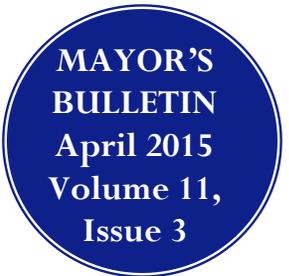




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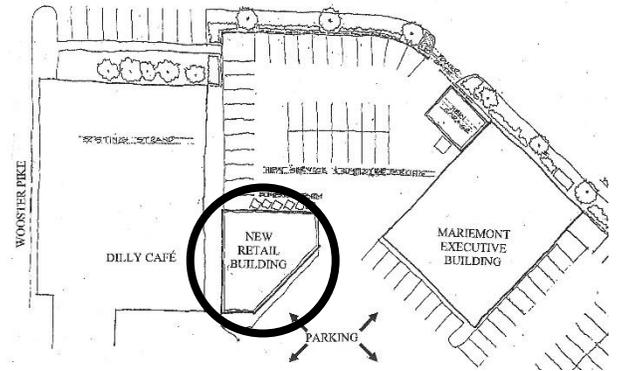


WELCOME TO OUR NEW COUNCIL MEMBER FOR DISTRICT 6

At the March 23rd meeting, Council welcomed its newest member, Lorne Hlad, who was selected at Town Meeting to represent District Six. Lorne will be fulfilling the term of Jim Tinkham who resigned from Council because of moving out of the Village. We look forward to working with Lorne and know that he will do a wonderful job representing his district. An Iraq War veteran with a degree in political science, Lorne has experience in campus ministry, medical chaplaincy and served at a church in downtown Cincinnati before becoming a pastor at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Loveland.

NEW RETAIL BUILDING WILL BE ADDED TO THE STRAND

The Village will soon have new retail shops thanks to a project being planned by Spinnenweber Builders. The new building will be located just behind the Dilly Café, as indicated by the circle in the diagram at the right. Construction is slated to begin in the late spring, depending on the weather. Once completed, the two-story building will feature six retail spaces. These new businesses will be a terrific addition to the Village and will add to our tax revenue. It's wonderful to see how our community continues to grow! With new businesses, new condominiums, and new homes being built, the Village continues to thrive.



VILLAGER DIME STORE AND POST OFFICE

As we make room for new businesses, it is important that we continue to support those businesses which have been a part of our history and are unique to Mariemont. One of those business is The Villager. The long cold winter was hard on this store which is a fixture on the square. **If the store closes, then our Post Office will also be lost.** The Villager has nice gifts, a large assortment of terrific greeting cards, children's books, unique toys, and special items you won't find in other stores. Stepping into the store is like stepping back in time. When you need that special gift, think of The Villager and support this wonderful local business that we hope will be a part of Mariemont for years to come.



FIOPTICS COMING TO VILLAGE

As many of you have noticed, Cincinnati Bell has been doing a lot of work in the Village bringing in the lines for their new Fioptics Cable service. Some residents have questioned Cincinnati Bell's right to be digging in private yards. To clarify, all utility companies have an easement that runs five feet inside the sidewalk (between the sidewalk and the house). However, any property that is disturbed is to be put back the way it was before any digging was done. If any citizen has a problem getting their yard repaired after digging is completed, please let the office know and we will step in to make it right.

DUKE ENERGY TO DO GAS METER INSPECTIONS

Between now and June, Duke Energy will be performing inspection of gas metering equipment and piping inside buildings and houses. These inspections are required by the US Government and are necessary for safe natural gas pipeline operations. The inspections will be performed by a subcontractor, Southern Cross. All Southern Cross employees will wear a uniform and a visible picture ID and will be able to provide residents with a phone number should any citizen want to call to verify Duke Energy's inspection program. The employees from Southern Cross will be driving a vehicle with the Southern Cross logo rather than a Duke Energy vehicle. The inspection itself should take approximately ten to fifteen minutes to complete.



BRING UNWANTED COMPUTERS TO FIRE DEPARTMENT TO HELP ENVIRONMENT

Our Mariemont Fire Department is offering a new service that will benefit Village residents and the environment. If you have an old computer that you want to dispose of, please bring it to the Fire Department. They will be collecting computers and taking them to Staples, which has a program to responsibly and securely recycle them at no cost. This keeps the unwanted computers out of the landfills. They accept any brand, any condition, even if you purchased it somewhere else.

DRIVERS NEEDED AT MARIELDERS

MariElders has some members who do not drive and need rides to their medical appointments. If you can spare 3 to 9 hours a month, they could certainly use your help. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Kathy at 271-5588. This might be a good way for some of our high school seniors to earn community service credits and also get to know some of our senior citizens.



VILLAGE RANKS #1 IN RECYCLING

A recent report from the Hamilton County Solid Waste District listed the Village of Mariemont as the only municipality in the county with a recycling rate above 30%. This means the residents of Mariemont are the best recyclers in the county and will result in the Village receiving \$9,035 in Residential Recycling Incentive funds. We believe part of the reason we are doing so well is the use of the larger recycling carts. A contact at the Solid Waste District asked that we remind everyone that paper cartons, such as orange juice cartons, are now recyclable and that could help to increase our rate a little bit more. Thank you to all for making our program a success!

MARIEMONT CIVIC ASSOCIATION

After taking a break during the winter months, the Mariemont Civic Association will begin meeting again in March. As before, all Civic Association meetings will be held on the 3rd Thursday of each month at 7PM in the Village Church of Mariemont on the corner of Oak and Maple. Here is the schedule so far for this year's speakers:

- **April 16** – Hamilton County Coroner Dr. Lakshmi K. Sammarco, will speak on how the coroner's office runs
- **May 21** – University of Cincinnati Professor Ken Tankserley will discuss new-found Indian villages in the South 80 Park
- **June 18** – Developer Michael Heines will be sharing his plans to develop the steam plant property by building 12 houses on the site after the Steam Plant has been taken down. Demolition of the steam plant is planned for mid-summer.

These should all be very interesting presentations, so please feel free to join us to hear any or all of these wonderful speakers. Attending these meetings will give you a wonderful opportunity to see if you would like to become a member of the Civic Association.

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UPCOMING EVENTS
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MARIELDERS ITALIAN FESTIVAL – APRIL 17TH – 5:30 PM to 9:30 PM

On Friday, April 17 MariElders will be hosting an Italian Festival fundraiser at the Fairfax Recreation Center. This family fun event is getting more popular each year and now includes a complete Italian dinner, live music from the Pete Wagner Band, raffle baskets, and other great entertainment. Tickets may be purchased in advance for \$10 per adult and \$5 for children under 12. You may pick up your tickets at the MARIELDERS, 6923 Madisonville Road, weekdays from 9-4:30. Call MariElders for more information at 271-5588.



ARBOR DAY CELEBRATION – APRIL 24TH – 4PM

This year's Arbor Day Tree Planting will take place on Friday, April 24th, at 4PM at Ann Buntin Becker Park. We have been working hard to make some major improvements at the park, including the installation of some new playground equipment. The new tree will be another important addition to the park as we continue improving the landscaping there.



VILLAGE-WIDE GARAGE SALE – MAY 16TH

This year's village-wide garage sale has been set for Saturday, May 16th, from 8AM to 4PM. An ad will be placed in the Enquirer and signs will be placed at the east and west entrances to the Village on Wooster Pike to announce the date and time. All residents are welcome to participate for the entire time or for any part of the day they prefer. Some neighbors have found it helpful to combine their sale items, set up in one location and work in shifts during the day. This garage sale has been very successful in previous years and we anticipate a big turn-out again this year. Please call the office at 271-3246 with any questions.



MEMORIAL DAY PARADE – MAY 25TH

As is our annual tradition, the Memorial Day Parade will start at the Parish Center at 8AM and will head east to the Municipal Building for the reading of the Memorial Day Essay Contest winner's message and the presentation of the Outstanding Citizen of the Year. The parade will then turn and go west to the Pioneer Cemetery. It will end with the donut, juice, and coffee sale at the Parish Center. This is an important fundraising event for the Civic Association, so your participation is greatly appreciated. Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Little League teams, and other youth organizations are invited to march in the parade.

DOCUMENT SHREDDING EVENT SCHEDULED

Due to the success of last year's event and the request of several residents for us to do it again, the Village of Mariemont Police and Fire Departments will sponsor a paper-shredding event on Saturday, May 30th, from 9AM to 12 NOON in the parking lot of the Municipal Building. They will be partnering with a local company called Document Destruction. Shredding documents helps to protect residents from identity theft when disposing of outdated documents. 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, and doctor bills. The documents are processed through an industrial paper shredder, leaving confetti-sized pieces. The shredded remains are recycled for the betterment of our environment. We thank the Mariemont Civic Association for donating to the cost of this service again this year.



FOURTH OF JULY FIREWORKS – JULY 4TH - DONATIONS NEEDED

The annual fireworks show will be on Friday, July 3rd. The fireworks will be combined with patriotic music from the Carillon performed by Richard Gegner. We have a good start at off-setting that cost with a donation from Mariemont Civic Association of \$1,000. However, we still need the help of our citizens. Any amount you would like to donate would be appreciated and can be mailed to the Village office at 6907 Wooster Pike, Mariemont, OH 45227.



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MEN'S SOFTBALL



A team sport available to those who are a little beyond their youth is the Mariemont Men's Softball League. Games are played Sunday afternoons, starting May 18th and lasting through July. Anyone interested in being a part of this fun should fill out the form below and return it to the Mayor's office by May 1st. You may drop it off or mail to 6907 Wooster Pike, Mariemont, Ohio 45227. If you have any questions; please feel free to call the Village office at 271-3246. **If you were on a team last year, you do not need to return this form.** Your manager will contact you. New members will be contacted in early May with full details. **If you are new to the Village, this is a great way to meet your neighbors while having a lot of fun!**

Sincerely,

Dan Policastro

Dan Policastro, Mayor



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SOFTBALL REGISTRATION

Name: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____