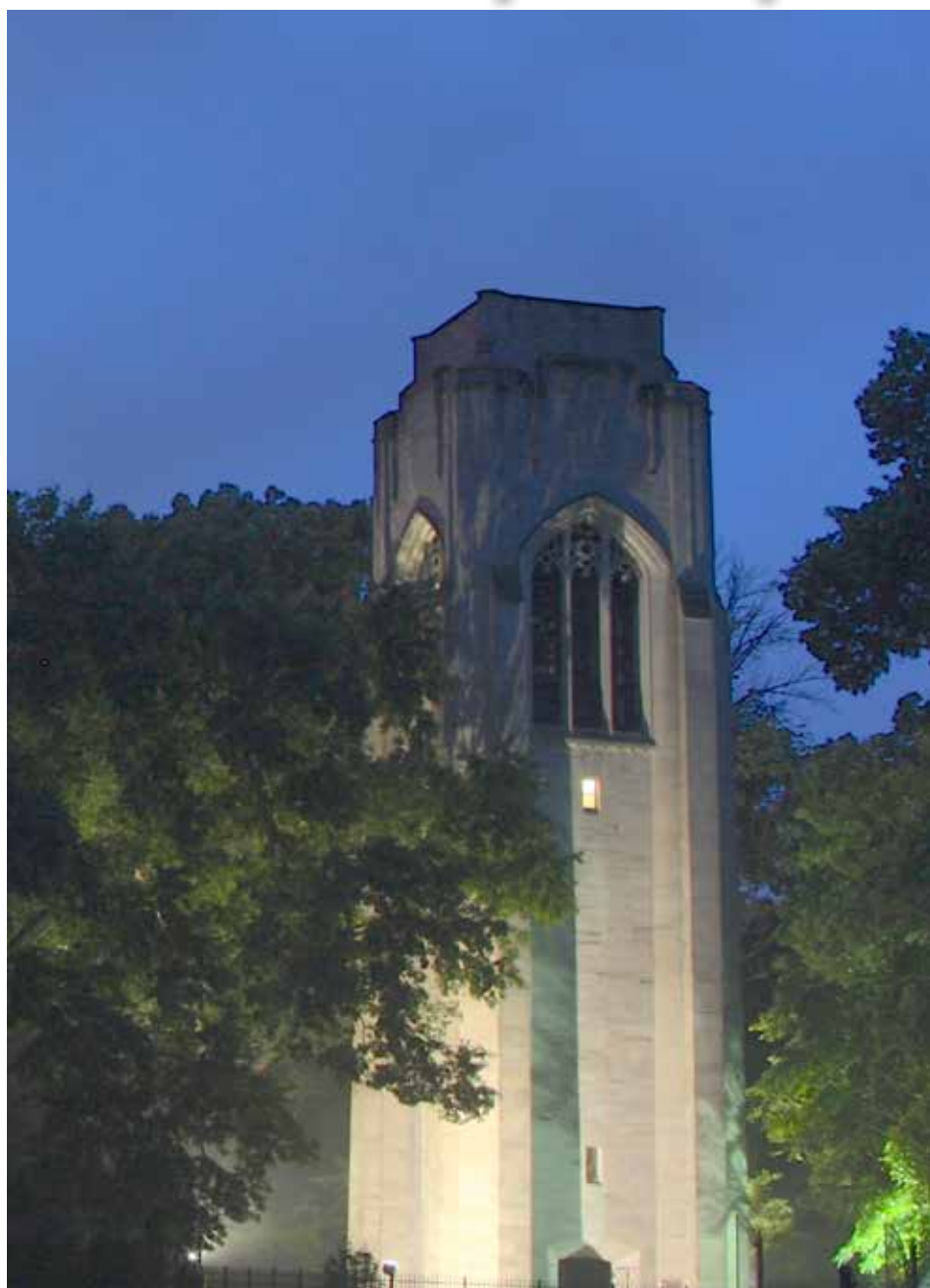
## The Thomas J. Emery Memorial: A Lasting Gift from Mary Emery

BY REX BEVIS

As many local residents know, Mary Emery envisioned and financed the development of a model of town planning known as the Village of Mariemont, Ohio. With a fortune derived partially from real estate, Mrs. Emery envisioned a model project including apartments and townhouses designed for citizens of low or modest means. Her new town concept was developed primarily by Charles Livingood, advisor and financial manager to Mrs. Emery, and by noted town planner, John Nolen. What many may not know is that in the final years of her life, as she entered her eightieth year, Mrs. Emery's Last Will and Testament "established the Thomas J. Emery Memorial, a foundation that would continue her charitable works.<sup>1</sup>"

Named for her late husband, "the Memorial resulted from Mrs. Emery's long-standing practice of commemorating her spouse in many of the good works she undertook. Charles Livingood released the announcement of the Memorial's formation on April 16, 1925, and the local newspapers promptly covered it:

A unique method of trusteeship has been evolved by Mrs. Mary M. Emery, founder of Mariemont, according to announcements made yesterday by her personal representative, Charles J. Livingood. The trusteeship has been incorporated under the laws of Ohio to administer the entire residuary estate of Mrs. Emery, and is known as the Thomas J. Emery Memorial. It will be a perpetual memorial to the memory of Mrs. Emery's husband, the late Thomas J. Emery. It is unique also in that it is established



(cont'd on page 4) *The statuesque Bell Tower is even more dramatic bathed in evening spotlights.*

Photo courtesy Ron Schroeder

## SCHOOLS

# "Fire & Ice" Collide in Event to Support Mariemont Schools

Back by popular demand, the FAB Affair returns as the annual fundraising extravaganza, benefiting the Mariemont City School District. This year marks the 5th annual FAB Affair, themed "Fire & Ice." The event will take place on Saturday, April 18 at the Indian Hill Winter Club.

Start your evening with a curling match against your friends on the ice rink, then warm up by the big stone fireplace. The evening boasts music by the Big Trouble Blues Band, tasty small bites, and local craft beers and wines. There will be a live and silent auction, where you could go home with items ranging from gift baskets from local shops and restaurants to much larger

signature prizes.

Tickets are on sale now and can be purchased at [www.mariemontschoolfoundation.org](http://www.mariemontschoolfoundation.org). The cost is \$75 per person or \$150 per couple. The Mariemont School Foundation, Mariemont Arts Association and Mariemont Athletic Boosters collaborate to co-host the FAB Affair, and all proceeds support the efforts of these organizations, which, in turn, ultimately provide support to district students. Each of the sponsoring organizations uses the money raised to bring incremental academic, athletic and arts programming into the district. It's a great way to support our schools while enjoying a fun night with your friends and neighbors!



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### **Emery Memorial (continued from page 1)**

during the lifetime of Mrs. Emery, and she may thus watch its development while it carries on the many benevolent institutions already established by her, at the same time initiating new ones.<sup>2</sup>

Mrs. Emery directed funds from her estate should be placed in the Memorial to create an endowment and invested to produce income. "Income therefrom shall be used

for the physical, social, civic, and educational betterment of residents of the United States, preferably those in the State of Ohio, on humanitarian lines. The general purpose of this Memorial shall be to secure a citizenry which will be more sane, sound, and effective because of more satisfactory initial conditions of environment and education.<sup>3</sup>

Upon Mrs. Emery's death, just two years later on October 11, 1927, the public's

speculation about Mrs. Emery's wealth and the value of her estate was answered when terms of the Last Will and Testament of Mary M. Emery were released to the Cincinnati press. This was front page news in a city long accustomed to frequent announcements of her beneficence. "An unofficial estimate of \$25,000,000 was made as to the probable total of her estate, with the statement that

*(Continued on next page)*

### ***A Sampling\* of Bequests made by the Thomas J. Emery Memorial Foundation***

1929	Carillon Bell Tower**	\$100,000
1964	Concourse Park Improvement	10,000
1967	Our Lady of Mercy Hospital	5,000
1967	Mariemont Community Church	22,500
1974	Our Lady of Mercy Hospital	15,000
1983	Village Square renovation	33,000
1987	Street Lamp replacement	32,100
1991	Isabella Hopkins Park	8,000
1993	Benches	1,100
1994	Resthaven Barn restoration	36,450
1999	Village of Mariemont 75 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Project: Boathouse restoration, street lighting, landscaping, Statuary repairs, etc.	313,000
2000	Mariemont Community Church repairs, Church needs, Historic District restoration planning	110,000
2005	Mariemont Elementary School Auditorium	50,000

*\*Selected bequests made to Village of Mariemont, Mariemont Community Church, Our Lady of Mercy Hospital, Mariemont Schools, and the Mariemont Preservation Foundation*

*\*\*From a fund established by Isabella Hopkins, Mrs. Emery's sister*



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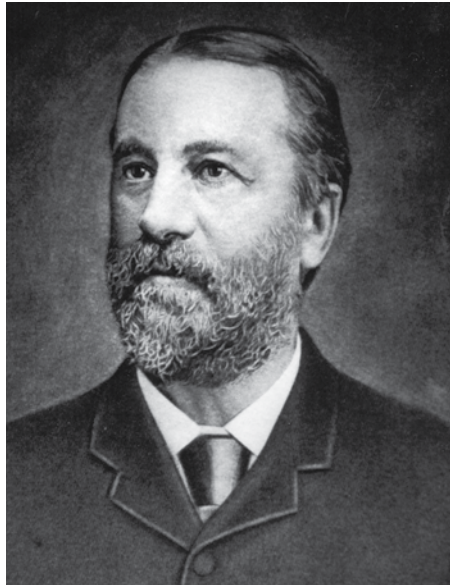
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this was an undervaluation, rather than an overvaluation. If this is true, then the amount going to the Thomas J. Emery Memorial for public beneficial purposes forever, is not less than \$20,000,000.<sup>47</sup>

The Memorial was also the recipient of a trust fund established by Isabella Hopkins, Mrs. Emery's sister, who in 1929 donated the Bell Tower in Dogwood Park to the Village of Mariemont in honor of her sister, who had died a few years earlier. The endowment generates funds to help pay for maintenance of the carillon.

Over the succeeding years, the Thomas J. Emery (TJE) Memorial Foundation has made substantial bequests to projects not only in Mariemont, but also in Cincinnati and elsewhere throughout Ohio and the Nation. With respect to Mariemont-specific contributions, the Memorial has made direct payments to the Village for many local infrastructure projects, to the Mariemont Community Church, to Our Lady of Mercy Hospital, and, more recently since its founding in 1980, to the Mariemont Preservation Foundation for MPF projects in the Village. The listing provided in the sidebar on the previous page is only a sample of TJE Memorial bequests over the years.



*Thomas J. Emery, Jr.*

Not only did Mrs. Emery envision and finance the construction of Mariemont, she also insured a lasting source of funding for worthy projects. The Thomas J. Emery Memorial Foundation continues to assist in maintaining Mariemont as a Model of Town Planning.

Information in this article drawn from, *Rich in Good Works: Mary M. Emery of Cincinnati*<sup>1</sup>, Millard F. Rogers, Jr., 2001, p. 108<sup>2</sup>, *Ibid*, p. 109-110<sup>3</sup>, p. 168<sup>4</sup>.

### ***More on the Emery Memorial***

The Emery Memorial was founded by Mary M. Emery on April 20, 1925 as a not-for-profit corporation under the laws of the State of Ohio.

Thomas J. Emery (1830-1906) and his wife Mary M. Emery (1844-1927) were prominent Cincinnati philanthropists who generously supported local cultural and educational institutions. Thomas Emery was an industrialist and real estate developer who made significant contributions both literally and figuratively to the building of Cincinnati. Mary Emery, whose generosity earned her the title "Cincinnati's Lady Bountiful," provided the inspiration and capital to build the model Village of Mariemont.

The Last Will and Testament of Mrs. Emery states that "[T]he general purpose of this Memorial shall be to secure a citizenry which shall be more sane, sound and effective because of more satisfactory initial conditions of environment and education." The Memorial will be used for the "physical, social, civic and educational betterment" of individuals.

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# Mariemont Preservation Foundation Hosts Artist Mary Louis Holt and John Ruthven

Mariemont Preservation Foundation (MPF) is hosting a presentation by artist Mary Louise Holt regarding her original oil painting, *Village of Mariemont, 17th Century*. The presentation will take place at The Barn, Woman's Art Club and Cultural Center, 6980 Cambridge Avenue in Mariemont on Tuesday, March 10 at 7:00 pm. Noted wildlife artist John Ruthven will speak about the artistic

merits of the painting and its historical significance to our community.

The painting tells a visual story imagining a day in the life of the Fort Ancient Indian village near Mariemont's South 80 Acres Park by Dr. Ken Tankersley, professor of anthropology at the University of Cincinnati, and his students in 2013. Ms. Holt will describe the individual depictions of the Ft. Ancient Indians within the artwork.

The painting was created to raise awareness and appreciation for the historic national importance of the Fort Ancient Indian village and to rally community support to protect the 80 Acres Park from the Eastern Corridor Highway Project that still threatens to destroy the park, the archeological site

and the quality of life in Mariemont.

The event is free and open to the public.



## Save the date! Mariemont House Tour 2015

**Sunday, June 7, 2015**

Make plans to experience a walking tour of some of Mariemont's most beautiful homes while supporting Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center -- The Heart Institute/Kindervelt Neurodevelopmental and Educational Clinic.

The 2015 Mariemont House Tour committee has been busy selecting FIVE different and intriguing must-see homes. Curious which homes are on the tour? Here are some hints about our first two homes -- with more hints to follow in the coming months.

House #1 -- This home had two 8'x 8' bow bay windows and the owner's last name was Bay. She grew up in the house and recently added the front porch her father always wanted. You might have noticed an elf on the porch at Christmas or a skeleton moving around at Halloween.

House #2 -- This house was used as a setting for the movie "Milk Money" starring Melanie Griffith and Ed Harris; filmed in Cincinnati in 1994. There are also artifacts from the Taft family that were found in the attic which are now on display at the Taft Museum.

You won't want to miss these or any of the interesting houses that make Mariemont so special, so mark your calendars for June 7.



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# Mariemont Tennis 2015

On behalf of the board of the Mariemont Tennis Association (MTA), I'd like to announce the start of the 2015 Mariemont Tennis season.

Dave Russell returns as our Director of Tennis and has planned a full schedule of events for all ages and abilities through the spring and summer (see his letter at right). Please be sure to contact Dave to express interest or to suggest additional options.

We will again field a ladies' doubles team (or two, depending on interest and aptitude.) Dave coaches our practice on Thursdays, 8:30-10 am. Matches are played on Fridays at 9 am, home and away against other clubs around Cincinnati from mid-June through July. Contact Linda Bartlett at [bartlettfive@gmail.com](mailto:bartlettfive@gmail.com) for more information.

Finally, mark your calendars for our annual "Memorial Day Tennis Games," at the courts following the Memorial Day Parade. We gather at 10:30 am to play in a round robin format. Players of all skill levels are welcome, and beverages and snacks will be provided. Dave will lead the fun-filled event, culminating in prizes awarded in several offbeat categories.

Membership payments can be made online at [www.mariemont.org](http://www.mariemont.org) beginning March 1; or submit an application form (included in this issue of the *Town Crier*) with your check, made payable to the Village of Mariemont, to the Village office at 6907 Wooster Pike, Mariemont, OH 45227. Clinics, lessons, and team fees are paid directly to Dave Russell.

We look forward to seeing you on the courts soon!

Submitted by:

Linda Bartlett, MTA membership

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## Open Letter From Returning Tennis Director, David Russell

*Greetings Mariemont residents!*

As your returning Director of Tennis, I would like to re-introduce myself and fill you in about plans for the upcoming 2015 season. I am from Buffalo, New York where I was a two-time All-American high school athlete. Following high school, I attended Indiana University on an athletic scholarship and was a four-year starter on the Varsity Tennis Team. I maintain a USPTA certification and spend the winter months as the Director of Tennis and General Manager of the Indoor Tennis Club, just around the corner in Madeira.

It is my goal to enhance the tennis program by utilizing my high-energy personality to promote and continually communicate with the tennis membership. Accordingly, one of the first items I would like to address is the expansion of the tennis season. I will be offering several clinics from April through October, and have planned several other tennis-related activities during this same time period.

2015 clinics will include, but not be limited to: (1) After-school spring Junior High and High School girls' clinics; (2) Saturday morning kids' clinics; (3) Early morning cardio clinics; (4) Evening men's HIT clinic; and (5) Ladies' morning clinic. As I receive valuable feedback and interest from the community, I will be pleased to schedule additional options to meet member expectations before the season commences. I am in the process of finalizing a full schedule of 2015 offerings and hope to have those published and posted by the first of April.

In addition to the regular schedule, I am available for private and group lessons beginning in March, weather permitting.

I look forward to personally meeting everyone throughout the season and would welcome any feedback regarding your Tennis Association!

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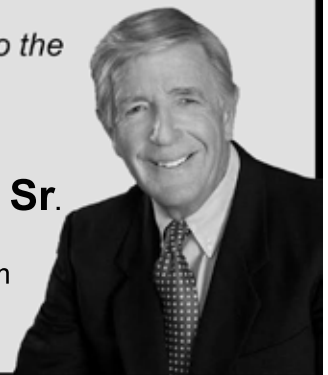
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# Twinkle, twinkle lovely lights...

BY DELTA CRABTREE



I love twinkly lights. This means that during the Christmas holiday season Mariemont is a magical place to me. I love the neighbors that really go the extra mile to embellish every bush and tree with hundreds of lights. I love the white lights that are sophisticated and refined but I also love the colored lights; even the newer versions that come in almost neon blues and greens.

Because I volunteered to write this column, I now get to publicly give a "shout out" to my absolute favorite tall pine – all

30+ feet of it covered in lights. That is the Caesar's tree on the corner of Crystal Springs and East St. It is total perfection!



**Young residents help with the annual luminaria lighting**

Now you may wonder why I am writing about Christmas lights when we are now eagerly awaiting spring. Well, I also want to acknowledge the non-holiday specific twinkly lights. How nice to come into the neighborhood any time of the year and be greeted by white twinkly lights. There are a

few tasteful displays that never fail to make me smile. My favorite that deserves special mention is the York's residence on the corner of Wooster and West St. I come into Mariemont almost always by turning past their house. My spirits are always buoyed by the happy vibe of the sparkle and twinkle of their display. Thank you for that!

## New Neighbor News

Now, on to the New Neighbors! This month I have three families to welcome.

Molly and Mike Perez have purchased 3863 Settle Road. They have three daughters. Sylvie is five and Josie is three and both are attending preschool at Mariemont Community Church. Tillie is their youngest, and just turned one on Christmas Day. They also have a miniature dachshund named Mona. Molly is originally from Pittsburgh and Mike grew up in Springboro, Ohio. They have lived in five states over the last few years but are now excited to make Mariemont home. They moved to Mariemont because they were attracted to the schools, community and the ability to walk everywhere.

Jacob and Christine Rhode purchased 3832 Homewood Road. Jacob is originally from Cincinnati, but they had been living in Columbus the past few years. They have a 10-month old son Jack so they were looking for a family-friendly community, close to downtown, where they could walk to parks.

The four-legged member of their family is a golden doodle named Scout. They are all looking forward to spending time outside this spring!

Last – but certainly not least – I would like to welcome Beverly Lyman and Henry Laboda. They have purchased 6939 Nolen Circle. This is a house I know well – I am friends with the last two families that owned this home. It is a great house – so congratulations! They share their home with their two rescue dogs and four cats and are looking forward to enjoying their new big backyard when the weather warms up. Beverly and Henry lived on Cachepit for about ten years, then moved to Atlanta for five years and are now happily back. Mariemont has that effect on people! Their daughter is a Mariemont High School grad who went on to graduate from University of Michigan and is now living in Los Angeles, CA. When I spoke to Beverly, she and Henry were enjoying some warmth and sunshine visiting LA.

I know that there are many new neighbors that I have yet to hear from – and it is not too late to be featured and officially welcomed. If I don't reach out to you, please feel free to contact me. I can be reached via email at [dcrabtree@comey.com](mailto:dcrabtree@comey.com) or my cell #513-304-4719. Also, I work at the Mariemont Comey & Shepherd office so if you are walking by, feel free to stop in and say hello!

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# Coalition Corner: Got Unwanted Drugs? Dispose Of Them Properly!

According to the Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA), "Unused prescription medications in homes create a public health and safety concern, because they can be accidentally ingested, stolen, misused, and abused. While the number of Americans who currently abuse prescription drugs dropped in 2013 to 6.5 million from 6.8 million in 2012, that is still more than double the number of those using heroin, cocaine, and hallucinogens like LSD and Ecstasy *combined*, according to the 2013 National Survey on Drug Use and Health. The survey of users cited above also found the majority of abused prescription drugs are obtained from family and friends, including from the home medicine cabinet."

Protect your family and dispose of your unwanted medication properly. The FDA and the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy developed federal guidelines for disposal that are summarized here:

Follow any specific disposal instructions on the prescription drug labeling or patient information that accompanies the medicine. Do not flush medicines down the sink or toilet unless this information specifically instructs you to do so.

Take advantage of community drug take-back programs that allow the public to bring unused drugs to a central location for proper disposal.

If no disposal instructions are given on the prescription drug labeling and no take-back program is available in your area, throw the drugs in the household trash following these steps: 1. Remove them from their original containers and mix them with an undesirable substance, such as used coffee grounds or kitty litter (this makes the drug less appealing to children and pets, and unrecognizable to people who may intentionally go through the trash seeking drugs.) 2. Place the



mixture in a sealable bag, empty can, or other container to prevent the drug from leaking or breaking out of a garbage bag.

The DEA Drug Take Back Program that occurred twice a year has been phased out due to lack of funding. However, there are many sites in Greater Cincinnati to safely dispose of your

unwanted medications year round. Many of these locations are police departments:

Indian Hill-525 Drake Avenue  
Madeira-7141 Miami Avenue  
Milford-745 Center Street  
Anderson Twnshp-7954 Beechmont Ave  
Loveland-126 S. Lebanon Road  
Norwood-4701 Montgomery Road  
Cincinnati-310 Ezzard Charles Drive  
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# Behind the Storefront - Mariemont Theatre

BY MATT CRAWFORD

For over 75 years, The Mariemont Theatre has been a gathering place and entertainment venue for Mariemont residents. Today, the theater has become popular with residents from Mariemont and Greater Cincinnati by offering interactive entertainment experiences in addition to eclectic film selections. The popularity of the theater has waxed and waned throughout the years. It opened as an idyllic, cutting-edge theater, then struggled and even closed in the 1990s; reopening several years later to become the niche theater Mariemont has grown to love.

The Mariemont Theatre opened with great fanfare on December 25, 1938 as a crown jewel of both Mariemont and Cincinnati. The theater was initially built as a single-screen, 725-seat theater with the latest in audio and video technology and upscale decor. It was the most advanced, upscale theater of its kind in Cincinnati at the time and rivaled theaters in New York and Chicago with its



*The Mariemont Theatre, circa 1938, courtesy Mariemont Preservation Foundation.*

beauty and technology. You may recall an article in a previous *Town Crier* issue about the fabulous sporting murals which decorated the walls inside the theater. Sadly, the fate of the murals is unknown. The theater was originally built for \$200,000 and was operated by the Queen City Holding company. The six stores surrounding the theater were built at the same time and originally housed the Central Trust Company (currently PNC Bank), the Mariemont Pharmacy (currently The Quarter Bistro) and Meyer's Market (immediately to the right of the theater). The entire project was built in English Tudor style to match the Inn and similar buildings around town.

The theater remained a single-screen venue through the years until attendance slowed and it was forced to close in the mid-1990s. It was then purchased by the Theatre Management Corporation of Cincinnati which entirely remodeled and expanded the site into a modern three-screen venue and re-opened in 1998. Theatre Management Corporation

currently operates the Mariemont Theatre along with the Esquire Theatre in Clifton and the Kenwood Theatre. In 2013, two additional screens were added, for a total of five screens, along with a bar which is stocked with beer, wine, cocktails and coffee.

The goal of the theater is not only to offer films, events or screenings, but to provide programming which instills a sense of community. An experience, rather than passively watching a movie, is offered during interactive movie events like sing-a-long shows such as *'The Sound of Music'*, *'Grease'*, and *'Wizard of Oz'*, where attendees may also show up in costume. The theater targets a mix of independent, art, classic and mainstream films and has 3D and HD capabilities.

*Upcoming special screenings at Mariemont Theatre include:*

*Globe on Screen: The Dutchess of Malfi*  
- Recorded from the London Home of Shakespeare. March 12, 7:30 pm.

*Hermitage Revealed* - With over three million treasures, The State Hermitage Museum in St. Petersburg is one of the largest and oldest museums in the world. See Russia's oldest, rarest, and most closely guarded treasures. March 22, 5 pm.

*Swan Lake* - Anthony Dowell's production of the greatest romantic ballet draws upon the opulence of 1890s Russia. April 26, 11 am.

For more information and tickets, visit [marimonttheatre.com](http://marimonttheatre.com)



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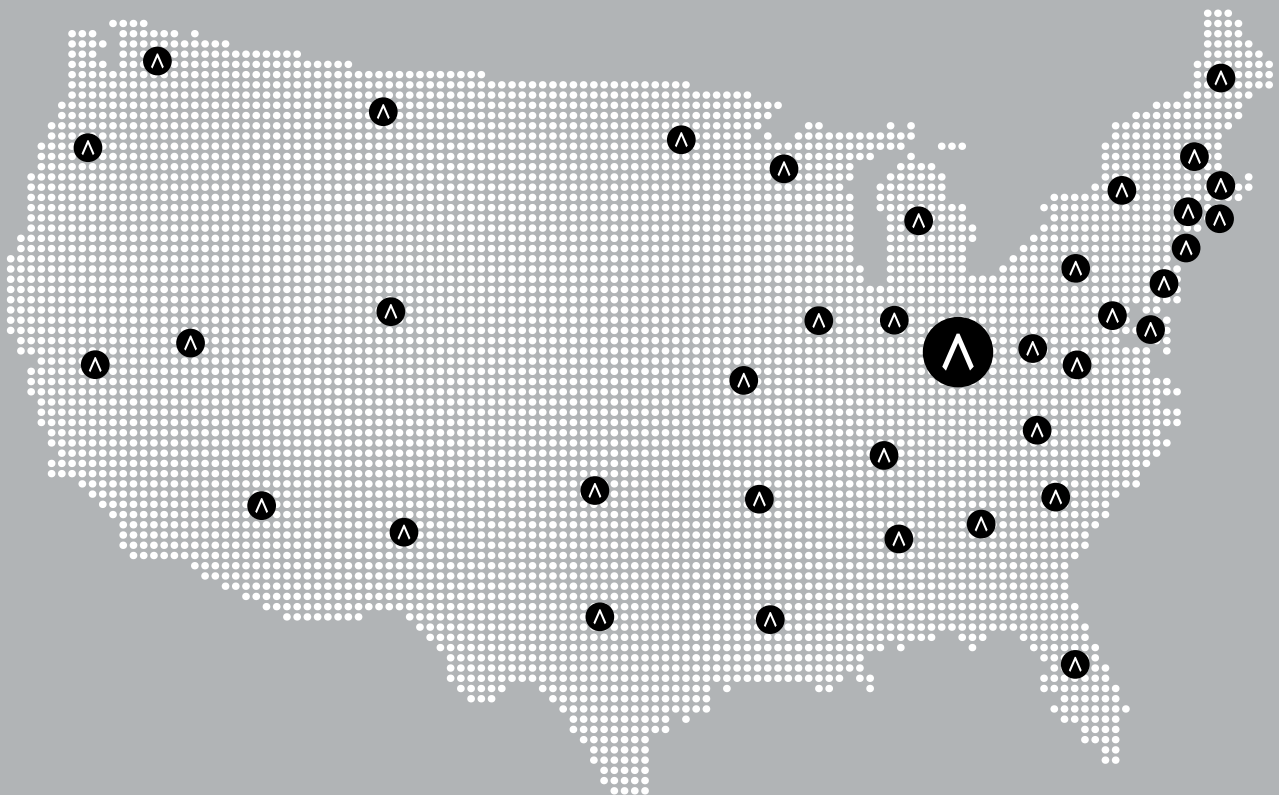
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## V I L L A G E

### ***What's Happening at the Mariemont Branch Library - March***

#### **All Ages**

**Live Music Fest:** Featuring harpist Alaina Graiser. Saturday, March 28, at 2 pm.

#### **Children**

**Preschool Playtime - On the Farm:** Farm-themed games, crafts and stories. Saturday, March 28, at 1 pm. Ages 2-5.

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

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

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

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

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

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

#### **Teens**

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

#### **Adults**

**Book Club:** *The Girls of Atomic City* by Denise Kiernan will be discussed Thursday, March 26, at 6:45 pm. Copies are available at the branch.

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

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

**Technology Classes:** Interested in brushing up on computer basics or just starting out with technology? We offer one-on-one instruction. Call the branch to schedule a session.

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

**Mariemont Branch Library, 3810 Pocahontas Avenue, 513-369-4467**

#### **Editor's Note:**

Your April issue of the *Town Crier* may be delivered later than usual. The delivery date falls on Easter weekend and many of our young carriers will be out of town. We appreciate your patience!

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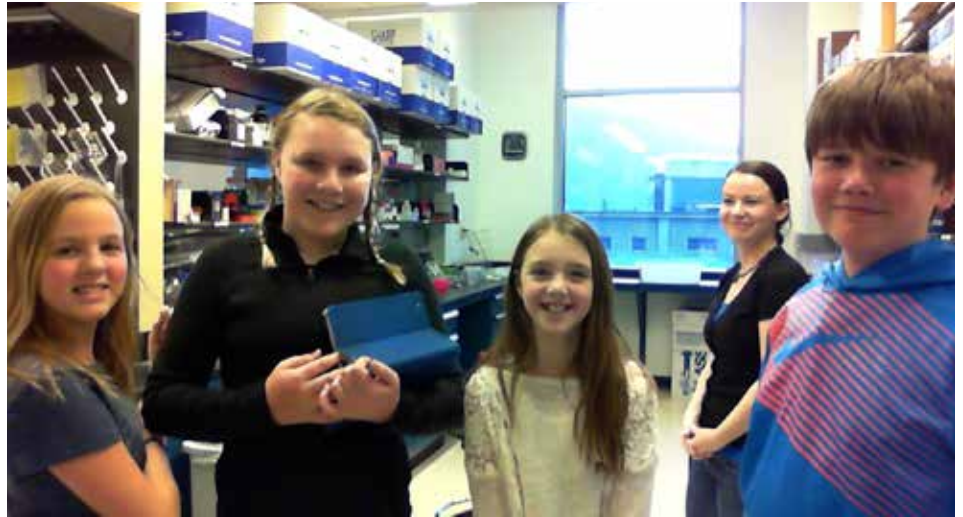
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## SCHOOLS

# Sixth Grade Explores Science of Genetics

The Mariemont Elementary 6th grade ExploraVision teams spent an afternoon at Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center's Genetics Lab learning from the new director, Dr. Harinder Singh, and his colleague, Dr. Michelle Reed. Sixth grade students Ella Waltz, Alyssa Bach, Olivia Sullivan and Jackson Hacias are working on a futuristic proposal to develop a patch made of skin cells that have been engineered to identify cancer cells and then trigger an attack on the cancer cells by the immune system. Their project proposal was submitted to the National Science Teacher Association's Toyota ExploraVision contest in January.



From left to right, Alyssa Bach, Olivia Sullivan, Ella Waltz, (Children's Hospital employee in background) and Jackson Hacias.

## Kindergarten Registration Meetings

Mariemont City Schools will be holding Kindergarten registration meetings on Wednesday, March 18, 2015 at 6:30 pm at Mariemont Elementary & Terrace Park Elementary. These are informational meetings for parents of children in the district who will be five (5) years old on or before September 30, 2015. These meetings are for both parents and incoming students and serve as a time to turn in the required documentation for enrollment, sign up for your child's kindergarten screening, meet and interact with kindergarten teachers, visit

the kindergarten classrooms, learn about the curriculum and ask questions.

Prior to the meeting, all interested parents should visit [www.mariemontschools.org](http://www.mariemontschools.org) for more information about the documentation required for enrollment, how to submit the necessary documentation and complete the online registration form.

For further information, please call the applicable school office: Mariemont Elementary 513-272-7400 or Terrace Park Elementary 513-272-7700.



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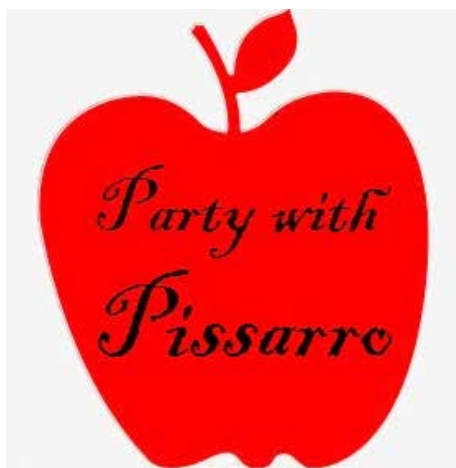
"Swing" under the apple tree on a real swing in the Loft at The Barn, meet renowned art scholar Dr. Richard Brettell and enjoy French food, wine and music - all part of the Party with Pissarro event at The Barn on Friday night, April 24. Start your weekend at the Friday night Camille Pissarro-themed party. Enjoy Provencal cuisine from La Petite Pierre and live music by Faux Frenchmen. You will be transported to France without stepping on a plane and "Creative Photo Booths" will be there to capture the moment!

Welcome Dr. Brettell back to Cincinnati for his 5th annual lecture at the Taft Museum of Art on Saturday April 25. The theme of Dr. Brettell's Saturday lecture is the Camille Pissarro masterpiece, "Apple Harvest, 1888."

Party with Pissarro is on Friday, April 24, starting at 6:30 pm and tickets are \$50 per person. Reservations are required and may be made at [www.artatthebarn.org](http://www.artatthebarn.org). For more information call 513-272-3700. Proceeds from this event will benefit the Woman's Art Club of Cincinnati Foundation.

## ***Impressionism Lecture at the Taft***

Dr. Richard Brettell is one of the art world's foremost authorities on French Impressionism and his lecture on Saturday, April 25 at the Taft Museum of Art is entitled "Pissarro's Apple Pickers: Daily Life after the



Revolution". The lecture begins at 2 pm and tickets are required. Call 513 684-4515 or on line at [www.taftmuseum.org](http://www.taftmuseum.org). Tickets are \$10 for members of the Taft Museum and Woman's Art Club and \$20 for the general public. Don't delay, last year the lecture sold out quickly.

## ***"Artistically Speaking" - Brush & Palette Painters Come to the Barn***

*Opening Reception Friday, March 6, 6-9 pm*

Come to the newest exhibit at The Barn, "Artistically Speaking", a showcase of art by the Cincinnati Brush & Palette Painters. This group of talented women artists started over 50 years ago as a celebration of friendship and painting. Over the years members have changed but the Brush & Palette Painters still maintain a vibrant artistic spirit and simply love to paint together. Enjoy this early spring exhibition that reveals new works from the past year. All are welcome to the opening reception from 6 pm. to 9 pm. Friday, March 6. Gallery hours are 10 am to 2 pm Tuesday-Friday and 1 pm to 4 pm Saturdays and Sundays, through March 29. Free admission.



Meet the Brush & Palette Painters whose exhibiting members include Adele Garneret, a founding member; Nathalie Gerberick, Susan Grier, Kathi Blake, Laurie Arshonsky, Nancy Achberger, Martha Carmody, Joy Kashdan Glaser, Sue Helbling, Mary Beth Dowlin, Nancy Nordloh Neville, Mary Jean Weber and Barbara Pask. For more information call Joy Kashdan Glaser at 513-793-0308.

## ***Art at the Barn***



## ***Macy's Arts Sampler***

As part of Macy's Arts Sampler, two members of the Brush & Palette Painters will be giving live artist demonstrations at The Barn. Families and children are welcome to come and view them at work, at no charge. Barbara Pask and Joy Glaser will be painting from 2-4 pm on Saturday, March 7. Come and enjoy these women's creativity in action!

## ***Joe Lombardo Demonstration and Workshop Come to The Barn***

Esteemed artist Joe Lombardo is coming to The Barn for a Demonstration on Friday March 20, prior to his two-day oil painting workshop, "The Illuminated Landscape: Urban Nocturnes," on Saturday and Sunday, March 21-22. The Demonstration is open  
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to the public with a charge of \$25 and registration is required at [www.artatthebarn.org](http://www.artatthebarn.org). For more information and to register for the workshop, please visit the website.

Joseph Lombardo is an Adjunct Professor at the Columbus College of Art and Design. He received a MFA in painting from Bowling Green State University and earned a BFA with the honor of Valedictorian from the Columbus College of Art and Design. Lombardo studied landscape painting at the Burren College of Art in Ireland and served as Artist In Residence at Buffalo National River, Hot Springs National Park, and at the Glen Arbor Art Association.



### ***New Classes Coming in March....***

#### ***Basics of Sewing for Kids with Carole Price***

Wouldn't it be great if your child could sew on a button, repair a hem, even make a garment to wear? These one-day classes will help your child learn to sew by building sewing skills in two-hour blocks. These classes are for children 7 years to teens with a maximum class size of six students. The classes start with hand sewing, and build to using a sewing machine with small projects to complete along the way.

Fee: \$20 per class, plus supplies. The series is available on Thursday from 3:30-5:30 pm starting March 12; Saturdays 9:30-11:30 am starting March 14; and Thursday from 1-3 pm starting on March 26 (great for homeschoolers). Single classes include: Hand Sewing, You and Your Sewing Machine, Zippers & Linings, Garments, Open Project Sewing and Beginning Quilting. Contact teacher **Carole Price** at [caroleprice66@gmail.com](mailto:caroleprice66@gmail.com) to register.



#### ***Springtime Flower Arranging with Nicky Bade***

**"Come Welcome Spring"** – Monday, March 9 from 10 am-noon. You will first see a demonstration of an arrangement using tulips, daffodils and other spring flowers. Then make this arrangement for yourself to take home and enjoy in your own environs. All materials supplied. Cost \$65.

**"Hydrangeas"** – Monday, March 16, with two class options from 10 am-noon or 7-9 pm. Come and learn about hydrangeas – what varieties are available in the markets and from bushes in your yard. We will cover the care of hydrangeas to achieve maximum blooming time. Two arrangements will be demonstrated – one using hydrangeas in a mixed arrangement and one using only hydrangeas in a mass arrangement. Cost: \$65 per class.

#### ***"Workshop – Large Easter Basket"***

Monday, March 30, two class options from 10 am – noon or 7 pm – 9 pm. Treat yourself to an extraordinary Easter Basket arrangement this year – made exclusively by YOU!!!! You will create a large basket arrangement highlighted by an orchid plant. This arrangement will be suitable for use in the home or outside in a sheltered location. It will delight the young and the young at heart. All materials supplied. Cost: \$130 per class.

Contact teacher Nicky Bade at 321-5278 or [nickybade@fuse.net](mailto:nickybade@fuse.net). To register, send a check for the class you wish to take to Nicky Bade, 1127 Salisbury Drive, Cincinnati, Ohio 45226.

#### ***Fun for Families –Mariemont Preservation Presents "Family Artmaking"***

Presenting another fun activity for the family, sponsored by the Mariemont Preservation Foundation – "Family Artmaking" on March 21 at 10:30 am. Join teacher Beth Renick as she instructs you on how to turn disposable water bottles into beautiful, vibrant flowers. All art materials supplied; you provide the disposable water bottle. \$5 per person. Please register at [www.artatthebarn.org](http://www.artatthebarn.org) and click on The Barn Events link.



### ***Coming in April....***

#### ***Woman's Art Club 122nd Juried Exhibition***

*Opening Reception Friday April 10, 6-9 pm*

Enjoy the Woman's Art Club of Cincinnati's Juried Exhibition with an Opening Reception with Awards Ceremony on Friday, April 10 from 6-9 pm. This club is the oldest existing Woman's Art Club operating without interruption in the United States. Its founding mission is "to stimulate its members to greater effort in their work and to increase a general interest in art." Distinguished early members include Bessie Wessel, Elizabeth Nourse, and founders Dixie Seldon and Henrietta Wilson. The Opening Reception is open to the public and free of charge. The Juried Exhibition runs during regular gallery hours April 8- 26, 2015.

## VILLAGE

### ***Council Minutes January 26, 2015***

Mayor Policastro said we are doing quite well and ended the year with \$1.3 million in the General Fund just like last year. We are spending just about the same as we take in – which is good. Fiscal Officer Borgerding said we budgeted a deficit of \$125,000 for 2014 but we came in with a deficit of only \$30,000. Revenue wise we were pretty much dead on what we were last year except for the estate tax. We expected revenues of \$3.115 million and our actual was \$3.160 million (due to earnings tax being more than estimated).

Mayor Policastro said we have a speed trailer that it is no longer working very well. It was given to the Village by Paul and Brenda Allen approximately 10-12 years ago. Through a grant the Police Department can purchase a new speed trailer. This unit has LED lighting and a solar panel which will cut down on the purchase of batteries. For a little more than \$6800 we can purchase this equipment which will serve the Village for many years to come. The money will come out of the alcohol and education fund which is funded by a grant.

Mr. Don Slavik, 3717 Homewood, was granted permission to address Council. He represented the Tennis Board which met previously to discuss needs for the Mariemont Tennis Courts which consists of 6 courts and one practice court. There is a small storage shed with an overhang that provides little coverage. Besides paying members, the courts are used by the high school boys/girls team, women's doubles teams and men's Saturday doubles teams. The current facility includes a small shed with no insulation which means in colder weather the water needs to be turned off. With no running water there is no bathroom/drinking water etc. The small overhang provides limited protection from light rain. In addition, the old practice court is in bad shape with little practical use. The current facilities make it difficult to expand the program or attract local fun tournaments. The Tennis Board would like to propose the following recommendations: (1) Build a larger building with a Tudor look, (2) Insulate the shed with heat/cooling functions, bathrooms, small changing area and a multi-use gathering area, (3) A larger overhang to watch matches, (4) Improved benches/tables and (5) Remove and replace the practice court with grass/trees/

### ***Council Representative Information***

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District 3:	Eric Marsland	emarsland@mariemont.org
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District 5:	Mary Ann Schwartz	maschwartz@mariemont.org
District 6:	Jim Tinkham	jtinkham@mariemont.org
Mayor:	Dan Policastro	mayordan1@gmail.com

benches and possibly extra parking. Presently the Board is talking with Village Council and the Mariemont Boosters. They have determined that they need drawings in order to proceed. They have identified an architect to do the preliminary design and construction drawings. They presently are in the application process for a grant through Mariemont Preservation Foundation. They are hopeful that the \$5000 grant will pay for the architect work. The next step would be to ask for funding for the construction of the structure. The Tennis Board would like to get Council's input to see if this is the right plan so they can complete the grant application. Mayor Policastro said we will not be able to do all of these things at once and asked if the shed was the number one priority. Mr. Slavik agreed that the shed was the number one priority.

Mr. Carter Kemper, 3610 Mound Way, was granted permission to address Council. He is a Tennis Board member and said the shed is a vital part of the tennis teams needs for water access and shelter. He has talked with Greg Long, President of the Boosters, and Tom Nerl, Athletic Director at the High School. Both are interested in assisting in some way. The Village's finances look good enough that we should be able to contribute. Fiscal Officer Borgerding said the money would be coming from the Permanent Improvement Fund. After the final payment for the fire truck we should be in good shape.

Mr. Tinkham questioned who owns the tennis court property. Mayor Policastro said the Village does. Should the Tennis Board be awarded grant money it would need to go through the Village's treasury. Mr. Tinkham asked if looking at raising rates for tennis players has been looked at. Mr. Miller said a small increase was just made for the first time in years. Mr. Slavik said a project of this sort could not

be paid for through membership alone. Mr. Miller said once the project is done and there is something to show for it – perhaps then would be the time to look at a rate increase.

Mr. Jerry Vianello, 6570 Wooster Pike, was granted permission to address Council. He said he is not a member of the Tennis Board but he does support their proposal. However, \$5,000 seems like a lot for a rather small building. He thought a little more due diligence may find someone less expensive. He recently made renovations to his residence and did not spend that kind of money. It is also his understanding that the Waldorf School uses the facilities as well (whether they are allowed to or not) and perhaps they could contribute towards the project. Mayor Policastro said they do ask and he has granted permission for the couple of times they have used it. Mr. Wolter stated that the plans will also include the building construction plans.

### ***February 9, 2015***

Mr. Wolter commented that as the drug arrests go up we are actually reducing some of the crimes that are usually associated with drugs. It is a testimony to good policing. It bodes well for us to keep our own police department and stay away from the centralization of government form of idea which will be the end of freedom as we know it. Chief Hines said he agreed and also pointed out that there are a lot of hurdles to cross to combine police departments in the State of Ohio.

Ms. Schwartz moved, seconded by Mr. Tinkham to accept the recommendation of the Public Works and Service Committee regarding the 2015 Outsourcing of Mowing and Trimming. Because the contract cost is less than \$50,000, the Village is not required to solicit bids for this

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## VILLAGE

service. Therefore, after thorough discussion, the Committee recommends that the Village renew the current contract with GrassCor for a period of one year. The new contract would include an increase of 2% to allow for mowing of additional areas that were not part of the original contract.

### ***Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes February 9, 2015***

Vice-Mayor Marsland referred to Fiscal Officer Borgerding to discuss the Permanent Improvement Budget. Fiscal Officer Borgerding distributed a summary of funds available and attached the various requests from the Department Heads. At the beginning of the year the balance was \$532,200 (with \$200,000 being reserved for the Administration Building) leaving \$332,000 remaining. He anticipates income from the levies to be \$358,000 for a total of \$890,200. With the amounts previously reserved for the Administration Building we have total funds available (unreserved) in the amount of \$690,200. In addition, this will be the last year for the fire truck payment which will be huge going forward.

Fiscal Officer Borgerding said he budgeted \$50,000 for tree work. It will be used for new trees and tree removal etc. It will not be used for general maintenance which would come out of the General Fund. Superintendent Scherpenberg said he requested a new power washer to replace the old one for a cost of \$4,800. It was discussed last year but not purchased. The South 80 Committee has requested a 5' rotary cutter for \$1,000. A request for a new asphalt hot box for \$21,000 was discussed. Superintendent Scherpenberg said he is in discussion with the Village of Fairfax and the Village of Newtown to split the cost and uses of the equipment between the three communities. The cost per department would be \$7,106.33 and will allow us to do quality repairs even in cold weather. Mayor Policastro said if the other communities do not go in with the purchase he suggests we put this off to the following year. Superintendent Scherpenberg said last year we held off on replacing a dump truck. This year they would like to replace the 2000 Chevrolet dump truck keeping the same design. He estimates it will cost \$80,000 depending on state bid specifications. This dump truck has had the fuel pump replaced 3 times and continues to

have issues of overheating. Next year he would like to look into having the 1994 Cherry Picker replaced. His plan would be to buy a vehicle that could be used for the tree work in addition to being utilized as a dump truck. It would be a savings over two years by buying the one vehicle to replace two. It is possible to see if this purchase could be a shared equipment type purchase. Total budget cost allocated for the Maintenance Department \$156,800.

Police Chief Hines said a bid was already submitted to the state for \$36,000 for a new Explorer and equipment. In addition they need to replace one Sig Sauer .45 and one Sig Sauer Rifle for a total cost of \$2,400. The duty weapon will replace the one that Captain Messer bought upon his retirement. The plan is to buy one rifle this year and one rifle next year so there will be a rifle in each police vehicle. Total budget cost allocated for the Police Department \$38,400.

Fiscal Officer Borgerding said we will have the third and final payment on the fire truck this year in the amount of \$254,300. In addition, they are requesting some turnout gear and equipment for \$9,000. Chief Hines said Engine 67 is in need of a new alternator for a cost not to exceed \$3,000. Total Allocated for the Fire Department \$266,300.

Superintendent Scherpenberg said he knows that the pool is in need of a new pool vacuum but he does not know if Mr. Beck has priced the equipment yet. It was agreed to allocate \$12,000 for swim pool maintenance. It was discussed to redo the basketball courts but Mayor Policastro

said we should hold off on that for now because of the work that needs to be done at the Tennis Courts. The Tennis Court Association would like to have the courts cleaned two times a year which he estimates will be \$3600. Fiscal Officer Borgerding said he allocated \$10,000 for the new tennis court shelter house. Mayor Policastro said he believes once the drawings are complete it is going to be way more than \$10,000. He does not believe that the majority of the work will not be done until sometime next year. It was agreed to allocate \$25,000. Superintendent Scherpenberg said the courts need work too from all the damage from moisture trapped underneath. Total Allocated for Recreation Department \$40,600.

Mrs. Van Pelt indicated that the Administration Office does not need anything at this time but asked that \$12,000 be set aside should the copier begin to fail.

It was discussed and agreed to increase the Infrastructure for streets (in excess of the street fund) to \$90,000 and add \$10,000 for sidewalks. Hopefully, the Village will be the recipient of some grant money. Total Allocated for Infrastructure \$117,000.

Clerk Borgerding said the miscellaneous includes encumbrances from 2014 street work (\$30,000) and auditor fees (\$5,000). Total Allocated for Miscellaneous \$35,000. The total request for the Permanent Improvement Funds is \$666,100 with \$24,100 remaining in the reserve balance.

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# Creative Showcase

BY KAREN KENNEDY

The wonderful drawings showcased here reflect the students' response to the prompt: What will I be like 100 years from now?

**Jack Simpson (1st grader in Mrs. Zito's class)** Jack imagines himself as a 100 year old person who will walk to Graeter's, since he will no longer be able to drive a car. He wants to play chess with his family and watch lots of TV. It sounds like his taste buds and strategic mind will still be fully functioning! Go Jack!



*Jack, walking to Graeter's*

**Eli Lupien (2nd grader in Mrs. Jacobs' class)** When Eli reaches 100 years of age he wants to open a Mexican restaurant where all of his grandkids can work. He wants to make everybody laugh and smile. Looking at his self-portrait makes us all happy! I hope that Mexican restaurant opens right here in Mariemont. Yum. Great job Eli!

**Madeline Love (2nd grader in Mrs. Jacobs' class)** Madeline Love really enjoyed dressing for school as her imagined 100-year old-to-be! When she reaches that milestone, Madeline wants to open a cozy little pet shop with parrots, dogs, cats and even wild



*Eli Likes To Make Us Smile*



*Elderly Animal Lover-Miss Love*

animals such as pandas, giraffes, elephants, Dolphins and more! Even sharks! (Sounds little and cozy to me) This elderly lady is surely an animal lover.

**Sammy Stalzer (1st grader in Mrs. Kapcar's class)** Sammy has set his sights high for his old age. I'm considering the motivational shirt he is wearing when he hits the big 100! (Just Do It). Sammy states that since he will be REALLY old at 100, he won't be able to run. Mr. Stalzer wants to play checkers with all his friends and eat grapes since they are soft. Good thinking, Sammy!



*Just Do It! Eat grapes!*

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# How Can Local Government Cut Expenses?

In a recent editorial in *The Enquirer*, Mr. Harris, a former city Councilman, contends that in Ohio the operation of local governments is antiquated. He points out Hamilton County alone has 48 local governments and each of these has a fully-equipped police department. In 2009, Hamilton County taxpayers spent \$275 million for these police facilities, some of which provide safety for areas less than 1 square mile.

Let's focus on the Mariemont and Fairfax Police Departments within the context of overlapping and duplication of law enforcement services. First, it should be pointed out the Village of Mariemont occupies .89 square miles and the Village of Fairfax .76 square miles with a combined census of 5,103 citizens. The Mariemont Police Department has 10 police officers and the Fairfax Police Department has 9 for a total of 19 to cover this total service area of 1.65 square miles. In 2013, Mariemont's total expenses to maintain their Police Department were \$1,198,977 (approximately one-third of the entire budget) whereas Fairfax's Police Department cost \$1,147,240.

I queried a number of friends and our

educated guess is that 40% of the cost to maintain a stand-alone Mariemont Police Department could be saved by merging Mariemont's and Fairfax's Police Departments. If you take 40% of Mariemont's \$1,198,977 expenditure on police protection, it comes to a yearly savings of about \$479,590. This is just the cost savings referable to the police department.

The next question was whether a merging of the two police departments would compromise safety. The group agreed it would have a negligible effect upon police services and safety. Granted, change is always easier said than done when it comes to jurisdictional and power issues, not to mention personalities. At a minimum, if the Mariemont and Fairfax Police shared the night shift coverage, it would equate to roughly \$100,000 in yearly cost savings.

Just consider what the Village of Mariemont could do with a half million additional funds a year, or even a hundred thousand. Possibly, hire a part-time Village Administrator, improved street maintenance,

free garbage collection (eliminate those stickers), no fee memberships in the swimming and tennis clubs, free land rent for a garden in the South 80, new recreational facilities, rejuvenation of the Historic District and lower taxes could be considered. Longer term, the Village could certainly use better parking facilities, a community center and improvements to the Municipal Building.

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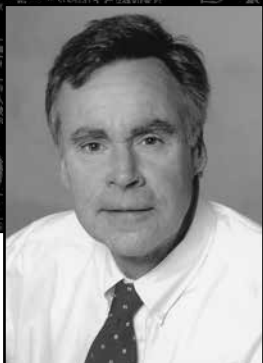
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