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Cincinnati Sports Club—  
Upcoming Health and Wellness Events



**Controlling High Blood Pressure: When Medications Aren't Enough** — Wed., October 2, 6pm – 7pm  
Millions of Americans suffer from a condition known as resistant hypertension—high blood pressure that remains uncontrolled despite medications, and increases the risk of heart attack, stroke, heart failure, kidney disease and death. John Szawaluk, MD, a cardiologist and hypertension specialist with The Christ Hospital Physicians – Ohio Heart & Vascular, will discuss a new multidisciplinary approach and treatment options for resistant hypertension. Call 585-1000 to register.

**Saturday Concussion Clinic** — Oct. 4, 11, 18, 25, 9am-10am (The Christ Hospital Physician Offices – 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor of CSC)  
Edward Marcheschi, MD, ImPACT® -credentialed concussion consultant and sports medicine specialist with The Christ Hospital Physicians will offer Walk-In Sports Concussion Clinics. The clinics provide concussion evaluation and management. To learn more, please call 513-333-2580.

**Breaking the Pain Chain** — Tuesdays, October 8, 15, 22 and 29 (4 Week Session) 10am - Noon  
The Arthritis Foundation's Breaking the Pain Chain program is a four-week, interactive series designed to teach you about the tools and techniques for breaking the cycle of pain caused by arthritis. Each four-week series covers topics including: diagnosis, medications, nutrition, complementary therapies, exercise and stress management. Call 585-1000 to register.

**General Joint Screening – Shoulder, Knee, Back or Foot** — Friday, Oct. 11, 4pm-6pm / Tuesday, Oct. 22, 9:30am– 11:30am  
The Christ Hospital Wellness and Physical Therapy Center will provide a complimentary joint screening at the CSC. A brief history and exam designed to troubleshoot and modify activities and exercise will be covered. Please call 527-4000 to reserve.

**Flu Shots** — Wednesday, October 9, 10:30am – 11:30am — Cost is \$25 and may be charged to your Club account.

To find a physician for your health and wellness needs, visit [www.thechristhospital.com](http://www.thechristhospital.com) or call 513-585-1000.

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**Village of Fairfax**  
Council Mtg - October 21st, 7:30pm  
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R.G. Cribbet Recreation Hall rental, Community Room rental, Ziegler Park Picnic Shelter reservations, and field use permits. Call Chandra Buswell, Rec. Dept. Supervisor : 568-4820

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

Articles and photographs are welcomed. Please contact the editor 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 - November  
Deadline – October 20th

**Children's Halloween Party**  
Friday, October 25th 7pm - 9pm Free!  
RG Cribbet Recreation Center  
GAMES AND ACTIVITIES! GOODIES AND TREATS!  
Please bring a snack to share!! NO CANDY!!  
Drinks available for sale in the concession stand.  
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!  
CALL CHANDRA AT 271-8154 TO VOLUNTEER

Have a home based business?  
Are you a crafter?

Then you are invited to participate at the Annual Light Up Fairfax event to be held on **Sunday, Dec. 1st, 2013.**

Light Up Fairfax will include caroling, horse-drawn carriage rides, a visit from Santa and Mrs. Claus, cookies and hot chocolate with the craft show/boutique inside our recreation center.



Participants will be provided with (1) 8' banquet table and 2 chairs for \$15. An additional table may be rented for \$15. We look forward to featuring lots of great crafts at this year's event! If you have any questions, please contact Chandra Buswell at [chandrabuswell@yahoo.com](mailto:chandrabuswell@yahoo.com) or 513-568-4820.

Volunteers Needed

The 2013 Cincy Warrior run, Benefiting Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center, and the Surviving the Teens® program will be held this year on Saturday, **October 12th**, at 5:30pm at the Mariemont Bell Tower. We are looking for volunteers to help with course management, set-up, tear-down, and post-race activities. If you would like to volunteer please take a moment to register here: <http://www.volunteerspot.com/login/entry/1244512964018>  
Thank you in advance.  
Regards,  
2013 Cincy Warrior Run Race Committee  
Find us on FaceBook  
<https://www.facebook.com/CincyWarriorRun>

## Meet Kurt Heffner

Kurt Heffner has been employed at the Village of Fairfax in the Maintenance Department since June 1992. Kurt’s specialty is electrical and plumbing work.

Kurt was also a volunteer firefighter with the Little Miami Joint Fire District. He began as a volunteer with the Fairfax Volunteer Fire Department in June 1989, continued with the formation of the Fairfax-Madison Place Joint Fire District and eventually the Little Miami Joint Fire District. He retired on June 1, 2013 after serving 24 years and thousands of hours of volunteer time to our community. We congratulate Kurt on his many years of service!

During his spare time, Kurt enjoys hunting, fishing, camping and traveling. He is also active with the Sycamore Sportman’s Club and works on the annual Shrine Shoot to raise monies for research at Shriner’s Hospital. This year’s event raised funds of over \$56,000 that was sent directly to Shriner’s. He is also involved with the Saraphim Ranch Hunt Club and volunteers with the men and women’s junior achievement charity events.



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## The Neighborhood Watch

The Neighborhood Watch would like to thank everyone who visited the Bake Sale Booth at the Fall Festival. We met new residents to the Village and had a chance to catch up with our neighbors. We would also like to send a BIG THANK-YOU to everyone who donated the baked goods and everyone who ate the baked goods. We had another successful booth because of each and everyone of you!!!

The Fairfax Civic Association and the Neighborhood Watch also want to send a BIG THANK-YOU to everyone who donated cards, signed cards and donated items for the troops. This was also a huge success. The residents of Fairfax are very generous people. This is what makes our Village a great place to live.

Parents, if you have children Trick or Treating make sure they have light colors or reflective tape on their costumes, go with friends, walk on sidewalks, careful crossing streets and only go to homes with porch lights on. It is also a good idea if a group of parents follow behind the children no matter what age they are. If you are giving out treats, please turn on your porch lights and make sure there is a clear walkway to your home. We know we say this every year but it is important to the children's safety.

The next meeting of the Neighborhood Watch is **Oct. 17th** @7pm in the Recreation Center. Everyone is invited to the meeting. We have 9 residents running for 4 spots on Village Council. We have invited them to come to the meeting so they can tell us their goals and there will be a Q&A after everyone running have has spoken.

We hope to see you at the meeting.

*Working together we can make Fairfax an even better place to live, work, shop and play.*

## MARIELDERS OCTOBER NEWS:

**Medicare Information Talk** Tuesday October 1st, 11:00am. FREE MARIELDERS 1st Floor

Turning 65? Retiring soon? Looking to make a change during the annual enrollment period? We are hosting an education seminar. Learn more about all the Medicare Programs available and which one is more appropriate for your medical needs. At this time you may also sign up to have a one on one consultation with a professional who will provide you with specific information about which program is best for you.

**Book Sale & Art Sale** Thursday and Friday October 10th & 11th, 10am to 3pm

Where: MARIELDERS outside weather permitting and MARIELDERS Basement

MARIELDERS will be having a used book sale, due to all the books left after our June Junque Sale. We will set up outside weather permitting. If you can help sell for an hour or two during the two day sale please sign up on the Center bulletin board. We also could use shoppers so come on in and shop and remember to tell your family, friends, and neighbors.

**Amish trip** Wednesday October 16th, 9:00am. Cost: \$35.00 for members, \$40.00 for non-members (Lunch on own) Where: Meet at Mariemont Elementary School Parking Lot. We will explore the Amish of our area by visiting the Amish in Adams, Brown, and Clermont Counties. Sign up with a paid reservation at the Center front desk by September 16th. Transportation will be on a deluxe motor coach.

**Casino trip** Wednesday October 23rd, 10:00am. Cost: \$5.00 for members, \$7.00 for non-members

Where: Meet at MARIELDERS. Come and see what all the hype is about as we visit Cincinnati’s new Horse-show Casino. We went in June and had a lot of fun and everyone would like to go again, so here we go. The casino will give you a free buffet lunch just for coming down and checking it out. We will be going on a Wednesday which is senior day, and you will be entered in a drawing to win \$55.00 every hour. Sign up with a paid reservation at the Center front desk by October 11th.

**Mystery trip & Lunch** Wednesday October 30th, 10.45am. Cost: \$3.00 for members, \$5.00 for non-members (lunch on own) Where: Meet at MARIELDERS. This month we are taking a mystery day trip to a local town where we will first be able to select more mysteries, then have a wonderful Italian lunch, and browse at various shops that offer even more mysterious items. Are you in the mood for a mystery? Sign up with a paid reservation at the Center front desk by October 23rd.

**Veterans day lunch** Monday November 11th, 12:00pm. Cost: \$3.50 for members, \$5.00 for non-members, Veterans are FREE Where: MARIELDERS Basement. Calling all Veterans, come and enjoy a wonderful home cooked lunch at MARIELDERS. Everyone is welcome to celebrate our veterans young and old. If you know someone please invite them to come with you. Sign up at the Center front desk with a paid reservation by November 6th.

**Amy grant & Vince gill holiday concert** Tuesday December 17th, 6:00pm Cost: \$75.00 for members, \$80.00 for non-members. Meet at MARIELDERS. The Cincinnati Pops Orchestra has added a “dream team” singing duo to its elite holiday offerings, welcoming back cross-genre superstar Amy Grant along with Country Music Hall of Famer Vince Gill for a one-night-only concert event at Music Hall on Tuesday, December 17. The pair will be performing traditional holiday favorites as well as new classics from their multi-platinum Christmas albums. Sign up with a paid reservation at the Center front desk with a paid reservation by November 20th.

## ATTENTION: Home Owners...

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# ATTENTION: 2012 Returns with Extension are Due 10-31-13

All extended Returns are due Oct. 31, 2012.

*If you use a tax preparer, please verify that your Fairfax return was/will be filed on time. Late filing fees apply to extended Returns after 10-31-13. Interest applies from 4-15-13.*

**We will prepare your Fairfax Return free of charge.** Individuals need to bring all 2012 W-2's, 1099 Misc. forms and/or other income statements to our Tax Office. If you were self- employed or had rental income during 2012, bring your completed Federal Schedule C or E. **\*If you misplaced your 2012 W-2's, etc. contact your employer or tax preparer to get new copies.** "Businesses need to attach a copy of their Federal Return."

**HOURS: 8:30AM to 5:00PM (lunch 12:00 – 1:30)** Evenings and Sat. by appointment

**Don't forget the drop box by the side door for after-hours payments and papers.**

**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.

**OBTAINING FORMS:** 1) Tax forms and instructions are available from our Website, [www.fairfaxohio.org](http://www.fairfaxohio.org) 2) Forms are also available in the lobby of the Municipal Building 9:00AM - 4:30 PM Monday - Friday. 3) In January of each year tax forms are mailed to registered residents and businesses in the Village. **However not receiving a form does not excuse anyone from filing a tax return.** \*To Register, if you are a new resident or moved since filing you last tax return, call the tax office 527-6506.

## Received a notice that the 2012 Tax Return you filed was incomplete?

You need to reply promptly.

**Any Tax Return remaining incomplete after 30 days of the 1<sup>st</sup> notice is considered "unfiled" and is subject to legal action and late filing fees.** If you are not sure what to submit to complete your return, call the Tax Office 527- 6506.

**If you receive a correction notice stating additional tax due,** you must submit tax due and "signed copy of the corrected 2012 Tax Return" by the due date in your notice. Other corrections also require "signed copy" of the corrected 2012 Return.

## POLICY FOR LATE FILING FEE and LATE PAYMENT OF TAX

- 1.) Late filing fee of \$15.00 to \$30.00 charged even if no tax is due.
- 2.) Past due Tax, penalty 1% per month and/or interest 1% per month on balance due.
- 3.) 1<sup>st</sup> time filers are exempt from late filing fee, but still pay penalty and interest. **(However, if a taxpayer does not respond to our letters, they still can be subject to late filing fee, penalty and/ or interest, and possible legal action.)**

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.



# COMMUNITY INFORMATION

**Looking Out for our Senior Citizen's Program:** Please contact Officer Lee Day to sign up or recommend a family member or neighbor for this program. 513-272-9947.

**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 event announcements. Please contact the police department at 271-7250 to register.

## Useful Phone Numbers:

Rumpke missed pick-ups 513-742-2900

Report Street Light or Traffic Light Out: Jill Kessler, Fairfax Police Dept. 513-272-9941

# FAIRFAX ENTERS INTO A PRELIMINARY AGREEMENT FOR A JED ZONE

The Village of Fairfax and Columbia Township recently entered into an agreement that would allow for the establishment of a Joint Economic Development Zone (JED Zone) in Columbia Township. The Ohio Revised Code allows for the formation of a JED Zone, whereby a township can apply a portion of a neighboring municipality's earnings tax upon a defined zone within the township. This allows the collection of earnings tax in a township where this is currently none. The funds collected by the township must be used for infrastructure and other economic development improvements within the zone.

Since townships do not normally collect earnings tax, they do not employ tax department personnel. The agreement will allow for the Village of Fairfax tax department to collect the earnings tax on behalf of the township. The agreement requires that the township cover all costs associated with collecting this additional tax including the hiring of additional personnel and any equipment needed for that purpose.

The agreement also allows for the municipality to share in a portion of the earnings tax collected within the JED Zone. These earnings are over and above the funds the Village would receive to assist in tax collection. The Village of Fairfax will receive 10% of all funds collected within Columbia Township. It is not known exactly how much funds will be collected, but a study was performed in Columbia Township that estimates our earnings would be approximately \$50,000 annually, with potential to grow as economic development and reinvestment happens within the township.

Village council can determine what these funds can be used for on an annual basis. There will be not specific use requirements tied to these funds. It will provide additional earnings to our budget that otherwise our Village would never receive. In these economic times, any additional earnings are a benefit to keeping our Village operations running smoothly while remaining financially stable.

**For any Fairfax residents that happen to work in Columbia Township, it is important to understand that you will not be charged any additional taxes.** If you work in any township, you are aware that there is no local tax collected, so you are subject to pay the municipality you live in their earnings tax rate. For Fairfax, you have been paying the Village 1.75% of your earnings each year. Fairfax gives credit for any taxes taken out in other municipalities up to our 1.75% rate. Since Columbia Township is proposing a 1% earnings tax in the JED Zone, that percentage would be withheld from your paycheck. You would only owe Fairfax the additional .75% in earnings tax bringing the total to the 1.75% tax you normally pay.

Columbia Township is required to put the proposed JED Zone issue on the ballot for their residents to vote on. If the issue passes, the JED Zone will become a reality and the Village will begin working with Columbia Township to get things ready for the agreement to take effect in 2014. For more information about the JED Zone, or to view the JED Zone Agreement, please contact the Clerk's office at 57-6505.

## Friendly, stress-free moving at pricing you can afford

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EkoMovers client and Days of Wonder School Founder Cyntia Day says, "In preparation for our move, I dreaded one particular item on my to-do list: Call several movers, have them come out for an estimate, give me a quote which wouldn't be the final cost ... I could not have had a more different experience with EkoMovers! Overall it was the best decision I ever made for my family when choosing a service company."



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## Mariemont Hosts First of Many “Career Chats”

On September 24, the College & Career Planning Center welcomed James Biro, Director of Operations at Kellogg for the first Career Chat. Career Chat is a new, monthly student lunch series that connects students with highly regarded professionals in a variety of career fields.

Mr. Biro shared his career experiences and answered student questions relating to his background in chemical engineering, earning his MBA, working for Proctor and Gamble, Mead Johnson and his current assignment at Kellogg. Mr. Biro's current position includes a broad variety of responsibilities in overseeing a production plant of over 500 hundred employees - Kellogg operates 24 hours a day to produce massive amounts of products shipped all over the nation.

Mr. Biro encouraged students to always seize opportunities to learn something new within their career. When deciding on careers to pursue, Mr. Biro felt it is important to not only consider the coursework involved but visualize what life will look like once qualified.

Career Chat was designed to assist students in gaining a broader sense of career perspective and awareness.



## Mariemont City Schools Partners with Mercy Health & Wellington Orthopaedic & Sports Medicine

The Mariemont City School District, Mercy Health and Wellington Orthopaedic & Sports Medicine are pleased to announce a new school-community partnership that aims to enhance wellness opportunities for district students. The school district has had a long-standing relationship with Wellington Orthopaedic, as one of the first schools to receive trainer coverage and care from Wellington. Over the past six years, this relationship has grown from a subscription for trainer coverage at Mariemont sporting events to a sponsor partnership with Wellington.

Under this partnership agreement, Mercy Health and Wellington will provide a certified athletic trainer to serve as the primary athletic trainer for Mariemont High School, as well as a team physician. The athletic trainer will work under the advice and counsel of the team physician. Other benefits of the partnership include:

- Convenient, complete physicals
- Provision of courses that the State of Ohio requires coaches to take
- Educational opportunities for students, including internships and a wide array of educational services, such as guest speakers for classes and a student athletic training program
- Discounted HealthPlex membership for students
- Physician, nurse practitioner or physician assistant support for school nurse

Healthcare and preventive services for staff, faculty and the community

“Mercy Health and Wellington Orthopaedic & Sports Medicine are proud to continue and build upon a longstanding relationship with Mariemont City Schools, supporting the athletes of Mariemont High School,” said Denver Stanfield, MD, Community Outreach Leader for Wellington.

Wellington has sponsored district events, such as the Mariemont Men's Sports Stag and the Mariemont Athletic Boosters Golf Outing. With the partnership of Mercy Health and Wellington Orthopaedic, the school has received a sponsorship from Mercy Health, which includes a five-year sponsorship of the district's athletic program, athletic trainer coverage of sporting events and health initiatives that will be rolled out into school district communities over the next year.