

The MERION VILLAGER

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12th Annual Merion Village Garden Tour

Pam Bentley and Mark Ponchak

Twelve years ago a group of neighbors got together to hold a garden tour. They wanted to promote the Merion Village



neighborhood and see into some of the wonderful gardens not visible from the street. They also wanted the tour to be free for everyone. There were 9 gardens on that first tour and large numbers of visitors attended from Columbus and beyond. It was a great start to what has become an annual tradition.

Mark your calendars

for July 10, 2011, because the garden tour will again be held from 10:00 to 4:00 that day. Thanks to our generous sponsors the tour will again be free. The tour will include 10 gardens and 4 specialty stops. Gardens stretch from Zimpfer St. to Welch Ave. (maps will be available).

Water will be available at the Merion Village Information Center compliments of The Tom Wilson Allstate Agency. Food from Coyote Jane's, Jeni's Splendid Ice Creams and Three Babes and a Baker will be for sale at the Information Center at 1330 South 4th Street.



This year we are happy to welcome Ruby Rose Studios (www.rubyrosestudios.com) to the tour. Ruby Rose will be

converting the Information Center into a gallery with unique pieces of art for sale. Ruby Rose Studio has been

busy creating beautiful art and art collections that are multi-layered, dimensional, and unique. With magnificent depth and texture, each piece is truly a hanging sculpture. Their art will also be on display at each garden and at each specialty stop.



Hal & Al's will be hosting the Plant Pride on Parsons stop on the tour. The Plant Pride on Parsons project brought local businesses and artists together to create large, painted flower pots to help beautify Parsons Avenue and was honored with first place in the National Keep America Beautiful Awards for Beautification. Hal and Al's will be open for business at 10 am and will be offering some potential new items for their Vegan Menu during the tour. Stop by and learn more about the Plant Pride on Parsons project and meet the team of Hal & Al's.

For more information please visit our website at www.merionvillage.org or you can find us on Facebook as the Merion Village Association.

Rain or shine, hope to see you there!



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Bob Leighty, President

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The Merion Village Association conducts monthly meetings involving neighborhood and city issues. For information about the meetings, call 614-444-3144. Meetings are open to the public

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Crafters and Artisan Market

The Merion Village Association is currently making plans for our annual Crafters and Artisan Market to be held on Saturday, October 8th, 9am-3pm. We are seeking



individuals interested in selling their unique hand crafted items, their art work, baked goods or items that have received their own creative touch. Space is limited and will be on a first come basis.

Registration information will be mailed out in July to those interested in participating and to past participants.

If you would like to receive information on becoming a vendor or if you would like to volunteer, please email jstefanko@merionvillage.org to be added to our mailing list.

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Social Club News

Scott Fulton

Saturday, August 20th marks the third year of Merion Village's annual Block Party. This year the event will be held from 12:30pm to 9:30pm. on Welch Avenue between Bruck Street and Eighth Street. As always, burgers, hot dogs, and soft drinks will be provided and we encourage you to bring a side dish to share.



Movie Nights

Movie Nights in Moeller Park has also entered its third year with Saturday's showing of *Airplane*. If you missed Saturday's movie, there are still three more dates, and, as always, we let those in attendance pick the next movie. Movie nights, coming up are:

- Saturday, July 9 at dusk Hoosiers or Steel Magnolias
- Saturday, September 10 at dusk E.T. or Raiders of the Lost Ark
- Saturday, October 8 at dusk Poltergeist or Ghostbusters

So come out to Moeller Park with a blanket or chair, have some popcorn provided by Hal and Al's, and enjoy Merion Village movie night!

If you have any questions, feel free to contact Scott Fulton at 440-5222.

Ice Cream Social at St. Paul's Lutheran Church

St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 322 Stewart Ave., will have an Ice Cream Social on Sunday, July 10 from 1–4pm in the parking lot behind the church on Bruck St. Ice cream is *FREE*. Water will also be available for free. St. Paul's is participating in the Garden Tour that day so plan to stop by to see our gardens and have ice cream too!

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Word on the Street

Sherry Rae

We have another great garden tour in the works for you in July. My greatest fear was that we wouldn't have enough folks to show off their handy work. Not a problem! We had a great response and that was without using threats or tears. Don't think I am not willing to use those tactics if need be.

We will be revisiting Ken and Jerry's garden on Gates with the new owners of the home, Jed and Sarah. Jed informed me that there are over 300 plant varieties in their garden and I believe him.

Harold Bauer also on Gates, has graciously invited you to see his meticulously maintained garden this year. During a winter storm several years ago I helped push his car out of a snow rut. Keep in mind that I stored that in my memory for coercing if need be.

Any who, Mark Ponchak, Pam Bentley, Tony Roell, Kris Killian and Brad Beers have been working hard to bring you another awesome tour so save the date, July 10.

Hungarian Village will also be having their garden tour on the same day. Hungarian Village is our neighbors on the south side of Merion Village. Be sure to check out their gardens as well.

The Columbus Commons, aka Coleman's Park, has opened. So far it seems to be a hit but so was City Center at one time. You have to admit it is attractive. It was nice seeing my neighbor Mike and his band the

Fabulous Johnson Brothers, playing there and it was free!

Cup O Joe is going in at Town Street and High which will bring some life back to the block. Put in the coffee shops and they will come.

Speaking of coffee shops, looks like there is soon to be another coffee and chocolate shop coming to Whitter and Third Street at the former antique store. But what's happening with the store at Jaeger and Thurman? Seems like work has come to a stand still. Not so at the Thurman Café. That place is a gold mine. Is the food that good or is there just lots of it?



The Merion Village Safety Committee meetings have been drawing a crowd and I know that there is good food there provided by Joanne. That darn officer Polta has been out nabbing the bad guys.

Thanks to some quick thinking neighbors, alerting the police, robbery suspects were arrested. I urge everyone to get involved and come to the safety meetings and ALWAYS report any suspicious activity. We all need to look out for each other.

Ran into Danny who lives by Regency Hospital the other day. He solved the mystery of the addition they are building next to the Urgent Care Center. A new MRI center will be going in soon. That's good news for that complex which he said was almost at 100% occupancy now. That means some new jobs.

In other job news, did the House of Babes ever find a bartender? Those cookouts down there sure draw a crowd. Parking lot is always packed.

Every once in awhile I meet someone that admits to reading Word on the Street. Don on Gates is one of them. You probably know his wife Patty the little dynamo you see walking around the park regardless of the weather.

I saw Don at the German Village Coffee Shop. Mary Ann had the day off and needed a hamburger so we went there to satisfy her craving. Mary Ann and Don were discussing the passing of Willy Plank and how many friends he had. Don remembers walking his dog one day and having Willy holler, from a block away, "are you sitting on a chicken?" This was in reference to Don's legs which apparently must be thin.

This led to my Easter Bunny story. I wore that costume when I worked at the Big Bear Bakery and was forever known as the Easter Bunny in Willy's eyes.

Don was joking that Mary Ann was a kid since he is a few years older than her. But get this, he's still working three mornings a week at a trophy company in Grove City. He's even keeping up with their new computer system. Looks like the 80's is the new 30's. Just ask Betty White and of course Don and Patty.

Well that's it for this issue. If you have any news you want to share be sure to stop me and chat or email me at slrsherry@yahoo.com.

Summer Safety Tips

As summer approaches, people take advantage of the sunny weather to do outdoor projects, take their families to fun locations such as amusement parks and beaches and try to find ways to relax and keep cool. It's the season when most people take time off of work, because their kids are on summer vacation. For criminals and predators, however, it is a very active time of year.

Summer Safety At Home

All summer long people are outdoors working on projects like lawn care, hosting barbecues or relaxing by a pool. It can be easy to forget to close a door or window, but if they are left open it creates an easy opportunity for a burglar. Garage doors, in particular, are regularly used by criminals to gain access to a home during the warmer months. People go outside to do yard work and forget to close the garage door. Criminals may steal items from the garage itself, which usually contains tools and other valuable belongings, or use it as an easy way to get into your home. Once inside, the



law breaker can grab an armful of things quickly, and run off without ever being noticed.

Some criminals will work together during the summer months. One will come to your door and distract you, while the other sneaks into your garage, back yard or home to take whatever they can grab. Be wary of anyone who approaches your front door and don't let them take up too much of your time. Every year thousands of burglaries occur all over the United States. Teach your family how to guard themselves and their property and do what you can to ensure a safe and happy summer for everyone.

Protecting Your Car

Always lock your car doors. Be certain all windows are completely closed. When driving, keep all doors locked. It is best to park in attended lots. If you must leave a key with the attendant, leave only the ignition key. In all cases lock your car. At night, park only in well-lighted areas.

If you have a garage, the single lock on the door is inadequate to keep intruders from prying up the opposite side and crawling in. One of three methods may be used to secure the door: Add another bolt and padlock on the opposite side, or Install a pair of cane bolts to the inside - only operable from the inside, or add a top center hasp.

In every case, use a minimum standard exterior padlock. Don't hide a key outside. Most hiding places are obvious to the burglar. Never leave a padlock unlocked. This is an invitation to have the padlock removed so that a key can be made, and the lock returned to its position. Later, the burglar returns when no one is home and enters at his leisure, using "his" key.

Protecting Your Bicycle

You don't leave your car unlocked, so treat your bicycle the same way. Use an approved chain and padlock whenever you are not on the seat! Lock it to the garage. Whenever you lock your bike in a public place, chain it to a secure rack or stanchion through the frame and a wheel. Keep the chain as high above the ground as the bike will allow. This reduces the leverage for a pry bar or bolt cutter attack.

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Garden Tour Highlights

On Sunday, July 10th, Merion Village will host it's 12th Annual Garden Tour. Not only can you tour some of Merion Village's spectacular gardens you can also help support some of our local sponsors of the tour. Please be sure to check out the other attractions that can be found at the 2011 Merion Village Garden Tour.

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Columbus South Side Area Commission meetings are the fourth Tuesday of the month at 7pm at South High School in the library.

Next meeting dates:
July 26 and August 23

Calendar of Events

MVA Meeting

July 6, Wednesday, 7pm
Information Center 1330 S 4th St.

Movie in Moeller Park

July 9, Saturday, Dusk

MV Garden Tour

July 10, Sunday, 10am-4pm

MVA Safety Committee Meeting

July 21, Wednesday, 5:30pm
Information Center 1330 S 4th St.

MVA Meeting

August 3, Wednesday, 7pm
Information Center 1330 S 4th St.

MVA Annual Block Party

August 20, Saturday
Time and location TBA

Newsletter Ads and Articles Deadline

September 2, Friday, 5pm

MVA Meeting

September 7, Wednesday, 7pm
Information Center 1330 S 4th St.

Movie in Moeller Park

September 10, Saturday, Dusk

MVA Safety Committee Meeting

September 21, Wednesday, 5:30pm
Information Center 1330 S 4th St.



MERION VILLAGE ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM JANUARY-DECEMBER 2011

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More information about the rights and privileges of membership and the rules of governance of the Association is available at www.merionvillage.org/association/mvaconstitution.html or call 614-444-3144.

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Uncle Nathaniel (Merion) Wants You!

You can help yourself and your neighbors in making Merion Village an even better place to live. All you have to do is volunteer. Please check any of the events that interest you, and return this form to the Merion Village Information Center, 1330 S. Fourth Street, Columbus, Ohio 43207. If you prefer you can email jstefanko@merionvillage.org for more information. Planning committees are being formed now!

Upcoming events that need volunteers

- Garden Tour, July 10th
- Annual Block Party, August 20th
- Crafters and Artisan Market, October 8th

Your name: _____

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