



# Village of Mariemont

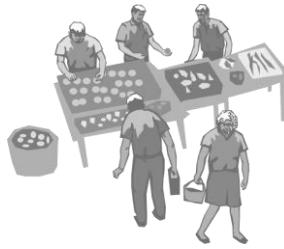
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## FARMERS SUMMER MARKET CLOSED FOR THE SEASON ON SEPTEMBER 20<sup>TH</sup>

The Farmers Summer Market had a great first year despite:

- The poor weather early in the summer
- A poor growing season due to cool and wet spring that delayed planting
- Less than average attendance
- Some problems with a few of the vendors
- Conflict with school traffic



With this being our first full season, Leah Geldbaugh and the rest of the Farmers Summer Market group anticipated there would be some hiccups, but it was a good learning experience that will help everyone plan better for next year. That is one reason we did not charge the vendors this year for their space and did not require them to sign an agreement to participate weekly. One of the lessons learned this year is that sponsoring and organizing a Farmers Summer Market is a much bigger task than anyone had expected. A big thank you goes out to Leah Geldbaugh for the enormous amount of time and work she put into this weekly event. Without her efforts, the Farmers Summer Market would not have been possible. Leah decided that September 20<sup>th</sup> would mark the end of this year's market. Not only does she have other demands on her time, but after September 20<sup>th</sup>, the school needs the space to build and store the floats for Homecoming and the needs of the students come first. Also, the cooler weather at the beginning of the season showed us that attendance really falls off when the temperatures go down, which is what will happen as we move into October. I know there has been some criticism about the Farmers Summer Market not continuing through October. I doubt that those people realize how much work this has been for Leah week after week. Rather than criticizing her and/or the decision to end the season on September 20<sup>th</sup>, we should be thanking this hard-working volunteer for all she has done to bring the Farmers Summer Market to our community. Thankfully, the criticism and hard work has not deterred Leah. She is looking forward to making next year's Farmers Summer Market bigger and better. One of the possible changes being considering for next year is waiting until June to open the market. We are also considering having it on a weekday other than Friday and having it open from 5pm to 8pm to avoid any conflict with school traffic. One of the primary goals we have for next year is to have more fresh produce vendors since produce is really what a Farmers Summer Market is all about. Watch future bulletins for more details as we continue to plan for next year. Please note that the Latin phrase in the Village's logo shown above translates to "dedicated to our youth". Our high school kids need the parking lot for homecoming projects, and, in keeping with the message in our logo, I will always put the needs of our kids first. I would ask those who are criticizing volunteer Leah Geldbaugh to please blame me and now that I am behind her 100%!

## EASTERN CORRIDOR OPPOSITION GAINS MOMENTUM

The latest news from ODOT regarding the Eastern Corridor project is that they are going to continue studying the alternatives before making or presenting any decision. We were not given any indication on how long this study process would last. All we do know is previous studies have taken months, and sometimes even years, before ODOT was ready to present their plans. Therefore, it could be a long time before we know the results. In the meantime, we will continue to gather our own information, and we will continue to let ODOT know where we stand on the issue. The good news is the court of public opinion is on our side and several organizations and individuals have joined us in our opposition to the Eastern Corridor being built through the South 80 including the Village of Newtown, the Madisonville Community Council, the Village of Terrace Park, Little Miami Incorporated, Sierra Club, the National Trust in Washington, D.C., artist John Ruthven, Dr. Ken Tankersley of the University of Cincinnati, the Cincinnati Preservation Association, the Mariemont Preservation Foundation, Hamilton County Commissioners Chris Monzel, Greg Hartman, and Todd Portune, Cincinnati City Councilwoman Laure Quinivan, Dr. Stanley Hedeon of Xavier University, the National Trust of Historic Places, the Hillside Trust, the Ohio River Way, Heritage Ohio, the Ohio Ornithological Society, the Cincinnati Bird Club, the Cultural Landscape Foundation, State Representative Peter Stautberg, U.S. Representative Brad Wenstrup, and the Piqua Shawnee Native American Tribe.

## THE VILLAGE'S OFFICIAL WEBSITE IS MARIEMONT.ORG NOT MARIEMONT.COM

I have received quite a few phone calls from concerned citizens regarding an article they thought was on the Village's website. This article, supporting the legalization of all drugs, was actually on an independent website which is [www.mariemont.COM](http://www.mariemont.COM). The Village's official website is [www.mariemont.ORG](http://www.mariemont.ORG), not [www.mariemont.COM](http://www.mariemont.COM). Please know that we would never support the legalization of drugs. We have also heard from a number of people saying that our website is difficult to navigate. Therefore, we are working with Premier Internet of Mariemont to update the site and hope to have a newer, sleeker, and easier-to-use site up and running after the first of the year. To repeat, the Village of Mariemont is in no way affiliated with [www.mariemont.COM](http://www.mariemont.COM).

## MARIEMONT CIVIC ASSOCIATION MEETING NOTICE & RAFFLE

The next meeting will be on October 17<sup>th</sup> and the speaker will be the new Hamilton County Sheriff, Jim Neil. The Mariemont Civic Association (MCA) will combine its November and December meetings with a meeting to be held on Thursday, December 5<sup>th</sup>. The guest speaker for the meeting will be local artist, Mary Lou Holt. With the help of Professor Ken Tankersley, Ms. Holt has created a wonderful depiction of what life would have been like in the Native American village that was once located in the South 80 Gardens and Hiking Trail Park and will unveil the painting at the meeting. Dr. Tankersley will also be displaying some of the artifacts that were found in the South 80 Village. During this meeting, MCA will also announce the winner of their Winter Raffle. The top prize for the raffle is a Mid-50's top of the line Lionel steam freight train set. The all metal locomotive smokes and whistles. The second prize will be a baseball signed by Reds All Star Second Baseman Brandon Phillips. Tickets are \$1 each or six for \$5 and can be purchased through any MCA member. REMEMBER: All proceeds of Mariemont Civic Association fundraisers go back into our community for neighbors and children in need and/or for Village events, such as the \$1000 donated toward the cost of this year's fireworks show and a \$1000 donated for the Police Department Trading Card program which will start on October 1<sup>st</sup>.

## THANKS TO FIREWORKS CONTRIBUTORS

Even the rain couldn't dampen the enjoyment of this year's Fourth of July fireworks show. It was another magnificent display! Thanks to Richard Gegner for the wonderful Carillon concert and to the Mariemont Civic Association who sponsored the event with a donation of \$1000. Thanks also to all those whose donations made this year's show possible. Those who contributed included:

Nancy Becker  
Ed & Karen Berkich  
Rex & Sharon Bevis  
Robert & Barbara Blum  
Annie Bookmyer  
Walter Rye of Cincinnati Gear  
Mariemont Civic Association  
Cliff & Mary Jane Clemons

Spinnenweber Builders  
Arlene Demaret  
Kim Flick  
Richard Gegner  
Laura & David Gerberick  
GrassCor  
Paul & Karri Haffner  
Don & Beverly Hild

Wes & Nina Iredale  
Jim Vago & Vanessa Nichols  
Claire Kaeser  
The Town Crier  
Frances Turner  
Stephen & Marthe Lewis  
Jerry & Suzi Vianello  
Dan & Barb Policastro

## **FORMER TOWN CRIER HANK KLEINFELDT**

It was with great sadness that we received the news recently that Hank Kleinfeldt has passed away. In addition to all the volunteer work Hank contributed to our community, he also served on Council and as Vice Mayor. He was often called "The Voice of Mariemont" because of the more than 35 years he acted as the announcer at Mariemont High School football games. However, Hank is probably best remembered as our former Town Crier. He will be missed by his family, his friends, and our community.



## **NEW COUNCIL MEMBER**

Mary Ann Schwartz has joined Council as the new representative for District 5. Mary Ann is a long-time resident of the Village and has been active in our community as a volunteer as well as a member of the Architectural Review Board. Mary Ann lives in the Historic District and is dedicated to helping us as we work to improve the properties in that area.



## **NEW PLANNING COMMISSION MEMBER**

Sadly, Jeff and Pam Sturtz have sold their home in Mariemont and have moved out of our community. Jeff has been a valuable member of the Planning Commission for five years and we hate to see him go. However, long-time Village resident Jerry Vianello has accepted the appointment to the Planning Commission and I am certain he will be a wonderful addition to the group. Jerry has lived in the Village for 40+ years and his wife, Suzy, grew up here.

## **NEW TAX ADMINISTRATOR**

Patty Busam has rejoined the Mariemont Tax Office following Darlene Judd's retirement. Patty once served as the Tax Office Staff Assistant under Mrs. Judd. After working as the Tax Administrator in Norwood, Patty agreed to return to Mariemont to fill Mrs. Judd's position. Since she was already familiar with all aspects of the Tax Office operations, we are fortunate that Patty was able to return and we welcome her back.

## **VILLAGE IS AWARDED \$180,000 SAFE WAYS TO SCHOOL GRANT FOR HAWK CROSSWALK LIGHT ON WOOSTER PIKE AT SETTLE ROAD**

A HAWK crosswalk light is a traffic signal used to stop road traffic and allow pedestrians to cross safely. Unlike an ordinary traffic signal, the HAWK stays green at all times until a pedestrian who wishes to cross the street presses a button on a pole on the sidewalk. That is the only time the signal will turn red. We worked hard to get a grant from the State and they awarded us \$180,000 to cover the cost of the new signal. There are about 80 children who use this route to walk to and from school each day and the HAWK will be a great safety feature for them as well as for commuters going to the bus stop, and all other pedestrians, especially for those who are handicapped or blind.

## **TASTE OF MARIEMONT and RETURN OF THE FIREFIGHTERS CORN ON THE COB**

Mariemont Preservation Foundation (MPF) once again did a wonderful job with the Taste of Mariemont. This has become a favorite end of summer event! Grilled corn on the cob made a welcome return to the menu thanks to the Mariemont Civic Association's (MCA) donation that paid for all the corn and to Tim Jordan's loan of his 'mega-grill' our Firefighters used to cook it on. MPF had many requests to bring the corn back, but the Fire Department had been losing money on it, so decided not to participate. With MCA's donation, they made money this year and will use those funds for items needed in the Fire Department kitchen and break room. There was a good turn-out for the Taste of Mariemont this year and everyone really enjoyed all the great food and fun activities. Congratulations to MPF and the Firefighters!



## **WARRIOR RUN**

The Mariemont Warrior Run (The Race for Life) is an event featuring a 5K race, and a one-mile walk, scheduled for Saturday, October 12, 2013, at 5:30 pm. Both courses start and finish at the Bell Tower at Dogwood Park. New this year will be a Kid's Fun Run starting at 7 pm. This family-oriented fundraiser benefits Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center's "Surviving the Teens" program. Make a night of it...enjoy a beautiful setting, a scenic run/walk through Mariemont, great food, music, carnival-style kids' games, and a movie at dark. Don't miss the fun! For more information or to register, please go to <http://cincywarriorrun.org/>.

## **PORSCHE RALLYE SCHEDULDED FOR OCTOBER 6<sup>TH</sup>**

Last year's Porsche Rallye, sponsored by the Ohio Valley Region Porsche Club of America was such a big success that we are hosting the event again this year. The Village's architecture and unique characteristics makes it the perfect backdrop for these fine automobiles to be showcased. In 2012, approximately 150 owners and collectors of Porsches participated in the rallye. Cars will be displayed around the Village Square and on adjacent side streets. Proceeds will benefit several local charities.



## **INFORMATION FOR TRASH COLLECTION**

There seems to be some confusion about how to set out certain items for trash. If you have something that will not fit in your trash can, you can use a trash bag for NON-FOOD items, but you MUST put a sticker on the bag. If it will not fit in a can or a bag, you must place the item at the curb. This is also true for cardboard boxes that will not fit in your recycling bin. Rumpke CANNOT take any item that is not in a container unless the item is at the curb. Rumpke CANNOT take chunks of concrete, bricks, paver stones, or any other such materials as those items can bend and/or break the compactor arm in the truck. Your contractor should take those items as part of the clean-up from any work you have done. If you do the work yourself, please contact me at 615-5729 to discuss disposing of the construction debris.

## **RECYCLING CONTAINER SURVEY RESULTS**

A couple of months ago, we asked that residents respond to a survey to find out if we should continue to use the small recycling bins or switch to larger containers on wheels. We also asked if residents would be willing to take those larger recycling carts to the curb or if they would prefer to pay an additional \$25 per year to continue to have the larger recycling carts picked up from behind the house. We received 186 responses to the survey, which broke down as follows:

- Using the open 18-gallon bins that are collected from behind the house = 64 votes (34%)
- Using a 65-gallon recycling cart on wheels with lid that would be emptied from behind the house but would result in an increase in the annual waste collection fee of approximately \$25 per household = 25 votes (13%)
- Using a 65-gallon recycling cart on wheels with lid that would be collected at the curb but would allow the annual waste collection fee to remain the same = 91 votes (49%)

When you add two options for larger bins with lids, it equals 62% of the total. There were also six responses asking for some other option, such as smaller containers with lids. Nothing here is written in granite. In the next two to three months I will be meeting with the representative from Rumpke and a committee of Council to discuss the results of the survey and review all the options available to the Village.

## **THANK YOU TO ONE AND ALL**

The surgery on my foot and ankle seems to have gone well, but the recovery is taking a little longer than expected. It has been tough trying to stay off my feet and work from home, but with everyone's cooperation, we have been able to keep up with all that has needed to be done. I want to thank everyone for their help and let you know how much I have appreciated all the cards, phone calls, and get well wishes you have sent. Thank you all for your support!

Sincerely,

Dan Policastro, Mayor

**Go Reds & Bengals!**