

Mayor urges TP to show support against Martin Marietta mining

January Council Meeting

By Vivian Krueger

Mayor Jay Gohman's report reminded council members that the Martin Marietta mining variance is in closing arguments before the Anderson Zoning Board of Appeals and he asked residents to attend the January meeting to show support against a variance being issued. He urged villagers to attend the closing arguments on January 25 at 5:30 p.m. at the Anderson Government Center on Five Mile Road.

Ballot snafu

The mayor blames himself for not monitoring the mail handling process during employee transition that resulted in the Village missing a deadline to place a levy on the November ballot. The mayor thanked the many Villagers who volunteered to make a contribution to the tax shortfall. He said the Village has sufficient funds to operate this year. The operating levy will go on the November 2010 ballot and that is when the Village needs resident support.

hydrants are not being tested. If a resident observes a hydrant leaking, please call the police department. New volunteers are always welcome.

Police Chief Gerald Hayhow reported the snow clearing has required overtime and that the crew is currently picking up brush. Supplies of salt are well under budget. The chief urged residents to not leave food outside to feed their pets because they might attract an unwanted animal visitor.

Zoning, trees and the pike

Bill Fiedler, Building Official, is completing the annual residential and commercial reports for the State of Ohio.

Councilman Tom Tepe, acknowledged Councilman Lee Cole's extensive work on zoning codes and appreciates that Cole will continue to work on this project until it is completed.

Councilman Jeff Krueger presented a resolution to pay Davey Tree \$15,840 for the annual tree removals



Council welcomes new and returning members

On January 1, newly elected volunteer Councilman Thomas Tepe (left) and returning Councilmen Stefan Olson (middle) and Mark Porst were sworn in by Mayor Jay Gohman. Returning Councilman Jim Muennich (not shown) was sworn in on January 12.

Laurie Baird, Assistant Fiscal Officer, explained the timeline for the paperwork process, starting as soon as May 5 to have the levy on the November 2, 2010 ballot.

2009 fiscal report

Mark Holcomb, Chief Fiscal Officer, after working many hours with Mark Porst and Laurie Baird, has completed the 2009 Fiscal report. It will be printed in the Cincinnati Enquirer January 22.

Life squad, fire and police

Life Squad Chief John Maggard reported 111 EMS runs in 2009. Recent training has included trauma care and the new EMS class is proceeding on schedule.

Fire Chief Luke Frey reported that the Fire Department has been busier than usual as they assisted Little Miami with a structure fire, assisted the TP Police Department with a potential bomb incident and helped a resident with smoke filling their house from a blocked chimney flue. They also pulled a car off of a fire hydrant before anything but a tire was damaged. Due to freezing weather,

of about 38 dying or dead trees. Replacement trees will be planted in the spring and fall. Already, Randy Haller, Terrace Park's certified arborist, and the Garden Club are considering what kind of trees to plant in place of ash trees. Davey Tree will work on the trees away from the power lines while Duke Energy will remove about 17 trees close to the power lines. Duke will work at no charge because the debris removal will be done by Village maintenance. The removed ash trees will be mapped to study ash borer invasion. A second resolution passed to purchase a Ford F450 dump truck to replace a 1995 truck.

Councilman Lee Cole reported that Hamilton County has a new mapping system that gives parcel and lot size.

Councilman Jim Muennich passed a resolution to appoint Police Chief Hayhow as Street Commissioner for 2010. He also reported that bids to ODOT for the catch basins and curb plans will be taken January 13. Muennich expects lots of spring activity on the Wooster Pike Project.

Mariemont Schools on track to put levy/bond issue on ballot in May

Recently, Mariemont Schools sent a press release to the *Village Views* stating that Mariemont School Superintendent Paul Imhoff and Treasurer Natalie Lucas are recommending placing a combined operating levy and facilities bond request on the May 4, 2010 ballot.

Now, I could reprint that press release here and leave it at that, leaving our readers to decipher why Mariemont Schools needs this money and what this levy/bond means for them, the district, the children and, of course their wallets. But, I thought, "Hey, I'll take a few minutes and try to reword this page-long document." Two days later, I think I've got my mind around what's going on and I'd like to share my findings. Please, don't take my words as either an endorsement or a condemnation by the *Village Views* of the school board's future request. Following is my understanding of the issues.

Just the facts:

According to the press release, if the school board approves the request, a "combination bond issue and operating levy will appear on the May ballot as a 5.29 mil bond issue and a 5.15 operating levy. The bond issue will be collected at 3.6 mil but must be placed on the ballot as a 5.29 mil bond issue due to state requirements concerning bond issue request language. However, actual collection affecting property owners would be based on a total increase of 8.75 mil. These additional monies would be collected beginning in 2011, with an estimated annual cost of \$268 per \$100,000 of tax valuation."

Whoa! That's a whole lot of mils and dollar signs being tossed around and I don't know about you, but I tend to shut down, put my hand on my wallet and run when I hear things like that. Instead, I talked with Superintendent Imhoff and had him walk me through a maze of concerns.

Is the levy portion of this issue a renewal, decrease or increase?

Actually, I discovered, none of the above.

According to Imhoff, school levies are a different sort of beast. When a school levy is passed, it neither expires nor does it increase. Because there is no increase for cost of living, inflation or growth, school districts must ask for new levies every few years. So, the 5.15 mil operating levy money that the district will ask for in May is additional money the school needs to cover the increasing cost of operation caused by economic factors and growth.

Why during this time when many families are tightening their belts is the school board suggesting spending money on improving the buildings?

The short answer I found is timing. According to Imhoff, there are three underlying factors affecting the school board's decision to approach the community this spring and ask for funding for district-wide building upgrades

called the "Facilities Master Plan"(please see side bar for description and timeline).

First, Imhoff said that by implementing the Master Plan, which was created with considerable community input, there is an immediate savings of \$1 million per year - \$400,000 in staffing and \$600,000 in building

maintenance. Second, interest rates are at a 40-year low. Finally, he added that there are two federal stimulus packages that expire at the end of 2010 that provide government-backed financing at well-below market rates.

All these things combined make the Master Plan "cheaper to implement" **continued on page 3**

Mariemont Schools Facilities Master Plan

The following information was provided by Mariemont Schools. During its development, residents were asked for feedback and had the opportunity to help decide between several options.

Mariemont Elementary

- Combine new construction with renovation to keep historic façade and auditorium
- Will serve K-6 students who reside in Mariemont and Fairfax communities.
- Site of Board of Education office
- Estimated enrollment of 580; approximately 75,000 square feet

Terrace Park Elementary

- Combine new construction with renovation to keep historic façade of original entrance.
- Estimated enrollment of 370; approximately 54,100 square feet

Mariemont Junior High School

- Build a new junior high to serve grades 7-8 on the current Fairfax

Elementary site, integrating the historic cupola into the new structure

- Estimated enrollment of 260; approximately 49,000 square feet

Improvements to all three facilities include efficient, flexible classroom spaces and common areas; new, updated infrastructure systems (electrical, plumbing, HVAC); modern science facilities; secure, healthy learning environment; support systems for technology resources.

Timeline

The estimated timeline of the proposed plan would be as follows:

- Jan 2010 – Form Programming Teams (staff, community members, facilities specialists) to detail space and design needs for each building;
- Jan 2010 – Form Transition Teams (staff, community members, facilities specialists) to determine how best to

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Keller joins ranks of Eagle Scouts

Michael Keller is the son of Matt and Vanessa, and brother to Elizabeth and Mary Kate. He is a second generation member of Mariemont Boy Scout Troop 149. Michael joined Mariemont scouting as a Tiger Cub in 1st grade. He continued through Cub Scouts and crossed over into Boy Scout Troop 149, enjoying his time as a Boisterous Carp. Michael has served as Assistant Senior Patrol Leader, Troop Guide, Librarian and Chaplain Aide. He is also a member of the Order of the Arrow.

Michael's Eagle Scout project involved planning and landscaping for the Mariemont Community Church. He planted taxus and liriope plants in front of the church's newly installed transformer and condenser to preserve the beauty of the old chapel. Additionally, he mulched and planted at the Parish Center.

As a member in Troop 149, Michael has participated on many high adventure trips, including Philmont, Boundary Waters (two times), and a trip to Washington DC and Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. He has also attended several summer camps at Camp Friedlander and Camp Waterloo in Michigan.



Michael Keller

Michael is a senior at Mariemont High School where he is a member of the National Honor Society, football team, and Spirit Club. He is currently captain of the wrestling team. Michael also served as a youth leader in his church youth group for three years. Additional hobbies include caving, climbing, fishing, and hunting. Michael plans to begin college in the fall to study engineering.

Michael would like to thank the many people who supported, encouraged and prodded him throughout his scouting career and down the road to Eagle.

Letters to the Editor

Dear residents of Terrace Park,

Many thanks to all of you who have come to the Lamplighter over the past 25 years. I wish you to know that I finally retired on December 31, 2009. My years at the Lamplighter were happy years for me. I enjoyed working with the students and parents, however, there are other things I wish to accomplish. I will stay busy.

The Lamplighter will still be here, with the same excellent and caring teachers. So, call them when you need tutoring or enrichment.

May God bless and keep all of you.

Sincerely,
Vivian Franz, Ph.D.

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TPHS celebrates at annual holiday party



The Terrace Park Historical Society celebrated a successful membership campaign Dec. 9 with a party in the home of Linda and John Rockaway. The annual holiday get-together was organized by Elaine Fening, right, TPHS program chair, with assistance from other board members, including Kim Newton, left. In addition to more than 200 membership renewals and newcomers, TPHS welcomed new lifetime members: John and Margaret Hodges and Nathan and Lynda Bachman.



Bill and Betsy Holloway, TPHS founders who continue to serve on the board of directors, pose for a picture with the Rockaway's seasonal mantel decoration



Newly published author and TPHS member Jim Rauth shared book highlights with, from left - Sallie Lyons, Vivian Krueger and Martha Rassi.

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Mariemont Schools on track to put levy/bond

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ment than ever thought possible," Imhoff said.

Are the buildings really that bad? Why not just fix problems as they arise?

A few years ago the district took advantage of a state run program that brought in architects and engineers to assess the district's buildings. Imhoff noted that these professionals are prohibited from ever working for the school district to help ensure that their assessment is not influenced by the opportunity for work. These experts came to the conclusion that systems in the buildings are failing. Their assessment was backed up by another group of professionals brought in by the school district.

"Our infrastructure is dying," Imhoff said adding that the buildings are old and things like the electrical and plumbing systems require major work. "We have to rip out walls and floors to replace these things."

According to Imhoff, Treasurer Lucas was given the task of finding out what kind of levy the school would have to ask for if they continued on the "fix-it-as-we-go" track. Her assessment was that it looked like the district would have to ask for an 8.9 to 9.5 mil levy – more than the 8.75 mil combined bond/levy currently on the table.

"Whether people vote 'yes' or 'no' on May 4, we're going to spend money on the buildings," he said. "If they vote 'yes,' we'll spend less. If they vote 'no,' we'll still pay for them and find the money by laying off

teachers...and draining money off the academics."

We already have relatively high taxes. Where is that money going?

Every school in Ohio is funded a little differently in terms of how much money it receives from local property taxes and how much money it receives from the state, Imhoff said. Mariemont School district is in the top 50-100 districts in terms of property wealth, therefore, it is predominantly locally funded.

Imhoff added that over the last 7 to 10 years Ohio has been reallocating money away from the wealthier communities and giving it to more needy districts. In other words, our district receives proportionally less state funding than most districts.

What happens if the levy/bond does not pass?

If the levy does not pass we will have to cut \$3 million dollars from our budget over the next two years, Imhoff said, and the district has already been making cuts.

Imhoff explained that when Mariemont Schools went to the taxpayers and asked for a levy in 2007, the district promised not to come back and ask for more money until 2010. To help make that promise a reality, the school board will have cut \$1.8 million dollars by June 2010.

If this bond/levy fails, "We'll have to make immediate significant cuts to academic programs across the board," he said. "That's what we'd have to do to live within our means."

"People have to understand there

Village Calender 2009

JANUARY 2010

25 Mariemont Schools Early Dismissal
25 Mariemont Athletic Booster Mtg 7:30 p.m.
25 Martin Marietta Case Closing Arguments on Blasting, 5:30 p.m., Anderson Government Center. Visit www.saveourmiami.com for more information. This night will be closing arguments of the Martin Marietta case in front of the Anderson Board of Zoning Appeals. Each side will have one hour for closing arguments. The BZA will then deliberate indeterminately in closed session(s). Mark your calendar for this last chance to hear the debate and show your support against the mine.

26/27 TPE Everybody Counts

29 All District Elementary Skating Party, 4:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

29 MONTE CARLO NIGHT IS NOT 1/29 as previously shown here. It is 2/5.

FEBRUARY 2010

2 Groundhog Day
2 TP Garden Club, noon, Community Building. "The New Perennials—an Insiders Look" by Sharon Rosberg.
2 Mariemont Fine Arts Mtg, 7:30 p.m.

5 TPRC Monte Carlo Night Fundraiser, at St. Thomas, 7 p.m. – Midnight. (NOTE: it's Friday night.) Join friends and neighbors for some fun and gambling. All proceeds go to our wonderful Recreation Committee for things like uniforms and equipment for a awesome Terrace Park rec teams. Interested in being an event or Game Table sponsor or helping with the event? Contact Celia McNeil at 490-0333 or cmcneil@cinci.rr.com

5 MHS PTO Mtg, 8:45 a.m.
5 MJHS Night Out at MHS, 7 p.m. – 9 p.m.

9 TP PTO Meeting, 9:30 a.m.
9 MJHS Academic Awards, 7 p.m.
9 Board of Education Meeting, 7 p.m. at MJHS, Public Welcome (reflects date change)

10 TP Recognition Night, 7 p.m.
10 KV #76 chapter meeting, with the social half hour beginning at 7:30 p.m. and the meeting scheduled to begin at 8 p.m.; location t/b/a.

14 Valentine's Day

15 President's Day

17 MJHS PTO Mtg, 9 a.m.

18 MJHS Winter Band & Chorus Concert, 7 p.m.

22 Mariemont Athletic Boosters, 7:30 p.m.

23 MHS 8th Grade Open House, 6p.m.

24 Mariemont Schools' Foundation Mtg, MHS, 7:30 p.m.

25 MHS Winter Band and Chorus Concert, 7 p.m.

27 KV # 76 Party on Ice at the Indian Hill Winter Club, All are warmly invited to attend a "Party on Ice" fundraising event at the Indian Hill Winter Club hosted by the KV #76--7:00 p.m. to midnight. There will be music, food, a live auction, paddle tennis, ice-skating and more! Visit www.partyonice.net for more information.

Save the date: March 7 - Terrace Park Historical Society program. Refreshments at 3:30 p.m.; presentation at 4 p.m. at the Community Building. Topic: Mounds and Earthworks of the Lower Miami Valley featuring Bob Genheimer from the Cincinnati Museum Center.

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is a choice, voting 'yes' means your taxes go up and voting 'no' means services for the kids go down," he said. "Those are the only choices. The board of education cannot spend money we don't have."

The effects of not passing the levy will not only impact the services the school can provide, Imhoff said. One reason property values are so high in the Mariemont School District is because the district continuously performs well and is a highly rated public school district.

"I think if we start to dismantle the academic program, it starts to affect the community," Imhoff said.

A forum for discussion

As I finish this article, I'm thinking about my retired neighbors who are on a fixed income. I'm thinking about the family that had to dip into their savings because a layoff hurt this single-income family.

On the other hand, I'm also thinking about the investment Pete and I made 14 years ago when we moved here. We bought a smaller house so we could live in a district known for its blue ribbon excellence in education. We stay here for the same reason.

We as a community are faced with a difficult decision. There is a lot of information available at www.mariemontschools.org. Also, there will be three more issues of the *Village Views* before the May 4 ballot. We welcome your thoughts and opinions. If you would like to submit a letter to the editor, please send it to tpvillageviews@fuse.net. Please limit your letters to 300 words. The next deadline for the paper is February 4.

Mariemont Schools Facilities Master Plan

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- Aug 2012 – Newly constructed Mariemont Junior High and newly renovated Mariemont Elementary and Terrace Park Elementary welcome new students home.
- Aug 2010 – Consolidate K-6 Fairfax & Mariemont students at Mariemont Elementary; preparation begins at Fairfax site;
- June 2011 – Begin required demolition work at Mariemont Elementary and Terrace Park Elementary and start subsequent construction;
- Aug 2011 – June 2012 – Modular classrooms at Mariemont Elementary and Terrace Park Elementary will accommodate students during construction;

- Aug 2012 – Newly constructed Mariemont Junior High and newly renovated Mariemont Elementary and Terrace Park Elementary welcome new students home.

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lights, battery-operated candles, jingle bells and songbooks, the students visited elderly and shut-in residents in Terrace Park. They decided to sing carols, deliver home-made cookies

and warm blankets to each house they visited. By dividing into three groups, they were able to visit 21 homes. After making their rounds, they all met at the gazebo on the Village Green for hot chocolate. Then they visited one last home as a large group – to sing to Mariemont Schools Superintendent Paul Imhoff, his wife and their family.

Parent coordinators were Joy and Dennis Glaser, Amy Lothman, Dawn Harden, Bruce Westmeyer, Ann Hobart, Pacqui Kelly and Barbara Jane England. The 6th graders are students of Mrs. Ann Muennich and Mr. Robert Fleckenstein.

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Police report

Police were notified of a man going door to door soliciting business. The responding officer found two individuals - neither with identification. A check was run and revealed that both men had open warrants. The warrants were confirmed with Woodlawn, Blue Ash and Central Warrants. Police took the subjects to the Indian Hill station to meet a unit from Blue Ash. Both men were re-cited and released.

In another incident police met the owner of a business at the station to fill out a soliciting form so the company could continue hanging flyers on doors. The officer checked all canvassers and found one who was under open warrant. He was taken into custody. His warrant was confirmed and he was re-cited and released.

A suspicious package was received by a resident. Because of previous threats from the sender the recipient became concerned about contents of the parcel. The Bomb Squad was summoned and determined the package was not dangerous.

A complaint was called to police concerning individuals picking through construction garbage bags. The officer advised the complainant that no action can be taken when waste has been placed in the street.

A man who owns a business in Kentucky reported possible forgery of a check. He had signed paperwork to be delivered to Blue Ash by a courier. A check surfaced but the sender of the paperwork said he had not signed it himself. Police took a report and advised the complainant of procedures to follow in attempting to rectify the situation.

A resident notified police that a man appeared to be looking into windows of a home. The subject was found to be an employee of Central Locator under contract to Duke Energy who was marking gas meters for replacement. The meter at the home involved was near low to the ground front windows so no malice was detected.

An attorney representing the owner of a house being rented by a tenant who had not paid rent met with police. The building appeared to be empty with all doors locked. The attorney wanted to enter but because the matter was civil in nature police advised him to contact the owner about hiring a locksmith. The attorney did request police presence when the locksmith arrived.

Criminal damaging was reported by a resident whose house had been egged. Police checked with UDF to determine whether an unusual amount of egg sales had been recorded. They had not. Patrols in the area of the incident were increased.

An individual complained of being challenged by an aggressive dog. A voice mail message was left for the owner to contact police.

Police performed a check on welfare and assisted with a domestic dispute.

One fire run was recorded.

One squad run was logged.

Mutual Aid was provided to Milford and Newtown.

Armstrong offers divorce support

Once again, Armstrong Chapel United Methodist Church (5125 Drake Rd, 45224) will be offering a thirteen week session of "DivorceCare," a Scripturally based support group for men and women going through separation or divorce. This group will begin on Tuesday,

January 19th, at 7:00 P.M. More information is available at the church's website : armstrongchapel.org OR divorce-care.com. Registration is also available at either website or by calling the church office: 561-4220. All are welcome!

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"This couldn't have been achieved without the volunteers who

have come forward to interview and transcribe," said Susan. "If a volunteer has time to conduct just one interview or transcription a year, that's a big thing to us."

Volunteers who want to interview are given a brief training, questions to ask, background material and the necessary equipment. Those interested in transcription also receive guidance and support.

"Volunteers always tell me it was fun and interesting," says Susan. "They learn a lot about our community and, in doing so, make it possible

for others who access our archive to learn a lot, too."

Not interested in interviewing or transcribing? Volunteers are also needed to convert the tapes and transcripts to CDs.

"We want to make the oral histories easily accessible to researchers, family members or anyone who is interested in learning more about our Terrace Park and its people," said Susan, who can be contacted for more information or to volunteer at safrank@fuse.net or by calling 513-607-3066.

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Of the 36 items donated by Kindervelt #76 members and local

residents, the most sought-after item was the calorie-free - but really sweet - donation from the chapter's newest member, artist Francesca Padjen. Her offer to create and frame a watercolor painting of the "home of your choice" sold for \$400.



Local Kindervelt president Melissa Gaskey, left, and hostess Polly Brennaman welcomed guests to the dessert auction with an array of sweets for sampling.



Ann Gibson, auction emcee, offered bidders the "Afternoon at the Nutcracker" basket with help from Cincinnati Children's Champions Rene Brinson and her son, Logan, from Fairfax. The basket garnered \$325.

Mariemont Junior High writers excel at district competition

On December 5, student teams from Mariemont Junior High School (MJHS) competed in the Power of the Pen district writing competition at Goshen Middle School where the Mariemont 8th grade team finished in 1st place and the 7th grade team earned 2nd place. Twelve teams competed at the district level with almost 150 writers.

MJHS team members also took home many individual writing awards. For the 8th grade: Hans Hinebaugh came in 1st place overall with all perfect scores. Grace Bales - 2nd place; Cate Donahue - 3rd place and received a best of round for one of her pieces; Olivia Erhardt - 10th place; and Taylor Giordullo - 12th place and also received a best of round for one piece.

For the 7th grade: Andi Christopher- 2nd place; Addie Shelley - 10th place; and Lindsay Siegfried - 12th place.

Power of the Pen is an inter-scholastic competition for young writers with tournaments throughout the state of Ohio. Since its inception in 1986, Power of the Pen has grown from a single writing contest to a statewide educational enrichment program. Over 8000 students will participate in the district, regional and state tourneys this year alone.

The MJHS Power of the Pen teams are coached by teachers Leslie Jordan and Erica Eppert.



Members from the Mariemont Junior High Power of the Pen 1st Place 8th grade team are: back row-Jon Bezney and Evan Doran; front row- Hans Hinebaugh, Taylor Giordullo, Grace Bales, Olivia Erhardt and Cate Donahue



Members from the Mariemont Junior High Power of the Pen 2nd Place 7th grade team are: back - Lindsay Siegfried, Gusti Pohlman, Addie Shelley, Andi Christopher and Micaela Duever; front - Spencer Peppet



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