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ECC Meeting -
February 8th, 7pm
Council Meeting -
February 15th, 7:30pm

Looking for R.G. Cribbet Recreation Hall rental, Community Room rental, Ziegler Park Picnic Shelter reservations, Ziegler Park soccer field use permits?
Call Chandra Buswell, Rec. Dept. Supervisor : 568-4820 or email at chandrabuswell@yahoo.com

We hope you enjoy this issue of the Fairfax Forum which is published by the Village of Fairfax monthly as a service to the residents and businesses in our village.

Articles and photographs are welcomed. Please contact Chandra Buswell for more information. Photos will not be returned. Due to limited space, the editorial staff reserves the right to select and edit articles for both content and space.

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Next Issue - March
Deadline - February 20th

VILLAGE OF FAIRFAX CHILI COOK-OFF

Saturday, February 20th

See page 3 of this Forum for more information!



Donate Formal Dresses for Charity

Don't know what to do with your daughter's formal dress?

Look no more. I can personally pick them up or they can be dropped off to my home in Fairfax.

Dresses will be donated to teen in our Cincinnati area.

Call Chantale Huskey at 513-432-2220

*I am also collecting shoes and accessories.



Cincinnati Sports Club - Health and Wellness Events

Upcoming Health and Wellness Events

CSC 26th Anniversary Open House/Cincinnati Family Magazine Summer Adventure Camp Fair

Saturday, February 13, 10am-3pm

See what your neighbors have enjoyed for more than 25 years. Enjoy chef samplings, games & prizes and a day of fun at the Club. Cincinnati Family Magazine Summer Adventure Camp Fair is back again this year on the indoor athletic field. This is a great time to plan and discover activities to keep the kids busy during the summer.

Heart Health Talk

Wednesday, February 10, 6pm

Dr. Joel Forman, M.D., Cardiologist with The Ohio Heart and Vascular Center, will be at the Club answering questions and discussing leading topics about heart health. Complimentary heart-healthy appetizers will be served. Please call 527-4000 to reserve your time.

****New 2nd Indoor Pool Opening Soon****

Construction of the new warm water pool began in July of 2015 and is estimated to be completed spring 2016. The new pool will be 20 yards long and 28 feet wide. Depth will range from 3½ feet to 4 feet, 8 inches. The warm-water pool was designed to accommodate water aerobics classes and children, which means adult lap swimmers soon won't have to continue to share the existing saltwater pool inside the upscale fitness center in Fairfax. The existing indoor pool, which has three wide lap lines and opened in 1990 along with the Sports Club, was converted to saltwater in 2011. The existing 25-yard indoor pool will be designated solely for lap swimming. This change will provide lap swimmers greater convenience and ease of use at all times of operation, as scheduled water activities will no longer hinder open use of the facility when members need it most.

To find a physician for your health and wellness needs, visit www.thechristhospital.com or call 513-585-1000.



FROM THE MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT

Joe Huskey, Supervisor

527-6508

Please remember that when walking your pets, you are required to remove any animal droppings. The Village had recently received complaints about people not complying with these regulations. Be courteous to your neighbors and understand that people walk, bike and run these same paths.

All residents - to avoid developing leaks and damage to your roof during the winter months, it is a good time to ensure all gutters are cleaned out and free of debris. Also, remember to remove all outside hoses from spigots and if you are able, turn off the water to these outside spigots.

During snow plow season, if you do not have a driveway to park in, please remember to remain at least 30 feet away from all stop signs and fifteen feet away from the intersection on the opposite of the street.

VILLAGE CONTACTS

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COMMUNITY INFORMATION

Solicitation Permits: Anyone going door to door in the Village must register with the Police Department. If you are unsure about anyone coming to your door, please contact the police department at 271-7250.

Communicator: All residents and businesses can be added to the automated communicator system for emergency notifications and community announcements. Please contact the police department at 271-7250 to register.

Rumpke missed pick-ups (Solid Waste or Recycling)
513-742-2900

Report Street Light or Traffic Light Out - Jill Kessler, Fairfax P.D. 513-272-9941

Twig/branch pick up is available on Mondays. Please remember that piles of yard waste or similar debris must be bundled in 4 foot lengths and bound with twine or placed in a container for easy pick-up. If you have a large amount of yard waste to remove, please contact Joe Huskey in the Maintenance Department at 527-6508. The Village will provide a truck to your residence for you to load up with items and we will dispose of it for you at no charge.

GAS METER INSPECTIONS COMING

Beginning in February and through May of this year, Duke Energy will be performing inspections on gas metering equipment and piping located inside buildings in this area. The inspections will involve the gas piping from the building wall to the outlet of the gas meter to check for leakage and corrosion. On average, an inspection should take approximately ten minutes to complete.

Duke Energy has contacted with Southern Cross, Inc. to complete these inspections at residents and businesses with inside gas meters. The Southern Cross technician will be readily identifiable by wearing a visible Southern Cross ID picture ID as well as having a contact number for the customer to call for verification of the Duke Energy Ohio inspection. They will be driving a Southern Cross vehicle.

If you would like more information on these inspections, please visit: <http://www.duke-energy.com/Ohio/natural-gas/inside-piping.asp>

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New Life Worship Center invites everyone

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Please join us for a free showing of the popular, life changing movie called War Room. Shown in the Social Hall, lower level of New Life Worship Center (previously Fairfax Pres.)

VILLAGE RENEWS CONTRACT WITH RUMPKE

New Recycling Contract Established

The Village of Fairfax participates in the Southwest Ohio Regional Refuse and Trash Association (SORRTA) along with several other Hamilton County municipalities. By going out on a joint bid, we are able to realize cost savings by having waste haulers bid on a single contract with thousands of more households than the Village could do on their own.

The consortium went out to bid in October, and a contract was recently awarded to Rumpke, who is the current waste and recycling hauler for the Village. **The new contract takes effect on Tuesday March 1, 2016.**

The Village had tried to negotiate a new pick-up day, Monday, but this was not able to be accomplished due to Rumpke's fleet availabilities. **Trash and recycling pick-up will remain on Tuesdays.** The Village will continue to work with Rumpke in the future to see if this date can be changed, but it will remain on Tuesdays for the foreseeable future.

The biggest change on this contract will be that as of March 2016, recycling will be picked up on an every-other-week basis. Each resident will receive a larger 65-gallon recycling bin with lid. This bin equals almost four of the red bins. You may keep your red bin for personal use or also place it on the curb for recycling if your 65-gallon bin gets full. **The new carts will be delivered to each resident by Rumpke the first week of March. Recycling pick up will begin Tuesday March 8, 2016.**

All residents will be receiving a mailer from Rumpke that will contain a calendar showing each of the dates recycling will be picked up in 2016. Although the Village strongly encourages each resident to recycle, if a resident wishes to opt out of receiving a larger recycling cart, the mailer will contain information on how to do that.

If you are a resident that already has a 65-gallon recycling cart from Rumpke, you will not receive a new one unless you specifically request a second cart. You will receive a bill from Rumpke through February 2016 and will no longer be billed. If you request a second cart, you will be billed for that as you are now.

If you have any questions, please email Administrator Jennifer Kaminer at jkaminer@fairfaxoh.org.

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ATTENTION:

Home Owners...

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TAX TIPS AND TOPICS

The purpose of this article is to provide you with a quick overview of Village of Fairfax Earnings Tax Requirements.

Not all regulations/policies can be covered here.

2015 TAX RETURNS for VILLAGE of FAIRFAX

All residents, 18 years or older must file a tax return with the Village of Fairfax, even if no tax is due. This includes those who rent. Taxes are based on an individual's earned income. Owners of rental property must also file a return. Withholding tax is required for employees working in the Village of Fairfax including those less than 18 years of age.

Account Numbers are 3 - 5 digits. Social Security numbers won't appear on tax forms.

TAX RATE: 1.75% for 2015 Returns and the 2016 estimated tax.

DUE DATE: 1) Resident and individual 2015 tax returns are due "**April 18th, 2016**" (to comply with federal due date). 2) Business tax returns also due "**April 18th, 2016**" if operating on a calendar year or 4 months after the close of a fiscal year. "Extensions also are due April 18th, 2016 and are for filing the return NOT payment of tax." If you file an extension with Fairfax, you must pay 90% of any 2015 estimated tax liability by April 18th, 2016 avoid interest/penalty.

OBTAINING FORMS: 1) Forms are available in the lobby of the Municipal Building 9:00AM - 5:00PM Monday - Friday. 2) January of each year tax forms are mailed to registered residents and businesses of the Village. **However not receiving a form does not excuse anyone from filing a tax return.** 3) Tax forms and instructions also are on our website www.fairfaxoh.org.

REGISTRATION: **New residents or if you moved since filing your last tax return,** you must register by mail or phone (Tax Office at 513-527-6506). Give name, address, SS#, date moved in and landlord's name if applicable. If registering by phone, please spell all names.

Tax due or refunds of less than THREE DOLLARS (\$3.00) shall not be collected or refunded.

TIPS FOR FILING YOUR FAIRFAX 2015 TAX RETURN

Residents: "Qualifying Wages" on line 1. This total will not always be the same as the amount reported on your Federal Tax Return. *Cafeteria plans are not taxed.* Use the Medicare wages box 5, when adding the W-2 income. Deferred compensation such as 401-K plans, pension plans etc. are still subject to Village of Fairfax Earnings Tax. Add any taxable amounts in a box other than box 5, ei. sick pay. **Include original W-2 from all employers. (Please make a note if you need the original W-2 returned, and we will mail it back after we review your return.)**

Other Taxable Income on line 2.

Complete lines 13 - 19 on the reverse of the tax return and attach the correct Federal form for verification of each item. Carry total to front, list on line 2a (loss/deduction) or 2b (profit). Include 1099 "Miscellaneous Income" forms issued by your employers.

Include Federal Schedule C for profit or loss from a business. This applies if you are self-employed or a sole proprietor. Include Federal Schedule E for any rental property that is "located in Village of Fairfax". Attach Schedule E even if no tax is due, loss carry forward is **4yrs.** unless exhausted. Include Federal Form 2106, Employee Business Expense if you take this deduction on line 18A or line 2. Allowed only if expenses apply to income taxable to the Village of Fairfax.

NOTE: Unemployment Compensation received in 2015 will not be taxed this year.

DO NOT include interest or dividends from your savings or investments on the Fairfax Tax Return. Interest and dividends are "not" reported for municipal earnings tax.

(TAX ARTICLE CONTINUED)

DO NOT include "1099-R Income". This form reports a distribution from a pension, 401-K, etc. when you change employers, or make a withdrawal from a retirement plan.

Tax Paid Other City, Village on line 5c. Credit for Tax Paid to Other Communities, can only be up to 1.75% of any wages taxable to Fairfax and taxed by the other community.

Your W-2 should show the amount of wages taxed by each city, how much local tax was paid and to which city the tax was paid.

If tax is paid to other city at a rate lower than 1.75%, the difference is due to the Village of Fairfax.

For local taxes paid directly to another municipality (not shown on your W-2), provide a copy of your tax return filed with the other community. No credit can be given without this or other verification.

No credit is given for "county tax"

More detailed instructions and examples are on the reverse of the tax return.

Joint returns: A husband and wife may file a joint return even if they filed separately on their State and Federal returns. **If a wife uses her maiden name please indicate that on the form.**

Estimated Tax for 2016: Estimated tax due quarterly on any estimated liability of "\$200.00" or more. NEW Quarterly Due Dates: 1st quarter due with April return; 2nd quarter due June 15th; 3rd quarter due Sept. 15th; 4th quarter Dec. 15th to avoid interest charge. The estimated tax form is on our website www.fairfaxoh.org or call 527-6506 to have a form mailed to you.

HRS: 8:30AM to 5:00 PM, Mon.- Fri. closed for lunch Appointments 5:00 - 6:00PM

Business Tax Returns are due April 18th, 2016 if operating on a calendar year or 4 months after the close of any fiscal year, unless an extension is submitted to the Village of Fairfax. When filing include a copy of the Federal Tax Return filed by your company/business and attach supporting schedules for items added or deducted on Fairfax schedule X, (reverse side of our return). Sole proprietors may file on an "Individual Return" and attach Federal Schedule C.

Withholding on Employee Wages: Earnings Tax of 1.75% must be deducted by each employer on all wages earned in the Village of Fairfax. Employee Withholding is submitted quarterly and is due 15 days after the close of each calendar quarter beginning in 2016.

Annual Reconciliation of Withholding is due February 28 of each year. You must attach W-2's or computer print out giving the same information for each employee and copies of any 1099 Misc. forms issued for work done in the Village of Fairfax. See form for all filing requirements.

Snappy??

Village Rec Programs

ZUMBA!

Every Thursday 6pm
 Fairfax Rec. Center
 Only \$5 a class! www.zumba.com.

Preschool Playgroup

Children 0-6 years
 and their parents.
 Fairfax Rec Center on Thursday mornings from
 9:30am - 11:00am.

5903 Hawthorne Ave.

Hosted by the Village of Fairfax and the Mariemont Preschool Parents Group.

Book Club

The Book Club meets monthly in the Community Room of the Fairfax Rec Center.

To find out when they meet and which book they are currently reading you can call the Rec Dept at 568-4820

COALITION CORNER

MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES AFFECTING OUR YOUTH

On January 11th, the Warrior Coalition was pleased to host Nancy Miller who spoke to the group about mental health issues affecting our youth. Nancy is a resident of Mariemont and founder of the Warrior Run, which commemorates the life of her husband, Jim, who died from suicide in 2008.

Since its creation in 2010, the Warrior Run has been a staunch supporter of the "Surviving the Teens" program at Children's Hospital. In 2014, The Warrior Run expanded its reach through the creation of the High School and College "Fitness Challenge". The goal of the Fitness Challenge is to encourage students to improve their physical and mental fitness and give back to the community by participating in the Warrior Run, volunteering in their community and fundraising for their school or college. All funds raised by students go to create mental health programs at their institution. Since its inception, the Warrior Run has raised over \$350,000 dollars in support of these programs and has been instrumental in raising awareness about mental illness which affects about 20% of youth ages 13-18. In fact, half of all lifetime cases of mental illness begin by age 14. Many of these youth drop out of school, abuse substances and/or end up in the juvenile justice system. Suicide is the third leading cause of death in youth ages 10-24. Annual screening by pediatricians and parental vigilance are critical for early detection and intervention.

Warning signs can include:

- Feeling sad or withdrawn for more than 2 weeks
- Attempts or plans to harm oneself
- Risky behaviors
- Feeling overwhelming fear for no reason
- Changes in eating habits, weight loss or gain
- Severe mood swings
- Repeated use of alcohol or drugs
- Changes in personality, behavior or sleeping habits
- Difficulty concentrating
- Intense worries or fears

If you suspect that one of your children is suffering from mental health issues, talk with your pediatrician and request a referral to a mental health specialist. Many employers have employee assistance programs that can connect families with mental health services. Also, make use of school counselors and be sure to connect with other families who are experiencing similar issues. The National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) is one organization in our area that provides support and education for individuals and families experiencing mental illness.

For more information on this important topic, please join us at 7pm on February 29th at Mariemont Elementary for "Surviving the Teens- The Unrecognized Signs of Depression". This parents -only workshop will be facilitated by Cathy Strunk, MSN, RN, Cincinnati Children's Division of Psychiatry.

"The Warrior Coalition is a community organization focused on protecting the children of the Mariemont City Schools District from substance abuse. Our mission is to provide awareness, education and prevention programs to support our parents and to encourage our children to make healthy choices."

ACTIVE DUTY MEMBERS AND VETERANS

The Village of Fairfax is working to compile a list of residents who are active duty members, as well as a list for veterans who served our armed forces. The Village would like to recognize these members at the Memorial Day services each May. We have collected some names after this past Memorial Day, but know there are many more out there we are missing from the list.

If you, or a family members served in the military, or if you know of someone currently serving, please send their name, branch of service, dates of service (if known). Information can be emailed to jkaminer@fairfaxoh.org or you can mail it to the Village – 5903 Hawthorne Ave, 45227. We appreciate your assistance in this effort.



VILLAGE OF FAIRFAX CHILI COOK-OFF

11:00 am-1:00 pm SATURDAY February 20th, 2016

11:00 AM Judging / 11:30 AM Public Tasting

**Do you make a great pot of chili that gets raves from family and friends?
Then prove it at the Fairfax Chili Cook-off at the RG Cribbet Recreation Center!**

Judges Overall winner goes home with a trophy and \$50!

There will be awards given for the following categories:

- * Mild Chili
- * Medium Chili
- * Hot Chili
- * Vegetarian Chili
- * Specialty Chili
- * Judges overall winner
- *"People's Choice" Award

TO ADD TO THE FUN ~ A GIFT CERTIFICATE TO MAC'S PIZZA WILL BE AWARDED TO THE BEST TABLE DISPLAY!!

Everyone is welcome to attend!

Adults \$5 and Children (12 & under) \$3

—Includes chili sampling, people's choice ballot, food, drinks, and fun!

Samples of each contestant's chili will be provided so that you can vote for your favorite for the "People's Choice" Award.

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CHILI COOK-OFF REGISTRATION FORM

Name _____

Address _____

E-Mail: _____ Phone: _____

Category:

Mild _____ Medium _____ Hot _____ Vegetarian _____ Specialty _____

You can drop off your form at the Municipal Offices or mail it to Chili Cookoff, 5903 Hawthorne Ave., Fairfax, OH 45227.

Questions? Contact Chandra Buswell at 568-4820 or chandrabuswell@yahoo.com for complete contest info.