

Village of Fairfax  
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Fairfax, OH 45227

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## Upcoming Health and Wellness Events

Pete Wimberg, CSC Private Trainer and owner of Wimberg Landscaping will discuss the primary muscle groups when working in the yard, some of the aches and pains that can result and how to properly use the basic tools. Complimentary coffee and muffins will be served. Free to members and open to the community. Call 527-4000 to RSVP.

Sign-up for a free 15-minute back, foot, hip, knee or shoulder screening with a physical therapist from The Christ Hospital. The screening includes an assessment of your joint problem, range of motion, strength and recommendation for optimal treatment. Call 527-4000 to schedule your time.

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

May 2016

Call Chandra Buswell, Rec.  
Dept. Supervisor : 568-4820  
or email at  
chandrabuswell@yahoo.com

Deadline – May 20th

## MEMORIAL DAY SERVICES

**Please stay for hot dogs and refreshments following the ceremony.**

It is that easy!

## ZIEGLER PARK

If you are part of an organization that would like information on booth space please email [chandrabuswell@yahoo.com](mailto:chandrabuswell@yahoo.com) or call Chandra at 538-4820.

## VILLAGE CONTACTS

[www.fairfaxoh.org](http://www.fairfaxoh.org)

Mayor’s Office	527-6504
<a href="mailto:cskelton@fairfaxoh.org">cskelton@fairfaxoh.org</a>	
Police Dept.	271-7250
<a href="mailto:skelly@fairfaxoh.org">skelly@fairfaxoh.org</a>	
Administrator’s Office	527-6503
<a href="mailto:jkaminer@fairfaxoh.org">jkaminer@fairfaxoh.org</a>	
Clerk’s Office	527-6505
<a href="mailto:cmetzger@fairfaxoh.org">cmetzger@fairfaxoh.org</a>	
<a href="mailto:bblankemeyer@fairfaxoh.org">bblankemeyer@fairfaxoh.org</a>	
Tax Department	527-6506
<a href="mailto:pauer@fairfaxoh.org">pauer@fairfaxoh.org</a>	
Building Department	527-6507
<a href="mailto:jhester@fairfaxoh.org">jhester@fairfaxoh.org</a>	
Property Maintenance	919-8477
Melissa Bradford	
Maintenance Dept.	527-6508
<a href="mailto:jhuskey@fairfaxoh.org">jhuskey@fairfaxoh.org</a>	
Recreation Dept.	568-4820
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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.

## Neighborhood Watch

Our next meeting will be on May 19<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in the Recreation Center. Spend an hour with your neighbors discussing concerns and questions along with ideas to improve our village. Also, a representative from the Police Department will be at the meeting to answer our questions about what is happening in Fairfax.

For Memorial Day, the Fairfax Civic Association and the Neighborhood Watch will be collecting items for the Yellow Ribbon Program along with money donations for mailing the items to our troops around the world. Your items can be dropped off at the Memorial Day Service in front of the Municipal Building. If you can’t be there, call Annie @ 271-2861 to arrange a drop off.

**ITEMS NEEDED:** foot powder, baby wipes, beef jerky, hard candy, batteries (AA, AAA, C & D), Easy Mac, crackers, peanut butter, jelly, cookies, snack bags, coffee, coffee creamer, tea bags, etc.. personal hygiene products (tooth paste, tooth brushes, feminine products, soap, deodorant). Make sure these items are small. They have to be able to fit in their backpacks. Travel sizes are great.

## 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](mailto:jkaminer@fairfaxoh.org) or Mayor Carson Shelton at [cskelton@fairfaxoh.org](mailto:cskelton@fairfaxoh.org).

## THE MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT Joe Huskey – 527-6508

The Maintenance department will have trucks available for yard cleanup for brush/woody material only (no plant materials or grass clippings). Give us a call at 527-6508 to schedule a truck. You fill it and we will haul it away.

Now that Spring is upon us, we see that Old Man Winter was not bitter this year, but it brings us to this: The battle for your blood will be high. Things to look out for this Spring to avoid those biting insects –

1) Standing Water - it does not take much to get mosquito a population going. Check gutters, kid’s outdoor toys, tarps covering up campers and items left outside that can collect water. The chances of a widespread outbreak of the Zika virus are small. However, we should still employ common-sense strategies during mosquito season to avoid being bitten (use insect repellent, wear protective clothing, eliminate potential mosquito breeding grounds). There are mosquito-borne diseases that are already established in Ohio, such as West Nile virus and the La Crosse virus.

2) Not to be outdone by the mosquito, the tick is showing great force this year - just like Bengal’s linebacker Vontaze Burfict hitting a Pittsburgh Steelers player - before you know it you’re asking yourself, what hit me? Chances are it will be Lyme disease or Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever. Blacklegged, Lone star and American dog tick numbers will be high this year because of the mild winters, so stay to the center of the trails and wear protective clothing as much as possible.

How to remove a tick: use tweezers, tick tool or protected finger/ thumb and pull strait back. If you save the tick to be tested, put it in a vial of alcohol. Do not remove the tick using these methods: heat (matches, lighters, candles), suffocation (Vaseline, fingernail polish), and don’t twist it.

One more thing to note: If you are heading to eastern parts of Ohio this year, there will be a Cicada outbreak this Spring.

## 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](mailto:jkaminer@fairfaxoh.org) or you can mail it to the Village – 5903 Hawthorne Ave, 45227. We appreciate your assistance in this effort.

## ATTENTION: Home Owners...

If you have a plumbing problem,  
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## Village Rec Programs

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## Preschool Playgroup

Children 0-6 years & 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.

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TAX TIPS AND TOPICS

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**IMPORTANT, THIS YEAR** in an effort to return checks to taxpayers more timely, the Tax Department is again depositing checks prior to reviewing returns.

Under this procedure, you could receive a correction letter requesting additional information or stating tax due as late as June 30, 2016.

**Estimated Tax Changes:** 1) Estimated tax for 2016 must be paid if you anticipate tax due for 2016 of \$200.00 or more.

2) Estimated 2016 quarterly due dates are earlier. **1<sup>st</sup> quarter** was due 4-18-16 with your Tax Return; **2<sup>nd</sup> quarter** is due 6-15-16; **3<sup>rd</sup> quarter** is due 9-15-16; **4<sup>th</sup> quarter** is due 12-15-16.

3) You must pay 90% of your 2016 Estimated Tax “by 1-31-17 to avoid penalty and interest”. You may pay 2016 estimated tax quarterly or in a lump sum in January of 2017. The 2016 tax estimated to be due is on the bottom of your 2015 tax Return or contact our office for help.

**Who must file a tax return with the Village of Fairfax? All residents 18 years of age or older.** This includes those who rent. The 2015 Tax Return was due 4-18-15, late fees now apply.

**Tax Returns are on our website [www.fairfaxoh.org](http://www.fairfaxoh.org) and available in Municipal Building lobby.** Not receiving a form does not excuse anyone from filing a Tax Return.

**Taxes are based on an individual’s earned income.** See reverse of tax form and website for instructions, [www.fairfaxoh.org](http://www.fairfaxoh.org).

**If you file a Federal extension, you must also file an extension with the Village of Fairfax.** “Extensions are only for filing your return”, any tax estimated to be due for 2015 must be paid with your 2015 extension to avoid penalty and/or interest charges.

Any questions about your 2015 Fairfax Tax or 2016 estimated tax call the Tax Office 527-6506.

**HOURS:** M. - F. 8:30am to 5:00pm, (lunch 12:30 – 2:00) on a first come first served basis. Appointments only 5:00 PM to 6:00 PM

**“New residents” and those “who moved” since filing their last tax return must register.** Please call the Tax Office at 527-6506 promptly. If you leave a message, spell your name and include your SS#, address, phone number and date you moved in.

**Student Drug Use Survey Delivers Critical Information for Our Neighborhood**

Is teen alcohol or marijuana use on the rise in our community? Which factors contribute to - or discourage- youth substance abuse? These questions and many more were answered on April 5 when the Warrior Coalition hosted an important meeting to discuss the results from the 2015 Mariemont School District Student Drug Use Survey. Survey results were presented by Amanda Conn Starnier of PreventionFIRST!, formerly the Coalition for a Drug-Free Greater Cincinnati. PreventionFIRST! was founded in 1996 as a comprehensive effort to reduce adolescent alcohol and drug use.

The mission of PreventionFIRST! is to increase public awareness of illegal substance abuse and to empower families and youth with knowledge to practice prevention. As part of this, they conduct a Student Drug Use Survey every two years across a 10-county region in Ohio, Indiana and Kentucky. There were a total of 39,085 7<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade students from 88 schools, public and private, who completed the survey. Mariemont Junior High and High School students participated in the Survey between September and November 2015.

The Survey delivered some very positive results. It found that most kids in our district are NOT using alcohol, tobacco or other drugs. In fact, use continues to decline; fewer Mariemont students are regular users than in 2000. In addition, age of first use has risen since that time. The table below shows the 2015 Survey Results for the five key measures of substance abuse in Mariemont City Schools. The positive results are an indication that the collaboration between the community and organizations like the Warrior Coalition and PreventionFIRST! are working.

Measure	Alcohol	Tobacco	Marijuana	Prescription Drugs*
30-Day Use	17.2%	3.1%	10.7%	1.9%
Perceived Harm <sup>1</sup>	83.3%	91.1%	71.2%	90.0%
Parental Disapproval <sup>2</sup>	85.4%	96.8%	93.1%	97.8%
Friend Disapproval	60.2%	84.0%	70.3%	88.9%
Average Age of First Use (yrs)	14.1	14.6	14.8	14.4

\*Non-medical use. <sup>1</sup>Percent responding harmful or very harmful. <sup>2</sup>Percent responding that parent or friend feels behavior is wrong or very wrong. Source: 2016 Student Drug Use Survey: Alcohol and Drug Abuse by Youth in Mariemont City Schools

Again, overall the results indicate that most kids in the Mariemont School District are NOT using alcohol, tobacco or other drugs. Alcohol use among 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders in our Junior High stands at 2.1%-the lowest in the region- compared to 6.5% among other tri-state participants in that age group. Unfortunately, that district number increases to 25.3% in high school- surpassing reported usage in other participating high schools-which stands at 21.2%.

In general, the Perceived Harm is high across the board for alcohol, cigarettes/tobacco, marijuana, and prescription drugs. Marijuana is perceived as the least harmful. This could be due, in part, to efforts to legalize the drug in certain states. This trend is concerning because the Perception of Harm measure is a primary predictor of substance abuse. Between 7<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade, the measure of marijuana’s Perceived Harm steadily decreases while Past 30-Day Use steadily increases.

The 2015 Survey also indicates record high levels of Parental Disapproval and Friend Disapproval. Perception of Parental Disapproval is higher for Cigarettes/Tobacco, Prescription Drugs and Marijuana than for Alcohol. Parents are the primary influence in a young person’s life. Therefore, disappointing a parent is a strong factor in not wanting to use or abuse drugs.

When do kids first start? Age of first use has continued to rise since 2006 and is now between 14 and 15 years old. Age of First Use is very important because the brain continues to develop until the mid-twenties. Data confirms that, during development, the effects of alcohol and drug use are particularly harmful. Additionally, addiction is a developmental disease starting in adolescence. Research shows that users who start before age 15 are five times more likely to develop a substance abuse problem in adulthood.

While the results are mostly positive, we must continue to be vigilant, promote positive social behaviors and encourage health and wellness. Parents and teachers must talk about the dangers of using alcohol and drugs, parents and schools must establish clear rules about using these substances, and we must encourage participation in school and community activities that promote health and well-being. We know that 13 is a pivotal age and that when we focus on protective factors, we can continue to keep our teens healthy and thriving.

For a complete copy of the survey, please visit the Warrior Coalition website at [warriorcoalition.org](http://warriorcoalition.org).



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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, contact Mayor Carson Shelton at [cselton@fairfaxoh.org](mailto:cselton@fairfaxoh.org) or Jennifer Kaminer at [jkaminer@fairfaxoh.org](mailto: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.

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RESIDENTIAL STREEET PROJECTS – 2016

The Village currently has out to bid a project for curb and street replacement for Bancroft, lower Germania and Warren. The Cincinnati Water Works is replacing the water mains on both Bancroft and Warren, so we will replace the street and curbs at the same time. A contract is expected to be awarded in May 2016, and the project will begin sometime after that. Once a contractor is determined, residents living on these streets will be notified before work begins with more details on the project.

Once the bids are determined and a contract is awarded, the Village will see how much funds are left in the streets budget to see if any other Village streets will be done this year.

REMINDER—GAS METER INSPECTIONS

**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>

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.

**Family** – includes mom, dad, and all siblings age 23 & younger, living together. \$400.00 **Discount price: \$300.00**

**Single** – Age 13 and older. \$175.00 **Discount Price: \$131.25**

**Two-Person** – Two people, who must reside at the same address/one person must be at least 18 years of age. \$275.00 **Discount: \$206.25**

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