

**FAIRFAX FORUM**

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**Cincinnati Sports Club—  
Upcoming Health and Wellness Events**

**General Joint Screening – Shoulder, Knee, Back or Foot**

Friday, January 10, 9:30am-11:30am  
The Christ Hospital Wellness and Physical Therapy Center will provide a complimentary joint screening at the Cincinnati Sports Club. A brief history and exam designed to troubleshoot and modify activities and exercise programs will be covered. Please call 527-4000 to reserve your time.

**Muscle-Tendon-Ligament Screening**

Tuesday, January 21, Noon – 1pm  
Have a muscle, tendon or ligament problem? Let a sports medicine doctor show you how these issues are evaluated using ultrasound. The Christ Hospital will provide complimentary screenings at the Cincinnati Sports Club. Please call 527-4000 to reserve your time.

**The Healing Power of Blood – Innovations in Treating Tendon and Joint Pains**

Tuesday, January 28, 6:30pm-7:30pm  
Dr. Marcheschi of The Christ Hospital will discuss the PRP (Platelet Rich Plasma) process which is a new treatment that uses a person's blood to treat soft tissue injuries affecting muscles, tendons, or ligaments. PRP uses your body's own resources to replace unhealthy tissue with healthy tissue.

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

# Fairfax Forum

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**Village of Fairfax**

**Council Meeting -**

**January 20th, 7:30pm**

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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

We hope you enjoy this  
issue of the Fairfax  
Forum which is published  
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the residents and busi-  
nesses in our village.

Articles and photographs  
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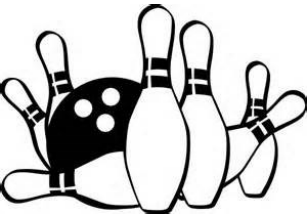
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Next Issue - February

Deadline – January 20th

***Village of Fairfax  
Fourth Annual  
Family Bowling Day***  
January 26th ~ 1:00pm @ ***Madison  
Bowl***



4761 Madison, Cincinnati, OH 45227

To sign up teams/families for the two games of the day email:  
[chandrabuswell@yahoo.com](mailto:chandrabuswell@yahoo.com) or [jkaminer@fuse.net](mailto:jkaminer@fuse.net).  
\$10 per person.

This is a family friendly event that is intended for all bowling skill levels.

There will be trophies and split the pot.

Need not live in Fairfax to join the fun.

We enjoy this event with our friends and family from outside the village as well.

## FROM THE DESK OF THE MAYOR

Happy New Year to all of our residents, businesses, and visitor. May you have a HEALTHY, Safe and PROSPEROUS new year! The administration staff, council, police, and maintenance departments continue to work hard to make sure we have a safe and prosperous Village. I would like to thank all of our volunteers for all of their hard work thru out this year. With your hard work and dedication, it always makes our job so much easier.

To the events committee and staff, led by Chandra Buswell thank you for a job well done. I would also like to thank our Maintenance Department for their assistance with all of their work on making these events a success as well. Starting with the bowling outing in January, to Light up Fairfax in December, every event was a big success. If anyone would like more information or to participate in these events this year please contact Chandra or our Village Administrator Jennifer Kaminer.

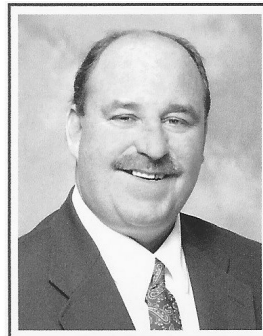
In closing I would like welcome our new Council members, Russell Riffle, Ginny Cammerisi, and Dan Dockery. I am looking forward to working with you and the rest of council. I know that all of you will work hard at keeping the Village moving in a positive light as all Council's before you have done. As always, with incoming council members we have to say goodbye to old friends. Joanne Telgkamp, Don Kessel, and Sharon Lally we thank you for your many years of hard work and dedication to the Village.

## The Neighborhood Watch

Happy New Year!!! As you are making your New Year's resolutions consider adding the Neighborhood Watch to your list. Becoming an active member takes just 3 easy steps. First make the commitment to make your home as safe as possible, second watch out for your neighbors and third attend the meetings as time allows you to. We welcome everyone to join the group. The more people who are involved the stronger and more effective the group is.

Our next meeting is **January 16th, 2014** @7pm in the Recreation Center. The meetings last about 1 hour. The Fairfax Police are at the meetings to answer our questions and discuss our concern about our neighborhood. We share safety tips and ideas to make Fairfax an even better place to live. We hope to see you at the meeting

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



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## The FYO Dance

A Fundraiser for the Fairfax Youth Organization.

Saturday, **February 15th** 8:00 to Midnight

Fairfax Rec Center

\$15.00 per person

21 and over

Beer and snacks provided

DJ and awesome door prizes

## Hedge Above Landscaping

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\*Only a limited number of customers accepted for snow removal so be sure to sign up early!

## Book Club

**The One and Only Ivan**

by Katherine Applegate



We do realize this is a book written for teens however many of us have heard it is a great read. We also felt that after the more complex book we just read it would be nice for a light read.

We will meet on Tuesday, January 21st at 7:30pm in the Community Room of the Fairfax Rec Center.

Feel free to bring an appetizer or beverage to share.

Preschool Playgroup  
for children 0-6years and their parents .  
Thursday mornings from  
9:30am - 11:00am.  
Fairfax Rec Center  
5903 Hawthorne Ave.  
Hosted by the Village Rec Dept. and MPPG.

## Trim Your Holiday Waste



The Hamilton County Recycling and Solid Waste District wants to remind everyone there are easy ways to reduce your waste and recycle odd items this holiday season.

### Reduce Waste in the First Place

An extra 25 million tons of waste is produced between Thanksgiving and New Year's. Easy ways everyone can help reduce holiday waste this season are to bring your own reusable bags when shopping, reuse gift boxes, plan meals wisely to minimize food waste, and purchase rechargeable batteries.

### Don't Forget About Recycling

Remember to recycle these items from holiday gatherings in your curbside bin/cart or community recycling drop-off:

- Gift boxes and wrapping paper (not foil). It's even better to save boxes to reuse later.
- Christmas cards and envelopes
- Glass bottles and jars, and metal caps from beer bottles
- Paper cards, envelopes, newspaper, advertisements and junk mail
- Aluminum and steel food and drink cans
- Eggnog cartons and juice boxes

For a complete list of acceptable recyclables, visit [www.HamiltonCountyRecycles.org](http://www.HamiltonCountyRecycles.org).

### Let your Christmas Tree Live on

After the holidays, plan to recycle your Christmas tree and holiday greenery at the Hamilton County Recycling and Solid Waste District's free yard trimmings drop-off program. Yard trimmings drop-off sites will be open on **Saturday, January 4 and Saturday, January 11 from noon to 3 p.m.** to turn Christmas trees and other yard trimmings into mulch. Remove all decorations, tinsel, ornaments and tree bags from holiday greenery. Locations for the yard trimmings drop-off sites **nearest Fairfax** is Bzak Landscaping, 3295 Turpin Lane (off Rt. 32) in Anderson Township

### Recycle your Old Electronics

Recycle any unwanted computer equipment or televisions. The Hamilton County Recycling and Solid Waste District's free computer/TV drop-off program will be open on **Saturday, January 18 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** in the Colerain High School parking lot located at 8801 Cheviot Road, Cincinnati, Ohio 45251. This program is for Hamilton County residents only; businesses, churches, schools and non-profit organizations are prohibited. For a list of acceptable items, or to find other outlets for electronic waste, visit [www.HamiltonCountyRecycles.org](http://www.HamiltonCountyRecycles.org).

### Questions?

For more information, please call the Recycling Hotline at 946-7766, visit [www.HamiltonCountyRecycles.org](http://www.HamiltonCountyRecycles.org), or interact with us on [Twitter](https://twitter.com/HamCoRecycling) (@HamCoRecycling) and [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/HamiltonCountyRecycling) ([www.facebook.com/HamiltonCountyRecycling](https://www.facebook.com/HamiltonCountyRecycling))



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# TAX TIPS AND TOPICS

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*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.*

## 2013 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 or 4 digits. Social Security numbers won't appear on tax forms.

**TAX RATE:** 1.75% for 2013 Returns and the 2014 estimated tax.

### DUE DATE:

- 1) Resident and individual 2013 tax returns are due **“April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2014”**.
- 2) Business tax returns also due **“April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2014”** if operating on a calendar year or 4 months after the close of a iscal year. “Extensions also are due April 15th, 2014 and are for filing the return not payment of tax.” If you file an extension with Fairfax, you must pay any 2013 tax estimated to be due by April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2014.

### OBTAINING FORMS:

- 1) Forms are available in the lobby of the Municipal Building 9:30AM - 5:00PM Monday - Friday.
- 2) January 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](http://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 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 2013 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 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 form for verification of each item.** Carry total to front, list on line 2a (loss/deduction) or 2b (profit).

- 1. Include 1099 "Miscellaneous Income" forms issued by your employers.
- 2. Include Federal Schedule C for profit or loss from a business. This applies if you are self-employed or a sole proprietor.
- 3. 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.
- 4. 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 2013 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.

**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 on form.***

*Estimated Tax for 2014: Estimated tax is due quarterly on any estimated liability of \$100.00 or more. Failure to pay estimated tax may result in an interest charge. Estimated tax form is on our website [www.fairfaxoh.org](http://www.fairfaxoh.org) or call 527-6506 to have a form mailed to you.*

**HOURS: 8:30AM to 5:00 PM, Mon.- Fri. (closed for lunch) Evening by appointment**

**Business Tax Returns** are due April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2014 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 30 days after the close of each calendar quarter.

**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.

# WARRIOR COALITION

## New local coalition launched to address alcohol and drug abuse among youth in the Mariemont School District

Alcohol and other drug use among teens is a major public health problem in the United States. Every community, including the Mariemont School District, is affected by the decisions of our young people, as is every family. To address these problems in our own community, the Warrior Coalition is being developed as part of the Coalition for a Drug-Free Greater Cincinnati (CDFGC), an organization co-founded by Terrace Park resident, Senator Rob Portman. The Warrior Coalition is a grass-roots effort led by local government officials and parents from the District, which encompasses the Village of Fairfax, the Village of Mariemont, the Village of Terrace Park and parts of Columbia Tusculum.

Based on data produced by the 2012 PRIDE Survey of Mariemont junior high and high school students, the Warrior Coalition will address the high rates of alcohol and marijuana use by youth in our district. In addition, results from a parent survey in November 2012, indicated that parents believe a problem exists in our district and over 88% responded that they would support the development of a local coalition. On October 24, 2013, the official launch of the Warrior Coalition was held as a community-wide event which included a presentation of the 2012 PRIDE Survey data results as well as an open forum discussion with the three local police chiefs. This event was well attended and now the Warrior Coalition is ready to move forward with executing our mission: Awareness, Education and Prevention.

In 2014, the Warrior Coalition will focus on underage binge drinking and marijuana use by our youth. To address these problems and to empower parents, the Warrior Coalition will develop a Parenting Speaker Series that will feature experts in the area of youth substance abuse. These speakers will educate parents about warning signs of substance abuse and offer intervention strategies. Second, the Warrior Coalition will host another community event with the three police chiefs to discuss the problems they observe in our area. This event will be an open forum and parents will be able to ask questions. Finally, in the Fall of 2014, the Warrior Coalition would like to host a Youth Summit on Alcohol at Mariemont High School and Mariemont Junior High. Select students will be invited to attend the Summit to discuss why teenagers drink and how they can help change the culture of substance abuse.

The Warrior Coalition will also develop its own website and use social networking sites, such as Facebook and Twitter, to announce upcoming events and to disseminate information to parents and students.

Bringing these programs to fruition necessitates dedicated volunteers, parental support, as well as financial assistance. The Warrior Coalition will seek grant funding and donations to meet objectives in 2014.

If you would like to assist the Warrior Coalition in creating a safer, healthier environment for the children of the Mariemont School district, please contact Melanie Stutenroth at [www.stutenroth@terracepark.org](mailto:www.stutenroth@terracepark.org).

ZUMBA

Every Thursday at 6pm!!

In the Fairfax Rec. Center!

Only \$6 a class! [www.zumba.com](http://www.zumba.com).

### Basketball Open Gym:

Adult Open Gym every Wednesday evening from 8:30pm to 10pm.

Inside the Mariemont Junior High (3806 Southern Ave)

During the basketball sport season we will yield to the FYO teams if their practice goes over in time. This may mean that occasionally on Weds nights we won't start until 9pm.

## 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"

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Master Card and Visa accepted

Fairfax residents; present this ad and you will receive \$10 off the \$39 service call fee.

# 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 event 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 year-round on Mondays.** Please remember that any piles of yard waste or similar debris in your yards can attract unwanted critters. All items must be bundled in 4 foot lengths and bundled 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.

**Best Decorated House Contest winner is 3821 Carlton**

**Congratulations and Thank You for making Fairfax so festive this holiday!**

*There's a change in the neighborhood!!*

*Life is about change, are you ready for a life change?*

*Join us at the **New Life Worship Center** every **Sunday** morning at 10:30 AM at 3731 Southern Ave.*

*We look forward to meeting you!*

*In The Master's Service*

*<http://www.churchofgodfairfax.org/>*

## VILLAGE EVENTS FOR 2014

### SAVE THE DATE

Family Bowling Tournament - January 26th

FYO Dance\* - February 15th

Chili Cook-off - March 22nd

Flying Pig Marathon Water Station - May 4th

Village Wide Yard Sale Day - May 17th

Memorial Day - May 26th

Concert in the Park - June 20th

Co-Ed Softball Tournament - July TBA

Fairfax Fall Festival - September 5th & 6th

Village Wide Yard Sale Day - September 20th

Kids Halloween Party - October TBA

Light Up Fairfax - December 7th

Please note that dates could change. If a date change occurs we will be sure to have it mentioned in the Fairfax Forum or on the Village of Fairfax Facebook Page.

\*Not hosted by the Village of Fairfax