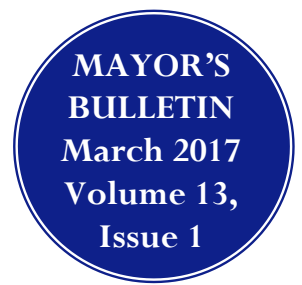




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NEWS FROM OUR MARIEMONT POLICE DEPARTMENT

This has been an outstanding year for our Police Department! In December, the department received the AAA Platinum Traffic Safety Award for the seventh year in a row. There are approximately 148 police departments in the Greater Cincinnati/Tri-State area. Of those 148 departments, only 10 received an AAA Traffic Safety award and we are one of the very few to have received the Platinum Award for seven years straight! This award signifies how dedicated our Police Department is to traffic safety and to the safety of our residents. Congratulations to Police Chief Rick Hines and the members of the Mariemont Police Department!

The Police Department also received the Ohio Collaborative Law Enforcement Agency Certification. This certification signifies that our Police Department has met all the standards required of the Ohio Police Advisory Board as it pertains to recruitment and hiring, compliance with the laws of the State of Ohio, strict policies on policing and the use of force, excellent community relations, and effective administration policies. The Mariemont Police Department was one of the few in the State of Ohio to receive this certification. The proof of the hard work of our Police Officers is that crime in our community has decreased in recent months. While we have always been one of the safest communities in the county, the number of car break-ins and other such thefts have gone down due to the diligence of our Police Officers.

One of those officers has the distinction of being the first female officer in the history of the Mariemont Police Department. Her name is Cassidy Deimling and she is a 2013 graduate of McNicholas High School. Officer Deimling completed an Associate of Applied Science Degree at University of Cincinnati Clermont and graduated from the U C Clermont Police Academy in July 2016. She is currently attending UC Clermont to complete her Bachelor Degree in Criminal Justice. Officer Deimling has been active in 4H for the last ten years, currently serving as an Assistant Advisor. She is an accomplished equestrian dressage rider and enjoys running, hiking and spending time outdoors. Recently she completed the Ohio State Four-Mile Run, and the Cincinnati DAV 5K.



VILLAGE RECEIVES GRANTS TO HELP KEEP EXPENSES DOWN

Village employees have been busy applying for and receiving grants throughout 2016. Those grants included:

POLICE DEPARTMENT GRANTS

O.V.I. Task Force Grant	\$15,683.67
Bullet-Proof Vest Grant	2,500.00
Training Grants (through HCPA)	3,000.00

FIRE DEPARTMENT GRANTS

E.M.S. Medical Supply Grant	\$2,500.00
Workers Compensation Grant	32,000.00

ADDITIONAL GRANTS

Municipal Building Expansion	\$400,000.00
Hamilton County Sheriff Grant for Sidewalk to Bell Tower	13,000.00

ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT GRANTS

Gabion Wall along Whiskey Creek to stop erosion & landslides on the hillside	\$40,000.00
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The total of all the grants we received was \$508,683.67.



BRUSH ROUTE SCHEDULE CHANGE REMINDER

This is just a reminder that the Brush Route schedule changed as of the first of the year. Loose brush such as limbs, branches, and sticks that cannot be broken down to fit in with your bagged yard waste will be collected by the Service Department on the first and third Monday or Tuesday of each month according to your trash pick-up day.

WHISKEY CREEK REVITALIZATION

An ordinance passed in 1949 established the Whiskey Creek area in Dogwood Park as a forest, bird sanctuary, and wildlife preserve. We have been working very hard over the past couple of years to honor that ordinance by restoring the natural beauty and pristine condition of the creek. Thanks goes out to Councilman Dennis Wolter, Jerry Vianello, Steve Spooner, Steve Martin, and Mark Glassmeyer for putting together a clean-up program to clear away all the items that had been dumped into the Whiskey Creek area. They pulled out heavy items, such as a water heater, tires, and several other large items that had accumulated there over the years. It was a lot of hard work, but they worked as a team to get it done. Using grant money, the Service Department bought and planted wildflower seeds on the hillsides, using species that help to prevent erosion. The wildflowers will also attract birds and butterflies. The creek is now flowing freely and should be a perfect place for hiking once warm weather returns. We know all residents will help to maintain its natural beauty.

VILLAGE RECEIVES AWARDS

- Once again, the Village of Mariemont was designated a Tree City USA community. We have received this honor for the 26th year in a row and we couldn't be more proud. The new trees along Murray, Rembold and Hiawatha Avenues may even qualify us to receive the Growth Award next year. As you know, trees not only make the Village more beautiful, but they are also good for the environment.
- Our dedication to preserving the environment can be seen by the fact that we again received the award for being the Best Recycling Village in all of Hamilton County. We continue to recycle at a rate in excess of 30%. While helping the environment, our high rate of recycling has the added benefit of increasing the amount of Residential Recycling Incentive (RRI) funds we are paid. In 2016, we received a total of \$15,513.96. We ask residents to keep up the good work.

SOUTH 80 ACCESS ROAD HAS NEW NAME

The driveway down into the South 80 now has an official name. At their January 23rd meeting, Council voted to name the drive Algonquin Way. The name was suggested by Dr. Ken Tankersley, Professor of Archeology at the University of Cincinnati, as a reference to the Native Americans who once lived in this area. It was the Police and Fire Departments who had asked for the driveway to have an official name. This will help Hamilton County Communications should they need to dispatch a Police Officer and/or Paramedic to the South 80. It will speed up response times and help direct emergency responders to the location of any incident. It is another example of how we view safety as a top priority.



COST OF SOUTH 80 GARDEN PLOTS REDUCED FOR 2017

A couple of years ago, the cost for garden plots at the South 80 was increased to help offset the cost of installing a well and pump at the gardens. Now that we are close to paying off the cost of the well, I have met with Steve Spooner, the new South 80 Chairman, and have reduced the cost of renting a garden plot to \$20 for the first plot and \$10 for each additional plot. We have already had several people sign up for garden plots and are excited to see so many taking advantage of this very special feature of living in the Village of Mariemont.

TRASH AT THE SOUTH 80

We have received some complaints about people dumping trash in the South 80. If you see someone leaving trash in the park, please try to get that person's license plate number and then notify the police. The Police Department needs your help to put a stop to this illegal dumping.

MARIEMONT PRESERVATION FOUNDATION PRESENTS AWARDS

At their annual Holiday Party on December 4th of this past year, Mariemont Preservation Foundation (MPF) President Claire Kupferle presented the Mary Emery Award to Barbara Policastro for her contribution in making the 75th Anniversary Celebration such a huge success. Certificates of Appreciation were awarded to Louise Schomburg, Nancy Stelzer, and Joan Vago for their landscaping improvements at the Concourse in advance of the Taste of Mariemont. Matt Ayer was honored for conducting guided tours of the Mariemont Church Chapel as part of the MPF Walking Tours that were part of the 75th Anniversary activities. Also receiving an award was Janet Cleary for her help with MPF archives.



MURRAY AVENUE PARKING SPACES PLANNED

The Planning Commission and Village Engineer Chris Ertel did a great job in figuring out where to put in the new parking spaces on Murray Avenue between Settle Road and Plainville Road. Their plan will leave space for a future bike/walking path to go in on the north side of the Murray Avenue island should OKI and ODOT choose to finance that project and move forward with it.

FLOODED BASEMENTS

This winter has been very mild, but it has also been very wet. The last heavy rain storm that we had caused several basements to flood. Hamilton County is asking us to report the addresses of any property that experienced a flooded basement. They are gathering this information to calculate the damage from the storm and to assess those areas that need better storm water control. It will also help the Village to identify trouble spots and may even help us in obtaining grants to correct the problems. If your basement flooded during that rain storm, please report it to the office by either calling 271-3246 or sending an email to info@mariemont.org.

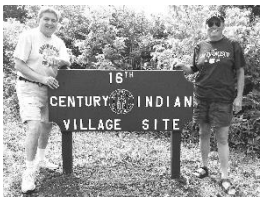
SIDEWALKS WITH TRIP HAZARDS

With spring right around the corner, it is time to start thinking about repairing sidewalks where there is a trip hazard. We are starting to compile a list of sidewalks that have buckled due to the roots of Village trees. If you know of sidewalk that needs repairing, please notify the office of the address by either calling 271-3246 or sending an email to info@mariemont.org. Your help is greatly appreciated.

UPCOMING EVENTS

MARIEMONT CIVIC ASSOCIATION MEETING – THURSDAY – MARCH 16th – 7PM

Please join us at the next Civic Association on Thursday, March 16th, at 7PM at the Village Church of Mariemont, located on the corner of Maple and Oak Streets for an update from Professor Ken Tankersley about his on-going work in the South 80. Now that he and his team of archeology students have uncovered the location of the Native American village, they will be doing more exploration for artifacts and other clues about the lives of the Indians who once occupied the area. Dr. Tankersley is a wonderful speaker and his presentations are always informative and enjoyable.



LA SOUPE RETURNS TO MARIEMONT SQUARE

TUESDAY – MARCH 21st – 11:30AM to 1PM

Due to the overwhelmingly positive response La Soupe received when they brought their "Soupe Mobile" to Mariemont last month, they will be back in the Village on Tuesday, March 21st, from 11:30AM to 1PM. They will be parked in front of Comey and Shepherd's office on Wooster Pike. They offer some wonderfully tasty soups and the proceeds go to help feed the hungry and homeless in Cincinnati. For more information about this non-profit organization, please visit their website at <http://lasoupecincinnati.com/home/>

TOWN MEETING – MARCH 26th – MARIEMONT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL – 2PM

The annual Mariemont Town Meeting will be held Sunday, March 26th. Town Crier Bob Keyes will call the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. in the Mariemont Elementary School Auditorium. Town Meeting is a unique, nonpartisan system and process established in 1941, through which nominations for Village officials are made. While very few communities in the United States maintain this centuries-old tradition, our Town Meeting is an integral and defining aspect of Mariemont's history and character. Our citizens overwhelmingly endorse the institution as being well-suited to the needs of the Village, especially to insure that each District in the Village is represented on Village Council. The annual gathering is also a forum for the sharing of information and ideas among, by, and with Village officials and citizens. The agenda also includes the Mayor's annual "State of the Village" address and a report from our school Superintendent.



MARIELDERS' ITALIAN FESTIVAL – FRIDAY – APRIL 21ST – 5:30 to 9:30 PM

MariElders will hold their annual Italian Festival at the Fairfax Recreation Center (5903 Hawthorne Avenue) on Friday, April 21st, from 5:30 PM to 9:30 PM. Dinner includes spaghetti/ravioli with meatballs, salad, Italian bread, dessert, coffee and tea. Beer and wine will be available for purchase. Entertainment includes live music by the Pete Wagner Band, raffle baskets, and split the pot. Tickets for adults are \$12 in advance or \$15 at the door. Children's tickets are \$6 each. Tickets may be purchased at the MariElders Center (6923 Madisonville Road) or by calling 271-5588. This event is a community favorite and an important fundraiser for MariElders which does so much good work for our senior citizens. Hope to see you there!



I just wanted to say how much I appreciated all the cards and 'get well' wishes I received following my knee replacement surgery.

THANK YOU!

Sincerely,
Dan Policastro
Dan Policastro, Mayor