

# The MERION VILLAGER

25<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY



The Merion Village Association Newsletter

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## Merion Village 18th Annual Crafters and Artisan Market

Joe Stefanko

The Merion Village Association will hold their 18th Annual Crafters & Artisans Market on Saturday, October 2nd, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Gates-Fourth United Methodist Church, located at 1234 S. Fourth Street.

As always, there will be a wide variety of vendors (some new ones and some returning again this year), a Great White Elephant Sale, and of course, the silent auction. Why not start your Christmas shopping now?

The committee is busy collecting items for the Silent Auction, but we can always use more. If you would like to

donate to the auction, or you know of a person/business who would like to donate an item, please contact Kerry at [kerry@think-urban.com](mailto:kerry@think-urban.com)

If you plan on doing a little late "Spring" cleaning and would like to donate your gently-used items to our White Elephant, be sure to bring the items to Gates-Fourth United Methodist Church on Friday, October 1st from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. only. Donations will not be accepted any other time during the event.

If you have donations and are unable to drop off at that time please email Joe at [jstefanko@merionvillage.org](mailto:jstefanko@merionvillage.org) to make other arrangements.

Volunteers are still needed to help make the event a success. If you can spare a few hours on Friday or Saturday please let us know. We can work with your availability. Coverage is needed for the MVA Table, Bake Sale, White Elephant Sale and Silent Auction. Also if you are a baker and would like to make something for the bake sale table that would be greatly appreciated as well. All baked good items can be dropped off at the church on Friday, October 1st from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. or on Saturday, October 2nd from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m.

As you all know, this event is one of the major fundraisers for the Merion Village Association. It funds the upkeep of the storefront, as well as the publishing costs of the newsletter. It takes all of us to make the event a success. So, if you can contribute to the event in any way (volunteering for two hours), or if you have any questions, please contact Joe.



2010 18<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL MERION VILLAGE **crafters & Artisans MARKET**

Saturday, October 2, 2010  
9 am to 3 pm

Gates-Fourth United Methodist Church  
1234 S. Fourth Street in Merion Village

crafts • fine art • jewelry  
silent auction • food  
white elephant sale

All proceeds benefit the Merion Village Association.  
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**Merion Village Association  
25th Anniversary Celebration  
Saturday, October 16th, 6pm  
Columbus Maennerchor  
Tickets are still available**





## Association Board Members

Bob Leighty, President

Joe Stefanko, Vice 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

### MERION VILLAGE ASSOCIATION CONTACTS

Board members and committees can be contacted by visiting [www.merionvillage.org](http://www.merionvillage.org). Also visit us on Facebook, and Twitter.

#### Association Issues and Events

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# MVA 25th Anniversary Celebration

Bob Leighty

## Happy Birthday, Merion Village!

The Merion Village Association turns 25 this fall, and we're going to celebrate with a party at the Columbus Maennerchor at 966 on South High Street. Dinner will be catered by Sue Gall's team from the Hey Hey, a Merion Village establishment long famous for its Sauerkraut Balls.

**Saturday, October 16th**

**6 p.m. Reception**

**6:30 p.m. Dinner**

Menu:

Roast Beef, Chicken Vegetarian Pasta, Mashed Potatoes, Vegetable Medley, Salad, Rolls and Dessert



### There will also be:

Silent Auction

Cash Bar

DJ and Dancing

Awards Presentation

Tickets are \$25 per person, to help us estimate the food needed, please email [jstefanko@merionvillage.org](mailto:jstefanko@merionvillage.org) to order your tickets or send a check to MVA 25th Anniversary, 1330 S 4th Street, Columbus, Ohio 43206. Tickets are limited so please send request for tickets in soon.

We had a great time at our 20th Anniversary Dinner 5 years ago at the 4S Club, and we're hoping that this special 25th Anniversary Dinner will be fun too. Please come break bread with us as we celebrate Merion Village and socialize with our friends and neighbors.

Next newsletter deadline is Friday, October 29 at 5pm.  
All articles and ads can be sent to [info@merionvillage.org](mailto:info@merionvillage.org)

# Merion Village Block Party



## Calendar of Events

### **MV Crafter's and Artisans Market**

October 2, Saturday, 9am-3pm  
Gates Fourth United Methodist Church

### **MVA Meeting**

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

### **25th Anniversary Celebration**

October 16th, Saturday, 6pm  
Columbus Maennerchor  
Tickets available by emailing  
[jstefanko@merionvillage.org](mailto:jstefanko@merionvillage.org)

### **Southwood Fall Festival**

October 30th, Saturday, 10am-2pm  
Southwood Elementary School

### **MVA Meeting**

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

### **MVA Safety Committee Meeting**

November 17, Wednesday, 5:30pm  
Information Center 1330 S 4th St.

### **MVA Holiday Cookie Sale**

December 4, Saturday, 10am-2pm  
Information Center 1330 S 4th St.

### **MVA Village of Lights Tour**

December 4, Saturday, 6pm-8pm  
Information Center 1330 S 4th St.

### **MVA Holiday Potluck**

December 8, Wednesday, 7pm  
Gates Fourth United Methodist Church

*Hope to see you there again next year!*

# Word on the Street

Sherry Rea

Is it me or is everybody getting hit up for money? When you check out at the grocery store, they ask if you want to donate to save the homeless pregnant baby whales. You give at church then the guy that hangs out around Starbucks on Third Street wants a couple of dollars. He doesn't want to mess with change.

On a recent evening, a nicely dressed man came to the house and skied if he could pull some weeds, take out my trash, do any odd jobs, or I could just give him 5 or 10 bucks. This went over well with Mary Ann who was sitting on the couch. I got to thinking, after he left, of a list of things he could do at my house. Give Boo his insulin injection, trim Mary Ann's toe nails, file my finger nails, clean up the dog poop in the yard, wash the dishes, well you get the idea.

My coworkers informed me that he was probably just in the neighborhood scoping out houses to rob. That of course never occurred to me since I was still thinking of things to add to the chores list the next time someone asked to do some small job for money.

Ran into Officer Polta and his partner at Chipotle. The guy down the street and I are fans of his. His guns are huge (I mean biceps) and he is always smiling. He gets paid to ride a bike and fight crime.

He said that we probably wouldn't be seeing him as much since they would have to cover the areas where the shootings have been. He didn't think my plan to get a gun and fire some shots to keep him in Merion Village would work out well. We want to keep our bike police riding the streets in our hood.

Blockbusters is closed. Remember when that spot was the Village Junction? That was forever ago. Bow Wow on South 4th is now under new management and Coyote Janes on South High should be opening soon.

The RaceQuip building is still sitting empty as well as the RaceQuip parking lot would be a great locale for a farmer's market on Saturday's like they have in Clintonville.

The old pizza shop could become a coffee shop like Luck Brothers in Grandview or maybe even another pizza shop. I have always been curious of the point of owning an empty building. Is there some kind of tax break?

For those of you that cant get enough of Hoarders, Buried Alive, we now bring you Animal Hoarders. These are the kind of shows that serve as a cautionary tale for thrift store shoppers and animal lovers like me. Of course I don't think any of these poor folks set out to become reality TV stars, but I will say though, I've noticed quite a few of them featured have been from Central Ohio. That is like being ranked as the bed bug capital of America. Being #1 isn't always so great.

Wasn't that a shame about the fire at Stewart Elementary School? From what I could see the exterior looks fine. Hopefully the rehab will go quickly.

Speaking of rehab, what's the deal with the houses that were moved to Morrill? Looks like work has come to a stand still. I also noticed an orange sticker at a house on Gates. Not a good sign. A family used to live there and the father had a British accent, which is always classy in my book. Now it has boarded up windows. Very Sad!

So what happens with these orange sticker houses? Just learned at the Merion Village Association meeting that some folks decided to take up housekeeping and politely asked the people in the house to leave. This will make the neighbors happy since the word was they were into "wholesale pharmaceuticals" if you get my drift. And yes the word does get around on the street.

That Northstar restaurant has some great and healthy food. I finally tried the Northstar Burger which is vegetarian and huge and delicious. The Cloud Nine Pancakes will make you feel just like their namesakes. The Short North location is as loud as can be and has one of the most diverse magazine selections you can imagine. You can peruse the magazines while you wait for your order to arrive.

I have recently become obsessed with reading blogs since I am now over the texting thing. My latest find is Nothing Better to Do. Jared, the creator, lives in Merion Village. It is a food blog written by a vegetarian. This guy gets around.

His review of Solay Bistro on the North Side, convinced me and the guy down the street to venture up there. Everything is as fresh as it can be. The fried cabbage and rice were wonderful with all kinds of yummy spices. The vegetarian focaccia sandwich had avocados and sprouts and was healthy and delicious. It was well worth the trip.

Well that is all for now. If you have any news feel free to send it my way at [slrsherry@yahoo.com](mailto:slrsherry@yahoo.com)

# Southwood Fall Festival

School is back in session and if you don't know what that means for the MVA then you truly have been missing a lot!!! This is the busiest time of year for us and we are ready to head into it full force! For the seventh year in a row, MVA will join with the parents and teachers of Southwood Elementary to host their annual Fall Festival.

The Southwood Fall Festival will be on Saturday, October 30th from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. This annual festival is fun for the entire family. Games, activities, costume contest and more will provide an exciting day for kids of all ages. This year the festival again will be held at Southwood Elementary School on South 4th St. Of course the MVA will once

again host "Trick or Treat Street." Each year the MVA decorates one hallway into a haunted street where the children can collect candy from the likes of Dracula, The Mad Scientist and even a Fortune Teller. We are currently seeking donations of wrapped candy or money, which can be brought to the next MVA meeting on Wednesday, October 6.

We also need cakes for the Cake Walk. Volunteers are always needed to man the stations on Trick or Treat Street and at the carnival-like games throughout the building. We have plenty of costumes or you can bring your own! For more information or questions please contact Joe Stefanko at [jstefanko@merionvillage.org](mailto:jstefanko@merionvillage.org)

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## Another Season of Song and Prayer at Saint Leo Church

The Magpies: Sept 25, 8:00 PM

Marian Concert: Oct 17, 6:30 PM

St. Leo Feast Day Mass: Nov 10, 7:00 PM

The performances and Mass take place in the beautiful St Leo Church, which although now closed as a parish church, has been beautifully restored by a dedicated team of volunteers, through the St Leo Preservation Society.

**St Leo Church**

221 Hanford St

Columbus, Ohio 43206

## Central City Chiropractic



1269 S. High Street  
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**Merion Village Association**

1330 S. Fourth St., Columbus, Ohio 43206



*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](mailto:jstefanko@merionvillage.org) for more information.

Planning committees are being formed now!

*Upcoming events that need volunteers*



Your name: \_\_\_\_\_

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