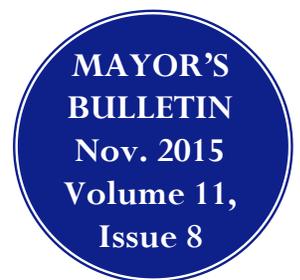




# Village of Mariemont

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*Volunteers clear brush and debris from Boathouse grounds.*

### **BOATHOUSE IS ALIVE WITH ACTIVITY!**

For many years, the beautiful and historic Boathouse was almost a forgotten part of the Village's heritage. This year, however, it has come back to life! With a final donation from the Mariemont Civic Association to cover the remaining costs, the new patio is finished, complete with a wonderful fire pit. Volunteers have worked to clean the brush and other overgrowth from the area around the Boathouse. With all the work that has been done, more and more residents are reserving the Boathouse for private events and it is regularly



*Girl Scouts use new Boathouse patio for a community event.*

being used by the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts. It is wonderful to see the Boathouse so active! Thanks to all those who gave up their free time to do the hard work of cleaning up the grounds. Those volunteers include members of the Community Planning Team formed by Dr. Ann Grooms, and Steve Spooner, Jerry Vianello, John Fakes, Dennis Wolters, Judge Steve Martin, Pat O'Brien, Mary Ann Schwartz and others.

### **BLACK-EYED SUSAN DAY A HUGE SUCCESS**

Thanks to Councilwoman Mary Ann Schwartz, the Mariemont Garden Club members, and residents who donated flowers from their own gardens, the hillside behind the Boathouse is now filled with Black-Eyed Susans. Mary Ann put in over 175 plants. Thank you to everyone who contributed flowers for this project. You will be able to see the value of those donations next spring when the plants are in full bloom. It took a lot of effort to get the hillside ready for the planting, but the weeds and poison ivy have been removed and the hillside should be absolutely beautiful next spring and summer when it bursts into color!

### **HAWK LIGHT MAKES FOR SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL**

The new 'Hawk Light' has been installed on Plainville Road. A HAWK light (High-Intensity Activated Crosswalk signal) is a traffic control device that signals traffic to stop **ONLY** when a pedestrian triggers the signal by pressing a button on the signal post. This device allows our kids to safely cross at a crosswalk after vehicles are stopped by the HAWK light. It is part of the 'Safe Routes to Schools' program. The Village worked with Mariemont Schools to acquire grants for the HAWK light and other safety improvements to our streets, sidewalks, and crosswalks.



*Hawk Light Control*



*New Hawk Light on Plainville Road*

### **UPDATE ON SIGNS**

#### **A) WOOSTER PIKE**

At this point, ODOT is just about done with their Safe Routes to School project in the Village. We have asked the Mariemont City School District engineer to get us a copy of the new Ohio Revised Code for Traffic Control Devices that tell us why we have to have all the (overkill) signs on Wooster Pike. As I stated in the last bulletin, once we have all the facts and ODOT is out of here, we will take out the redundant signs on Wooster. Finally, I feel we have to remember that we got over \$200,000 in needed capital improvements to our Village from the State and this grant made our kids a lot safer when walking to school. So please be patient. We will win this battle!

#### **B) NO PARKING ON ONE SIDE OF VILLAGE STREETS**

The Safety Committee of Council is working hard to establish "No Parking" on the fire hydrant side of our small streets. The picture at the right shows that fire trucks and emergency vehicles cannot get through when cars are parked on both sides of Mt. Vernon. The committee, the Service Department, and I will be working with all the citizens on those streets. In the meantime, I want to address a very disturbing rumor that residents have called to report. The rumor is that a "No Parking" sign will be put in every yard. Nothing could be further from the truth! I would suggest you look at the four signs on Indianview, south of Wooster Pike. They are a good example of how no parking signs are spaced. The residents there have found them to be very acceptable.



*Too Narrow*

#### **C) STOP SIGNS AT MT. VERNON AND EMERY LANE**

Another rumor making the rounds in the Village is that the stop signs at Mt. Vernon and Emery Lane were put there without an investigation into the need for those signs. Once again, nothing could be further from the truth! Our Police Department monitored the activity on Mt. Vernon and this is what they reported to the Public Works Committee:

- There is a high amount of vehicles using the street, especially during rush hour. (Traffic count on May 27 was 127 vehicles between 10:17AM and 2:21PM. On June 4<sup>th</sup>, there were 290 vehicles between 8:40AM and 2:25PM.)
- There are no sidewalks
- The area has a large number of pedestrian traffic (people walking/running, some with baby strollers, in the middle of the street)
- There is a large number of juveniles who live and play in the area
- There are three large trees that block the view of vehicles coming off Emery Lane.

It was this information from the Police Department that played a huge part in the Committee's decision to recommend putting up the stop signs on Mt. Vernon at Emery Lane. Police/Fire Chief Rick Hines advised the Committee that he felt the signs were needed. The Committee valued Chief Hine's opinion about traffic safety and rightfully so. This year was the 6<sup>th</sup> year in a row, the Village of Mariemont won AAA Platinum Award for Traffic Safety. I know there has been some strong opposition to these signs. However, I would never want any opposition to signs to stand in the way of improving safety. If you are concerned about a safety issue on your street, please contact me directly at 615-5729 so we can investigate and mitigate the problem.



Landscaping at Municipal Building

**HATS OFF TO THE PARKS ADVISORY BOARD!**

Under the direction of Board President Louise Schomburg, this volunteer group has done a fantastic job throughout the Village over the past couple of years and this summer really showed off their hard work. The gardens were mature and beautiful and the area around the tennis courts and the municipal building look great. They have also cut the cost of keeping our community beautiful through the use of perennial plants that bloom year after year instead of using annuals that must be replaced each season. This has saved the Village more than \$3000 per year. Some of the



Landscaping at Tennis Courts

plants used were Miscanthus Grass, Russian Sage, and Sedum. The entire Parks Board deserves our thanks for all the hours they have worked, so thank you to Louise Schomburg, Joan Vago, Peggy Keyes, Dave Wuertemberger, Nancy Stelzer, Ruth Varner, and Cindy Slavik.

**MARIEMONT KIWANIS CLUB CELEBRATES 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY!**

On November 7<sup>th</sup>, the Mariemont Kiwanis Club celebrated the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of the local chapter of this international organization. The Mariemont Kiwanis was chartered on November 30<sup>th</sup>, 1965. Throughout the years, Mariemont Kiwanis has provided scholarships totaling over \$200,000 to 60 graduating Mariemont High School seniors based on need, academic achievement, and community service. Each year, they challenge local students to participate in the Memorial Day Essay Contest, and the reading of the winning essays at the Village of Mariemont Memorial Day Parade has become a much-treasured tradition. Their Arts and Crafts Fair held in the Village each year draws visitors from all over. In honor of all their good works, the Mariemont Kiwanis was presented with a proclamation in recognition of their anniversary. Don't forget to support the Mariemont Kiwanis Club as they begin their annual Holiday Nut Sale!



David Boyles accepts proclamation for Kiwanis

**MARIEMONT CIVIC ASSOCIATION RAFFLE TICKETS NOW ON SALE!**

Looking for a good gift idea for the holidays? How about a 1950's Lionel Train set that could be yours for the price of just \$1.00? The train set is the First Prize in the Mariemont Civic Association's annual holiday fundraiser. The second prize is a set of three beautiful Christmas ornaments depicting historic scenes of Cincinnati's Fountain Square, the Suspension Bridge, and Union Terminal. Raffle tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5. This is one of the Civic Association's most important fundraisers and the proceeds from the raffle tickets support great causes right here in our community with such things as preschool tuition for kids in need, assistance with swim pool memberships for kids, donations to help offset travel

costs for our Destination Imagination grade school teams, a \$1,000 donation for the fireworks, contributions toward the cost of "Shredder Day" and much more. Contact any member of the Civic Association for your tickets or call the office at 271-3246. The drawing to announce the winners of the raffle will take place at the Council meeting on December 14th.



**FIRE DEPARTMENT SAVES THE DAY!**

On October 19th, the Village of Mariemont Fire Department responded to a house fire in one of the historic townhomes on Chestnut Street. Their quick action kept the fire from spreading to adjacent apartments and, fortunately, no one was injured. While the townhome suffered significant smoke damage, the fire was mostly limited to the kitchen. Our firefighters did an outstanding job in containing and extinguishing the blaze. Two things became clear during their effort to put out the fire. Those who opposed the purchase of the new ladder truck were incorrect when they said we would never need a 100-foot ladder. The crew on the scene that day needed every bit of that to stretch the ladder across the street and get to the roof. ***This fire also showed the need to limit parking to one side of the street. Had cars been parked on both sides, the fire truck would never have been able to get close enough or respond quickly enough to hold this fire to just the first floor of only this one townhome.*** To Assistant Fire Chief Jason Kiefer and the members of our Fire Department, I just want to say, "Great job!"



New Fire Truck Ladder Did the Job!

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

- ▶ **SANTA'S WORKSHOP RETURNING TO MARIEMONT - NOVEMBER 24<sup>TH</sup> through NEW YEAR'S EVE DAY**  
Once again, the "Shillito" Santa's elves are setting up their workshop right in the heart of Mariemont at 6940 Madisonville Road. The public can tour the workshop beginning November 24<sup>th</sup> from 2PM to 8PM, Tuesdays through Fridays, and from 10AM to 8PM on Saturdays and Sundays. They will also be open from 10AM to 5PM on Christmas Eve. The workshop will be closed every Monday, and on Thanksgiving Day, and Christmas Day. The last day to visit the workshop will be New Year's Eve Day. Tickets are available at the door and the cost is \$4 per person. One child age three or under is admitted free with each ticket purchased. For more information, please visit [www.thesantaworkshop.com](http://www.thesantaworkshop.com).
- ▶ **LUMINARIA – SATURDAY – DECEMBER 5<sup>th</sup>**  
The annual Tree Lighting and Luminaria Night, organized by the Mariemont Preschool Parents Group (MPPG), will be held in the Old Town Square on Saturday, December 5th. Festivities will be held from 5:30-8:00 PM with a Carillon concert and a visit from Santa. There will be lots of activities for the kids, carriage rides, and musical concerts. A limited number of Luminaria kits will also be sold for an additional charge by MPPG at the Boy Scout tree sales at the municipal building. The Tree Lighting and Luminaria Night event has become a treasured Village tradition enjoyed by residents and visitors of all ages.
- ▶ **BOY SCOUT CHRISTMAS TREE & GIRL SCOUT DECORATIVE WREATH SALES**  
On November 28th, the Mariemont Boy Scout's will start their annual Christmas Tree Sale fundraiser on the front lawn of the Municipal Building at the corner of Wooster Pike and Crystal Springs. Again this year our local Mariemont Girl Scout troops are providing decorated wreaths for the sale. Hours are 4-9 pm on weekdays, 9am-9pm on Saturdays, and 11am-6pm on Sundays. The last day of the sale will be December 20<sup>th</sup>.

**Go Bengals!**



Sincerely,  
*Dan Policastro*  
Dan Policastro, Mayor