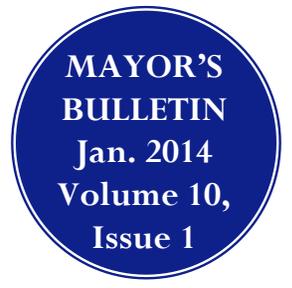




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NEW RECYCLING PROGRAM ~ RESIDENTS MUST CHOOSE CONTAINER SIZE

Last year we had many requests for larger recycling containers, so we did a survey in the June 2013 Mayor's Bulletin asking residents what changes they would like to see. The response we received from that survey was better than any other survey we have ever done. The majority of those responding asked for larger containers on wheels and with lids that could be collected from the curb. In response Council voted at its February 10th meeting to accept Rumpke's proposal to replace the 18-gallon recycling tubs with wheeled recycling carts with lids that will be picked up at the curb. Residents will need to choose between a 35-gallon cart and a 65-gallon cart. The 35-gallon cart will hold as much as two of the small recycling tubs, but will only take up the same amount of 'floor space'. The 65-gallon cart will hold about 3 ½ times as much as the small recycling tubs and will take up the same amount of space as a large trash can. Rumpke will be delivering the carts to each household during the last week of March. They will come back the following week to take away the 18-gallon recycling tubs and will no longer service those tubs once the wheeled carts have been delivered. To notify the office of what size cart you prefer to receive, you may call the Village office at 271-3246 or send an e-mail to info@mariemont.org. (Make sure to include your address with your cart selection.) The deadline for reporting your selection is March 17th. If you do not notify the office of your choice, you will receive one of the 35-gallon carts. If you find the smaller container doesn't work for you, Rumpke will switch it out for a larger container. (Please note that the container will belong to the address, not to the resident, and must be left at the residence should you move.)



Examples of Your Choices

By having the recycling collected from the curb, the Village will reduce the cost of the recycling contract by just over \$17,000 per year. Additionally, the open recycling tubs have been attracting raccoons and rats. Since the new carts will have lids, this will help to reduce the rodent problem in the Village and the lids will also prevent the wind from blowing items out of the tubs and scattering litter in our yards and streets. The lids will reduce the rodents, flies, and bees, as well as foul odors. The carts will be more sanitary and less unsightly. They may also help to encourage more recycling. The wheeled carts are easy to roll to the curb. In fact, they are much easier to move than a full 18-gallon tub. However, if a senior citizen or person with a disability is unable to wheel the cart to the curb, they should contact me at 615-5729 or 271-3246. I will be working with the Mariemont Civic Association to match volunteers with elderly and/or disabled citizens to get their recycling to the curb.

Special pick-up arrangements have been made with Rumpke to provide recycling service to those households which do not have driveway access to the curb. Those arrangements are as follows:

Rumpke plans to service curbside recycling with larger carts at the front curbside whenever the resident has a front driveway access to the curb-line, regardless if it is a multi-family, townhome or single family residence, with or without a garage.

HISTORIC DISTRICT - between Plainville-Murray-Wooster Pike- Homewood

- Beech St, Chestnut St, Elm St, Linden Pl, Maple St, Murray Ave (6601-6763) and Oak St.
- All household units for single family, multi-family and attached town homes that currently have rear lane service for trash and recycling and DO NOT have driveway access to the front/curbside of their home will be serviced with recycling carts from the rear Lanes A-B-C-D-E-F-G-H-I. These residents need to place the recycling carts at the closest point to the rear lane right-of-way as possible, regardless if they have a garage or not. Any homes with rear fences on the rear lanes without adequate space to place a recycling cart outside the fence line, can place the recycling cart inside the fence and nearest to the gate for easy access for Rumpke drivers.
- Homewood Rd - Currently the homes along the east side of Homewood Rd are serviced for trash/recycling along rear Lane A. Trash service will remain on Lane A for these residents, but curbside recycling with larger carts will need to be serviced at the front curbside. This is a safety concern for Rumpke to service the larger recycling carts because of the high retaining wall along the rear of these homes on Lane A.

OTHER REAR LANES WITHIN THE VILLAGE

- Lane O - All homes currently serviced on rear Lane O without driveway access to the front of their home
- Miami Rd (3814-3816-3818-3820), West St. (3732) and Wooster Pike (6807-6811-6817) for trash and recycling service will continue to have rear lane recycling service with larger carts. These residents need to place the recycling carts at the closest point to the rear lane right-of-way as possible, regardless if they have a garage or not.
- Albert Place Lane - All homes on Albert Place Lane (1-10) will continue to have rear lane recycling service with larger carts, along with the homes that also have Albert Place Lane rear lane service, which include: 4 homes along Mt Vernon Ave (6816-6820-6824-6828), 3825-3845 Miami Rd, and the 2 homes at 3709 and 3725 West Center Street. These residents need to place the recycling carts at the closest point to the rear lane right-of-way as possible, regardless if they have a garage or not.
- Lane L - All homes currently serviced on Miami Rd (between 3936- 3948) and Thorndike Rd (6957-6969) off rear
- Lane L (rear alley) for trash and recycling service will continue to have rear alley recycling service with larger carts. These residents need to place the recycling carts at the closest point to the rear lane right-of-way as possible, regardless if they have a garage or not. Jordan Park Condo's have a private Rumpke contract and will not be affected by the change and will continue to have the same level of service.

OTHERS

- Murray Ave - All multi-family homes along the south side of Murray Ave (6903-6965) that currently have trash and recycling service at the rear of homes, will now be serviced for curbside recycling with larger carts at the front curbside along Murray Ave. These buildings all have front driveway access to the front curb.
- Grove Ave - The 4 homes that share a private driveway at 4410-4412-4414-4416 Grove Ave, will be serviced for larger recycling carts along the main private driveway at the edge of each driveway.

FISCAL OFFICER POSITION ESTABLISHED

For the past several months, since Treasurer Andy Kulesza moved out of the Village, Clerk Tony Borgerding has been acting as both the Clerk and the Treasurer. In the November elections, no one chose to run for the Treasurer's job. After much investigation on how to resolve this situation, it was determined that the Village Council could establish a new position for a Fiscal Officer. This would allow Mr. Borgerding to continue doing the work of the Clerk. The Ohio statute would then allow us to appoint an assistant for Mr. Borgerding to do the work of the Treasurer. Not only would the assistant help to relieve Mr. Borgerding of some of this time-consuming workload, it would also give the Village the checks and balances of having two individuals overseeing the Village's financial transactions. At the February 10th meeting, Council voted to establish the Fiscal Officer position. Through a vote by Council, Mr. Borgerding has been appointed to that position and Chris Eldridge has been appointed as his assistant. Mr. Eldridge is a Village resident with an extensive background in finance. Mr. Eldridge earned his accounting degree from the University of Notre Dame and received his Masters Degree in Finance from the Ross School of Business at the University of Michigan. He has worked in the field of finance for 17 years and we feel very fortunate to have him on board. Now that this is no longer an elected position, Council is able to select appointees based on their education and experience. This seems a much better way to get the most qualified people into these very important jobs. In fact, an official from a neighboring community said they were able to find several qualified candidates for these positions, but many of them did not want to be considered for the job if getting that job involved running for election.



Fiscal Officer
Tony Borgerding



Asst. Fiscal Officer
Chris Eldridge



SERVICE DEPARTMENT DOES OUTSTANDING JOB ~ FIRE DEPARTMENT LENDS A HAND

This has been one of the worst winters we have had in years. The unusually low temperatures, numerous snowfalls, and freezing rain have made keeping the streets clean an enormous task. Our Service Department has worked tirelessly to keep up and make sure our roads were as clear and safe as possible. Superintendent John Scherpenberg said plowing the frozen snow was like moving icebergs or boulders. He said they would never have been able to get as much done as they did without the help of the Fire Department. With the extra manpower, they were able to use every tool in their arsenal, including the old lawn mower with a snow plow attachment. A

shortage of road salt has not helped the situation, but Mr. Scherpenberg has been very proactive in getting salt delivered whenever a supply was available. The Service Department asked that we thank everyone for their understanding and patience as they worked to clear the streets and to remove the piles of snow wherever possible. All we need now is a little cooperation from Mother Nature to get through the remainder of the season. Thank you to the Service Department and the Fire Department!

BULLETIN TO GET NEW LOOK – WILL BE IN COLOR AT NO COST TO THE VILLAGE

You may have noticed the last bulletin was in full color. That is because it was printed using Canon color copying equipment, courtesy of Village resident, Frank Moone. Whenever his schedule allows, Frank will print the bulletins at absolutely no cost to the Village! Mr. Moone is a National Account Manager for Canon Solutions America and offered the use of the company's color copying technology to print the Mayor's Bulletin's. This will also be a huge time-saver for the Village office staff. Thank you, Frank Moone & Canon!



TOWN MEETING SCHEDULED FOR MARCH 23rd

Mark your calendar for this year's Town Meeting, which will be held on Sunday, March 23, at 1:00 PM in the auditorium of the Mariemont Elementary School. Town Meeting is just one of the many things that make the Village of Mariemont such a unique community. This forum allows all residents the opportunity to ask questions and comment on all aspects of Village policies. It is also a great place for new residents to meet neighbors and elected officials. The 'State of the Village' address will be presented by the Mayor during Town Meeting.

IMPROVEMENTS TO SOUTH 80 GARDENS ~ WATER WELL TO BE DUG

You've probably read that many communities have put land aside for community vegetable gardens for their citizens. As you know, the Village has been doing this for years, but had no water on the site. This was a huge problem, especially during periods of drought. The South 80 Gardens, Hiking, and Trails Park Advisory Board is working in conjunction with the Service Department to establish a well near the Community Gardens to provide easy access to water for the gardeners. After April 1st, residents can contact the Village office at 271-3246 to get details on renting a plot for the 2014 or contact Doug Welch at dougwelsh.oh@fuse.net.



DOCUMENT SHREDDING EVENT SCHEDULED

Periodically, the Village must shred some of the records we have stored. This year, we wanted residents to be able to take advantage of the service we use. As part of a program to help protect residents from identity theft and clear out old documents, the Village of Mariemont Police and Fire Departments will sponsor a paper-shredding event on Saturday, April 19, from 9AM to 12 NOON in the parking lot of the Municipal Building. They will be partnering with a local company called Document Destruction. Some of the items you might consider shredding are tax returns, credit and debit card statements, utility bills, legal documents, financial statements,

cancelled and unused checks, bank and brokerage account information, insurance policy information, medical records and doctor bills. The documents are processed through an industrial bulk paper shredding truck, leaving confetti-sized pieces. The shredded remains are then recycled for the betterment of our environment. We thank the Mariemont Civic Association for donating to the cost of this service.

CITIZEN OF THE YEAR NOMINATIONS DUE MARCH 20TH

If you would like to nominate someone for the Outstanding Citizen of the Year, nomination forms can be picked up at the Village office between 9AM and 4 PM weekdays. Qualified nominees must be living and a current or former resident of the Village, but cannot be a current employee or elected official. They must have made a major contribution to the quality of life in the Village. There is no limitation to the type of work done or in what way it has benefitted residents, but the amount of positive influence in making the Village of Mariemont a desirable place to live is a major contribution. All completed nomination forms must be returned to the Village office by March 20th.



CALL 911 ABOUT SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY

As you may have heard or seen on Nextdoor Mariemont, there was much concern about a suspicious person roaming the Village and approaching some children. It is great that parents keep each other informed of such occurrences through social media, but what we really need is for anyone spotting a suspicious person or activity to **CALL 911 IMMEDIATELY!** It was because of calls to the Police Department that they were able to identify the man in question. They were also able to verify that he has left our area and returned to his home in another state. Please remember that anytime someone or something doesn't look or feel right to you, the Police Department needs

you to **CALL 911** right away so they will have the opportunity to investigate any possible danger. If it is possible for you to get a license plate number or a description of the vehicle and the suspicious person without putting yourself in jeopardy, that information is always a big help to the Police.

Sincerely,

Dan Policastro

Dan Policastro, Mayor