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**ECC Meeting -**  
**March 10th, 7pm**  
**Council Meeting -**  
**March 17th, 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 or email at [chandrabuswell@yahoo.com](mailto: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

## Local Woman Gives Back, Needs Your Help

Amanda Huskey is hosting a fundraiser to earn the money needed for her journey to give service in the Dominican Republic.

Her fundraiser will include raffles to win prizes, a bin to donate kid toys (travel size), and multiple vendors to buy items. Vendors include Scentsy, Tastefully Simple, Origami Owl, Mary Kay, Thirty-One, Pampered Chef, Avon, Miss Em's Jewelry, Tupperware, and Perfectly Posh!

The event will be held at Fairfax Rec. Center from 1:00-4:00pm on Sunday, March 9th!



## Letter to the Editor

I wanted to thank the gentleman who cleared the sidewalks on Nightingale Drive for all of his neighbors with his snow blower on Saturday, Feb. 15th. His acts of kindness did not go unnoticed. It was greatly appreciated. Thank you.  
Nancy Robson

**ATTENTION!!**  
The Tax Dept. has moved to the 1<sup>st</sup> floor. Use the front entrance of the Municipal Bldg. and follow the signs.

## Cincinnati Sports Club—

### Upcoming Health and Wellness Events

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

Friday, March 7, 4pm-6pm

Whatever it is that is bothering you, come and get it checked out. 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**

Monday, March 17, 7am-8am

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 New Healing Injection – Learn Why Blood Injections are Replacing Cortisone Injections**

Wednesday, March 26, 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 healing and regenerative 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.

## Warrior Coalition to host "Hidden In Plain Sight" event

Please join the Warrior Coalition on Thursday, April 10th at 7:00 pm at Mariemont High School gymnasium for this adult only, interactive exhibit. The "Hidden In Plain Sight" program is presented by the police departments of Bath Township and Copley in Ohio. During this program, parents are invited to tour an exhibit that resembles a teenager's bedroom. This mock bedroom contains approximately 150 items which indicate dangerous, risky behaviors such as substance abuse, eating disorders, sexual activity, etc. Following the tour, the officers will discuss the items in the room and present valuable information about protecting our teenagers. Don't miss this educational evening!

The Warrior Coalition Task Force will be meeting the 2nd Monday of every month at 7:30 p.m. and will rotate through each community. Our next meeting will be Monday, March 10 at 7:30 p.m. in the Community Room of the R.G. Cribbet Rec Center in Fairfax. Address is 5903 Hawthorne Avenue, 45227. All residents are invited.

# VILLAGE CONTACTS

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## Book Club



The Book Club meets monthly in the Community Room of the Fairfax Rec Center. To find out which book they are currently reading you can check the Village of Fairfax facebook page or by calling the Rec Dept at 568-4820.

### ZUMBA

Every Thursday 6pm!!

Fairfax Rec. Center!

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

### Basketball Open Gym:

Adult Open Gym

every Wednesday from 8:30pm to 10pm.

Inside the Mariemont Junior High (3806 Southern Ave)

**Preschool Playgroup**

Children 0-6years and their parents are welcome to come to the Fairfax Rec Center on Thursday mornings from 9:30am - 11:00am.  
5903 Hawthorne Ave.  
Hosted by the Village of Fairfax and MPPG.

## Meet one of our new Village Council Members

### Dan Dockery



A Council Member since January of 2014, Dan currently teaches 6th grade science at Princeton Community Middle School in Sharonville. Dan holds a Bachelors degree in education from Wright State University and a Masters in Talent Development from Ashland University

Dan has lived in Fairfax for 5 years with his wife Amber and two kids Kyle and Keirstin. When asked about his favorite memory so far about living in Fairfax he said, "I think the first memory that's stands out is the block party our first summer in the Village. It's the first community I lived in that had such an event and it really made us feel welcome and at home. Amber and I have really enjoyed living in Fairfax and learning more about the community. We love all the village has to offer and look forward to many years in the community. I'm happy and honored to serve on Village council. Thanks to all for entrusting me in this position!"

Dan says he moved to Cincinnati from the Dayton area in 2000 when he gave up a career in Real Estate to become a teacher. "I have visited Fairfax many times over prior years to visit my high school friend Lenny Diaspro. Many members of Lenny's Family grew up in Fairfax. Lenny moved here after college and in lives in his grandfather's original home. After all these years, its funny how we ended up on he same street so far from where we grew up", says Dan.

Dan and his wife are avid Bengals fans and rarely miss a home game. He is also into old cars and currently own a 1930 model A that his father brought back from Europe in 1968 and restored about 25 years ago. Dan also still has is first car, a 1968 mustang fastback. He says that classic cars have always been an interest in his my family. You can also catch a glimpse of Dan and Amber enjoying a motorcycle ride whenever they get the chance.

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# VILLAGE OF FAIRFAX CHILI COOK-OFF

**11:00 am-1:00 pm SATURDAY MARCH 22, 2014**

**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:

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

**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!**  
**Admission is \$2 for each person wanting to sample chili!**  
 Samples of each contestant's chili will be provided so that you can vote for your favorite for the "People's Choice" Award.  
 Soft drinks and other beverages will also be provided.

## CHILI COOK-OFF REGISTRATION FORM

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Category Entered:

Mild \_\_\_\_\_ Medium \_\_\_\_\_ Hot \_\_\_\_\_ Vegetarian \_\_\_\_\_ Specialty \_\_\_\_\_

**Entrance Fee: \$10.00** \_\_\_\_\_ (enclosed). Make checks payable to the Village of Fairfax. 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](mailto:chandrabuswell@yahoo.com) for complete contest info.**

## ATTENTION!!

**The Tax Department has moved to the 1<sup>st</sup> floor of the municipal building.  
Use the front door and follow the signs to the back hallway.  
The Columbia Township Joint Economic Development Zone is now part of the Fairfax Tax Dept.  
The JEDZ is for Columbia Township businesses and does NOT affect Fairfax resident taxes.**

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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 regulation/policies can be covered here.*

#### **2013 VILLAGE of FAIRFAX Tax Returns are due APRIL 15, 2014**

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.

**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>"** if operating on a calendar year or 4 months after the close of a fiscal year.

3) **Extensions are due April 15<sup>th</sup>.** If you file a Federal extension you must also submit an extension to Village of Fairfax. Extension is for filing return not payment of tax.

**OBTAINING FORMS:** 1) Forms are available in the lobby of the Municipal Building 9AM - 5PM Mon - Friday.

2) In 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 are also on our website [www.fairfaxoh.org](http://www.fairfaxoh.org).

**REGISTRATION:** If you are a new resident or moved since filing your last tax return, you must register by mail or phone with the Tax Office at 527-6506. Give name, address, SS#, date moved in and landlord's name if applicable. If registering by phone, please spell first and last name.

#### **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).

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.

**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.

**NOTE:** Unemployment Compensation received in 2012 will not be taxed this year.

**2013 Estimated Tax paid during the year, line 5B.** Estimated tax payments you submitted after the date on line 5B must be manually added to your total credits.

**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 taxed by the other community, but not more than 1.75% of box 5 of W-2.**

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) Evenings by appointment**

**Business Tax Returns** are due April 15 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. Include a copy of the Federal Tax Return filed by your company 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 on our web site for all filing requirements ([www.fairfaxoh.org](http://www.fairfaxoh.org)).



## The Pig is coming!

**The Flying Pig Marathon will be again "flying" thru the Village of Fairfax on May 6th. Mark your calendars!**

**You can register to help at [www.flyingpigmarathon.com](http://www.flyingpigmarathon.com)**

**Please be sure to sign up as a volunteer with a Registered Group. Our group name is "FAIRFAX GROUP". The password is "fairfax". If you have any questions or problems signing up please call Chandra Buswell at 568-4820 or by email at [chandrabuswell@yahoo.com](mailto:chandrabuswell@yahoo.com).**

**Besides being a lot of fun. The water station is one of our largest fundraisers for the Fairfax Events Committee. Helping means we can continue the fun events we all love like the Concert in the Park and the Kids Halloween Party!**

*Spring Training  
Corn Hole Tournament!!  
New Life Worship Center at 3731 Southern Ave.  
\$50 Prize to the winning team  
Saturday, March 29th at 10:30pm  
\$5.00 per person entry fee  
If you don't have a partner come anyway, we are sure you can find a partner.  
We look forward to seeing you!  
In The Master's Service  
<http://www.churchofgodfairfax.org/>*

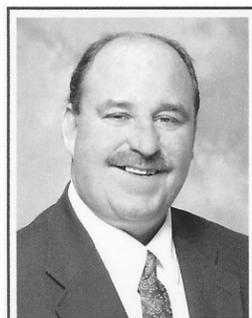
## Kindergarten Registration Meetings

Mariemont City Schools will be holding Kindergarten registration meetings on Thursday, March 20, 2014 at 6:30pm at Mariemont Elementary & Terrace Park Elementary. This is an informational meeting for parents of children in the district who will be five (5) years old on or before September 30, 2014. This meeting is for both parents and incoming students and will serve as a time to turn in the required documentation for enrollment, sign up for your child's kindergarten screening, meet and interact with kindergarten teachers, visit the kindergarten classrooms, learn about the curriculum and ask questions.

Prior to the meeting, please visit [www.mariemontschools.org](http://www.mariemontschools.org) for more information

about documentation required for enrollment, how to submit the necessary documentation and to complete the online registration form. From the homepage, click on Parents > Student Registration > Kindergarten Registration (in the left navigation).

For further questions, please call the applicable school office: Mariemont Elementary 513-272-7400 or Terrace Park Elementary 513-272-7700.



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## The Neighborhood Watch

The calendar says that spring is just around the corner, but looking out my window it doesn't look like winter wants to leave. While I love the winter I am looking forward to spring flowers and sunshine.

Spring is a great time to take a good look at the outside of your home to check for winter storm damage. While you are checking the outside of your home and yard also check to see how you can improve your home security. Are your bushes too tall that they block your windows, tree limbs too close to the house making it easy for someone to climb the tree and break into your second floor?

These problems are easy to fix and worth the time to keep your family safe.

Our next meeting will be on **March 20th @7pm** in the Recreation Center. As always we will have plenty of time to ask questions and voice concerns about our neighborhood with the Fairfax Police.

Mark your calendar for the Chili Cook Off in March. This is a fun way to see your neighbors and eat delicious chili. Life is GOOD!!!

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



Mike Murphy, Certified Instructor  
(513)520-1206

## ATTENTION:

### Home Owners...

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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 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.