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ECC Meeting -
March 14th, 7pm
Council Meeting -
March 21st, 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 - April

Deadline - March 20th



The Pig is coming!

The Flying Pig Marathon will again be “flying” thru the Village of Fairfax on May 1st. Mark your calendars!

We will need 40 volunteers to help support the Flying Pig Marathon Water Station located right in front of the Mariemont Junior High on Southern Ave in Fairfax. Watch for more information in the April Forum on how to sign up with the Village of Fairfax’s group.

FAIRFAX ANNUAL MAYOR’S GOLF OUTING MAY 22nd, 2016

This year’s golf outing will be held at California Woods Golf Course.

If you interested in putting together a 4-person team or are an individual player interested in joining a team, please contact Mayor Carson Shelton at cshelton@fairfaxoh.org or Jennifer Kaminer at jkaminer@fairfaxoh.org.

The cost is \$65 per person and includes 18 holes of golf, 2 golf carts per 4-person team, a gift for playing, and appetizers, dinner and drinks after golfing at the RG Cribbet Recreation Center.

The event helps raise funds to support various Events held in the Village of Fairfax throughout the year including the Concert in the Park, Fall Festival and Light Up Fairfax/Holiday Fair.

To register send NAME, NUMBER, EMAIL, PLAYERS NAMES (if a team), and PAYMENT to:

Village of Fairfax
5903 Hawthorne Ave
Fairfax, OH 45227

OR to the emails above.

The Winners of the 2016 Annual Fairfax Chili Cook-off:

Mild	Justin Buswell
Medium	Marie Schneider
Hot	Joe Huskey
Specialty	Chris Rackley
Vegetarian	Joe Huskey
Judge’s Award	Marie Schneider
People’s Choice	Jon Lewis

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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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.

Help Support the 2016 Eliminate 5k

On April 10th, Mariemont High School's Key Club is hosting their third annual Eliminate 5k at MHS Kusel Stadium. In partnership with Kiwanis International and UNICEF, this student-led race raises money for the Eliminate Project, which vaccinates mothers in third world countries to prevent maternal and neonatal tetanus.

Over the past two years, MHS Key Club has raised over \$21,000 for the Eliminate Project, saving over 11,000 families from maternal and neonatal tetanus. In 2013, the race was honored by 4C's Youth Champions for Children, receiving The Next Generation Award. MHS Key Club has been recognized as the top fundraiser for the Eliminate Project in Ohio and also a top 10 Eliminate fundraiser in the world.

Families are encouraged to walk or run in the Eliminate 5k through Mariemont on April 10th and can register at warriors4theworld.org. Also be on the lookout for upcoming fundraisers at the Fairfax Chipotle, where half of the proceeds will go to the Eliminate Project.

Anyone interested in being a sponsor or making a donation can contact Ellie Kapcar at (513) 340-6264 or kapcar.eleanor@mariemontschools.org. All race questions should be directed to Amanda Lewis at (513) 720-9693 or lewis.amanda@mariemontschools.org. Thank you in advance for your support!

WARRIOR COALITION – Supporting our families in developing healthy, resilient children

Raising children..... one of life's most unpredictable journeys. As adults, we have experienced the trials and tribulations of our own "growing up" and as parents, we are determined to shield our offspring from the mistakes we made when we were young. Yet, from birth, personalities are set. Our job is to nurture, guide and understand this little person. When our children are young, we feel in control. We know where they are going, who they are with, what they are putting in their bodies and for the most part, how they are feeling. Life is busy. We don't sleep, we eat off their plates and our schedules are dictated by their naps or moods.

And then it happens. Almost overnight, our little people enter the "calm before the storm" phase. They are more independent yet still close by. They continue to laugh at our jokes and agree to go for long walks..... but only at night to avoid being seen with their mom or dad. Their free time begins to wither away into the technology that we have so lovingly purchased for them. Conversations become one word exchanges. Suddenly, the wind begins to blow and the first sprinkles of adolescence begin to fall. ABANDON SHIP!

The Warrior Coalition wants to be a lifeboat to our families, a **RESOURCE** for the turbulent tides of raising young people. We have expanded our focus in 2016 to include not only substance abuse prevention, but health and wellness. Why? We have learned over the past few years that substance abuse is only one of the challenges facing our children. The pressure to succeed both in the classroom and on the field, stress, and low self-esteem are all factors that can lead to substance abuse or other risky behaviors. These pressures can lead to feelings of inadequacy and depression, even suicidal thoughts. *in the Mariemont City School District*

The Warrior Coalition will work to bring valuable educational programs for our families and information to our community. From our very youngest child to our college kids, we want to empower our children with the **RESILIENCE** to navigate the positive and negative challenges of their young lives. Visit our website at www.warriorcoalition.org or "like" us on Facebook for important resources to help your children live

Fairfax Swim Club Coupon Fairfax Residents

Take 25% off your 2016 Seasonal Membership

Call Lee Jean Zech at 513-561-4649 to request a membership packet

This offer is only valid for Fairfax Residents and MAY NOT be used in conjunction with any other promotions or discounts offered by the swim club. This discount can only be taken with seasonal pricing ONLY. This Coupon MUST be presented with your membership application to receive the discount.

1 coupon per household.

ATTENTION:

Home Owners...

If you have a plumbing problem, Don't Panic!.. "How To Get A 'Top Talent' Plumber to Show Up On -Time, So You Don't Waste Time"

Forsee

Plumbing Co., Inc.

#1 Plumber in Cincinnati
www.forseeplumbing.com
forseeplumbing@yahoo.com
(513) 271-6720

State License PL16160
Master Card and Visa accepted
Fairfax residents; present this ad and you will receive \$10 off the \$39 service call fee.



Consider your options for an active lifestyle at the Cincinnati Sport Club! Year Round Membership: Residents of Fairfax are eligible for special membership rates at the Cincinnati Sports Club thanks to a multi-year agreement signed by Mayor Shelton and Fairfax Council. The Club is a complete solution for health, medical wellness and social needs. Indoor and All-Inclusive memberships are available for Singles, Couples and Families.

Get active with Bootcamp: offered 5 days a week at 5:30am and 9:30 am, non-members can enjoy unlimited class access for a great monthly rate of \$199.

Call 527-4000 or visit www.CincinnatiSportsClub.com to learn more about the Club. Request more details at info.cincinnatiportsclub.com/villageoffairfax.

MARIELDERS NEWS

Italian Festival

THE MARIELDERS will be hosting an Italian Festival from 5:30-9:30pm on Friday, April 15 at the Fairfax Recreation Center. The *Pete Wagner Band* will be back again this year and will start playing at 6:00pm.

During the evening you may purchase tickets for our Raffle Baskets and split the pot.

Dinner for the evening will include Spaghetti/Ravioli with meatballs, salad, Italian Bread, dessert, coffee and tea. Wine and beer will be available for purchase. Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$12 at the door. Children under 12 are \$5. Tickets are available at the MARIELDERS. For more information call 271-5588.

Men's Book Club

New at the Center is our men only book club. This month we will begin with a startup meeting so that those interested can come together and decide how they would like to move forward and what books you would like to read. Our first meeting will be Friday, March 4 at 9:30am. This group will be meeting in the lower level of the Center. Coffee and donuts will be provided. Please sign up by March 3.

Coffee Talk

Mr. Stacey Wolley, a violinist with the Cincinnati Pops will be here on Monday, March 21 at 10:00am to talk about the history and culture of the Cincinnati Pops. In April we will be attending a Pops Concert.

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 Pre-

Annual Kiwanis Golf Scramble Set for May 14th

The Kiwanis Club of Mariemont will hold its annual golf scramble on Saturday, May 14th at Reeves Golf Course at Lunken Airport.

Now in its 16th year, the annual event is the Kiwanis Club's spring fundraiser for local scholarships, helping raise nearly \$15,000 each year for students in Fairfax, Terrace Park and Mariemont.

"This time of year we know everyone is looking forward to getting back out on the course," said Ted Beach, who chairs the event. "We invite everyone, from amateur to pro, to join us for a good time and a good cause."

Cost is \$70 per golfer and includes all fees, golf cart and lunch. Participants can form their own foursome or ask to be organized with others and prizes will once again be awarded for longest drive and putt, as well as most accurate drive and closest to the pin. Contact Ted Beach at 513-252-4258 to sign up or visit MariemontKiwanis.org for more information. Interested supporters can also become a hole sponsor. The deadline to register is May 3rd.

The Kiwanis Club of Mariemont exists to serve the youth of the Mariemont School District, with an emphasis on fundraising for scholarships. To date, the Kiwanis Club has raised over \$200,000 for scholarships, helping nearly 70 students attend college. All our invited to attend a weekly meeting. The club meets every Tuesday morning at 7:45 AM in the Mariemont Elementary school cafeteria. A continental breakfast is provided with meetings lasting less than one hour and featuring a local speaker.

Tax Season Reminders

2015 Village of Fairfax Tax Returns are due April 18, 2016

All residents 18 years of age or older must file a tax return with the Village of Fairfax. This includes those who rent. Late filing charge applies even if no tax is due.

Due date changed to comply with federal due date.

Taxes are based on an individual's earned income. You must submit W-2's, 1099Misc. forms, Schedule E, Schedule C, and other income statements (interest, dividends and retirement income are NOT taxed by Fairfax). More details on how to calculate the tax due and fill out your Return will be in the April Forum or call the Tax Office for a copy of the February 2016 tax article 513-527-6506.

IMPORTANT: 2015 Returns were mailed as of 12-31-15 "only estimated tax paid by 12-31-15" will show on your return. Any payments you made after 12-31-15 need to be added to your credits on line 5b when you calculate your return.

Tax Returns also are on our website, www.fairfaxohio.org or available in the lobby of our Municipal Building. The lobby is open Mon. – Fri., 9:00 am to 5:00 pm. Not receiving a tax form does not excuse anyone from filing a Tax Return.

If you file a federal extension, you must "also file an extension with the Village of Fairfax". Any tax estimated to be due for 2015 must be paid with your extension to avoid penalty and/or interest charges. Remember extensions are only for filing your return, and do not extend the time in which to pay tax due.

Any questions about your 2015 Fairfax Tax Return call the Tax Office 527-6506.

HOURS: 8:30AM to 5:00PM, Mon. – Fri. (lunch 12 – 1:30) appointments 5-6:00 PM.

"NEW RESIDENTS" and THOSE WHO MOVED SINCE FILING THEIR TAX RETURN MUST REGISTER. Please call the Tax Office at 527-6506 promptly.

Tax Tips: 1) File early to avoid late filing fees.

2) Make an estimated tax payment now to avoid owing a large amount on

April 18. (Estimated tax is based on the prior year's tax.)

***REMEMBER TO ADD ANY ESTIMATED TAX PAID AFTER 12-31-15**

TO THE CREDIT ON LINE 5b OF YOUR 2015 TAX RETURN.

3) Husband and wife can file a joint return for Fairfax regardless of how they

file their State and Federal Returns.

4) Check your pay stub for local tax paid. You should only pay local tax to the

place where you work or live. (If you find an error, contact your company's

payroll department immediately.)

FAIRFAX CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

The Village of Fairfax is now taking nominations for Fairfax Citizen of the Year to be announced at our Memorial Day Services on Monday May 30, 2015. Please include the person's name and reason for their nomination including any known service and involvement to the community. Current employees of the Village are not eligible for nomination. You may submit your nominations to Administrator Jennifer Kaminer at jkaminer@fairfaxoh.org or Mayor Carson Shelton at cshelton@fairfaxoh.org.

Community Easter Egg Hunt

**When: Saturday, March 19
(Rain Date: March 26 at 1:00)**

Time: 1:00

**Where: The Fairfax Picnic Shelter
On Southern Ave.**

(Ziegler Park)

For Ages: 2 - 11

Hosted By:

**The Fairfax Church of
The Nazarene**

**3802 Watterson Rd
Cincinnati, Ohio 45227**

Pastor Jack Bimber

271-5063

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.

Destination Imagination Public Service Project

On Tuesday February 16, 2016 one of the Destination Imagination (DI) teams from the Mariemont School District attended the Fairfax Council meeting to present their project to partner with and support Ohio Alleycat Resources (OAR). OAR's mission is to capture, spay/neuter, and provide shelter for stray and feral cats in Hamilton County. Cats reproduce rapidly, and it is estimated there are over 150,000 stray and feral cats residing in this county. The DI team is collecting donations to help defray the costs of food, shelter, and spay/neuter services. To donate, please contact Mr. Eric Marsland at emarsland@gmail.com. To contact OAR, use the following information: Clinic: 513-871-0185; Rescue: 513-871-7297; or Email: info@ohioalleycat.org

