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ECC Meeting -
April 10th, 7pm
Council Meeting -
April 17th, 7:30pm

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 for the residents
and businesses in our
village.

Articles and photographs
are welcomed. Please
contact Chandra Buswell
for more information.
Photos will not be
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reserves the right to
select and edit articles for
both content and space.

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568-4820
Jenny Kaminer 527-6503
fairfaxforum@yahoo.com
May deadline - April 20th

Community Easter Egg Hunt



When: Saturday, April 8
Time: 1:00
Where: Ziegler Park Picnic Shelter
On Southern Ave
For Ages: 2 - 11
(Rain Date: April 15 at 1:00)

Hosted By:
The Fairfax Church of The Nazarene
3802 Watterson Rd, Cincinnati, Ohio 45227
Pastor Jack Bimber 271-5063

Reminder!! To All Residents
VILLAGE OF FAIRFAX 2016 TAX RETURN DUE
Tues. April 18, 2017

Please file on time OR submit an extension to file, to avoid late filing fee.
See Tax Article inside this issue for more details.



Injury Screening
Tuesday, April 4, 5pm-6:20pm Wednesday, April 12, 7:30am-9:30am
Thursday, April 20, 11:30am-1:30pm Tuesday, April 25, 2:30pm-4:30pm

Are you having pain or discomfort while lifting weights, running or doing
any type of exercise? Do you have an injury that has limited your ability to perform daily tasks? Club Phys-
ical Therapist Vic Troha, M.D. will now offer complimentary weekly health screenings for joint, muscular,
or neurological pain. Vic will help you learn the details of your ailment and determine the best course of
action. Registration required; call 513-527-4000 or visit the Club to reserve your 20-minute appointment at
least 24 hours prior to the screening.

Healthy Pursuits: Recovery Once You Cross The Flying Pig Finish Line

Tuesday, April 4, 6:15pm-8:15pm You may be feeling many aches or pains once you cross the finish
line, so let us educate you on the recovery process, including a demonstration of Dry Needling! Dry Needling is a
treatment technique offered by The Christ Hospital Physical Therapy staff at the Cincinnati Sports Club and is
great to utilize for many common running injuries and much more. It is a safe and effective treatment program
and is covered by insurance. Register at any Club service desk to attend.

Tri-State Running Group Proper Shoe Fit Screening & Gait Analysis

Thursday, April 6, 6pm-8pm Are you matched up with the right type of running or walking shoe that meets your
individual needs. Just like belly buttons, the way you work or run is unique to you. This screening will include: conversa-
tion about your current fit and experience with injuries and a gait analysis to identify the type of shoe that matches with your
need. Bring along your old shoes for the evaluation. Please RSVP to the Club for your appointment time.
To find a physician for your health and wellness needs, visit
www.thechristhospital.com or call 513-585-1000.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

There is still a chill in the air but Spring will be here to stay soon. I am sure everyone is ready for sunshine and warm weather after this crazy winter.

The FLY PIG MARATHON is just around the corner. We are asking everyone to pick up litter etc. in their yards. Many people will be visiting our Village (some for the first time) on the day of the Marathon. This is a great opportunity to showcase our Village. Who knows, some of the visitors might be looking for a home to buy, a new place to shop or eat. Why not our Village?

Our next meeting will be on April 20th in the Recreation Center @ 7pm. We look forward to seeing you there. Invite a neighbor to come to the meeting with you.

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

VILLAGE CONTACTS

www.fairfaxoh.org

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jbranson@fairfaxoh.org	
Administrator’s Office	527-6503
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Tax Department	527-6506
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Property Maintenance	919-8477
Maintenance Dept.	527-6508
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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.

Fairfax Swim Club Coupon

Fairfax Residents

Take 25% off your 2017 Seasonal Membership

(Discount valid thru 5/31/2017)

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. Certificate Holder pricing does not apply. No refunds. This coupon is valid through May 31, 2017. Fairfax residents must pay seasonal prices as of January 1, 2017.

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

Preschool Playgroup

Children 0-6 years and their parents.

Fairfax Rec Center on Thursday mornings

9:30am - 11:00am.

5903 Hawthorne Ave.

Hosted by the Village of Fairfax and the Mariemont Pre-school Parents Group.

*The last Playgroup before summer will be May 4th.



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Spring Fling Shopping Event

Saturday, April 22nd from 1pm-4pm

Fairfax Rec Center

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Mary Kay



Join us each month at 7:30pm in the Fairfax Rec Center. 5903 Hawthorne Ave.

Books are reserved at the Mariemont library at least a month before each discussion date.

Feel free to bring a beverage and a snack.

April 18th—*A Man Called Ove* by Fredrik Backman

CARING FOR OUR SENIORS

The Police Department’s Caring for Our Seniors Program is looking for additional residents who may want to be included in this service. The program is available to elderly or physically disabled Fairfax residents. Police Department personnel will check in on them from time to time, especially during power outages and extreme weather conditions in winter and summer. This program will also try to provide assistance for things that might need to be done around the home. If the police department cannot provide the assistance, they will assist in finding the right person and/or resource for the resident’s needs. We’ll also stop by to just talk to make sure they are doing okay.

If you are interested, know of someone who would benefit from our program, or to get more information, please contact Detective Lee Day at 513-272-9982.

Zumba at the Rec Center

Thursday evenings at 6 PM. \$5 @ class.
All fitness levels welcome and encouraged! No dance experience needed.
Show me proof of membership at Cincinnati Sports Club, and your rate will be just \$2 a class. (receipt or your membership card)
The music is lively and upbeat. Give it a try!
Instructor: Paige Strickland
Any questions: 513-265-7916
<http://paigestrickland.zumba.com/>

REC. Arts...

Hands on projects for kids in kindergarten to 6th grade. Class sizes vary and are limited to child/adult ratio. Waiting lists may occur.

Schedule:

April 14th - Fairy/Gremlin Garden

May 13th - Flower Pots

Classes are only \$10 per child. Times are 10am-11:30am.

To sign up, email recartsfairfax@gmail.com to receive an enrollment form. Enrollment forms must be returned with payment to guarantee space in the program.

Questions can also be sent to the above email address.

ATTENTION:
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Letter From Mariemont Superintendent

Our financial annual report is an important document for us to share each year with our community. It provides information on the financial health of our district; it highlights a few of our achievements; and it gives our stakeholders an idea of the direction we’re heading both academically and financially.

Strong community involvement, commitment and engagement have long defined the work of the Mariemont City School District. And this has never been truer and more important than it is today.

You have likely heard that we will soon need to make important decisions regarding the long-term plan for our high school facility. These are decisions that we do not take lightly and will only make with a tremendous amount of research, feedback and input to ensure we make the best decision for our community. This is why we have defined an extensive process to drive our conversations over the next year to finalize a Master Facility Plan for Mariemont High School.

Today’s students are different; technology is different; colleges and employers expect different; and the world outside of school is different. We need to make sure we continue to prepare our students to be *leaders of tomorrow* at all grade levels and in all of our buildings.

It’s a great time to be a part of the Mariemont City School District! Our staff is committed; our students are learning; and the partnership with we have with our community is strong.

I invite you to view the district’s annual report on the district website (www.mariemontschools.org) under About > District Finance. My hope is that you spend some time reviewing this important and continue to believe that the Mariemont City School District is worth the time, talent and treasure so many of you share with our students and staff.

Thank you for your continued support!

Nominations for Fairfax

Citizen of the Year

The Village of Fairfax is taking nominations for the annual Citizen of the Year to be announced at our Memorial Day services on Memorial Day.

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 the Village Administrator, Jenny Kaminer, at jkaminer@fairfaxoh.org or Mayor Carson Shelton at cshelton@fairfaxoh.org.



What's Happening Around Town

April		
1-June 18	Butterfly Show Krohn Conservatory	15 Opening Day King's Island
3	Cincinnati Reds Opening Day Great American Ballpark	28-30 Disney in Concert Cincinnati Pops, Taft Theatre
8	Wildflower Walk Ft. Ancient, Oregonia	28-May 20 The Tempest Cincinnati Shakespeare Co.
May		
1-31	Zoo Babies Cincinnati Zoo	12-13 Stravinsky's Firebird Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra
6-June 11	Erma Bombeck: At Wit's End Cincinnati Playhouse	12-20 Shrek The Musical Aronoff Center
11-14	Cirque du Soleil: OVO US Bank Arena	Opens May 25 Star Wars & the Power of Costume Cincinnati Museum Center
June		
2-3	Wine & Beer Festival Valley Vineyards, Morrow	10-Oct. 1 Treasures of British Painting Taft Museum of Art
10-Sept. 3	A Shared Legacy: Folk Art in America Cincinnati Art Museum	11 Opera in the Park Washington Park
		16-18 Goettafest MainStrasse Village

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April

May

June

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ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY MEMBERS AND VETERANS

The Village of Fairfax is continuing 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 several names so far, but would like to recognize as many as we can, then continue to add and update 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.

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The Flying Pig Marathon is again running thru Fairfax and we need your help to man the official Flying Pig Marathon water station in front of Mariemont Junior High on Southern Ave!

The date is May 7th at 7am. I promise, this is such a fun volunteer job!

You can register to help at 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.

CELEBRATE THE MARIELDERS 40th ANNIVERSARY

40 years ago, The Mariemont Assembly - Program for Older Adults (MARIELDERS) opened its doors on November 2, 1977. The program used the Parish Center as home base and had a modest starting budget of 19 thousand dollars, courtesy of the Kiwanis Club. A Board of Trustees was appointed and the service area included the Village of Mariemont, Fairfax, Madison Place and Terrace Park. In fact, the first tax levy in the state of Ohio, ever to be passed in support of a senior center, launched what is now known as **THE MARIELDERS, INC.**

That kind of community support has sustained the Center for 40 years! Today, THE MARIELDERS, INC. is located at 6923 Madisonville Road and boasts a membership of more than 300. In 2016 more than 530 educational and entertainment programs including wellness and fitness, social gatherings, and intellectual pursuits were provided. Additionally, THE MARIELDERS van shuttle provided more than 3,400 one way trips for nearly a hundred clients to stores and services throughout the villages. Volunteer drivers accompanied seniors to over 245 medical appointments last year. With a staff of three full time employees and numerous volunteers who donated in excess of 3,330 hours in 2016, THE MARIELDERS has proven to be an outstanding resource and mainstay for the area’s older adults.

Funding from the Ohio Council on Aging augments the Mariemont tax levy, along with memberships and the ever important fundraisers. Community support has been the key to keeping this not-for-profit agency afloat for four decades. The Annual Appeal, Junque Sale in June, and Opera in the Park in October help to meet that challenge. The fast approaching ***Italian Festival, on Friday April 21st***, is a family fun event that generates needed revenue. The Spaghetti, Ravioli and Meatball entrée is served with Italian bread, mixed greens salad, dessert and beverage for \$12 advance tickets, \$6 for kids. Wine and Beer will be available. And, Cincinnati favorite Pete Wagoner Band will bring the crowd to the dance floor starting at 6. The event is held at the Fairfax Rec Center on Hawthorne Avenue and is a fantastic way to socialize within the community to benefit THE MARIELDERS. Let’s all celebrate at the Italian Festival on April 21st. Call 271-5588 to secure your tickets today!

TAX TIPS AND TOPICS

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.

2016 VILLAGE of FAIRFAX Tax Returns are due APRIL 18, 2017

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 to report profit or loss and pay any tax due. 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 2016 Returns and the 2017 estimated tax.

DUE DATE: 1) Resident and individual 2016 tax returns are due **“April 18th, 2017”**.

2) Business tax returns also due **“April 18th”** if operating on a calendar year or 4 months after the close of a fiscal year. 3) **Extensions are due April 18th.** If you file a Federal extension you must also submit an extension to Village of Fairfax. “Extension is for filing the tax return NOT payment of 2016 Tax”.

OBTAINING FORMS: 1) Forms are available in the lobby of the Municipal Building 9:00AM - 5:00PM Monday - 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.

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 513-527-6506. 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 FILINGYOUR FAIRFAX 2016 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 to you after we re-view 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 amount on line 2a (loss/deduction) or 2b (profit).

Include 1099 "Miscellaneous Income" forms issued by your employers for work done in Fairfax.

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 is not taxed by Village of Fairfax.

2016 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 married couple may file a joint return even if they filed separately on their State and Federal returns. ***If one party uses a different last name please indicate that on the form.***

*Estimated Tax for 2017: Estimated tax is due quarterly on any estimated liability of \$200.00 or more. *New due dates for estimated tax; 1st quarter due with April tax return, 2nd quarter 6-15-17, 3rd quarter 9-15-17, 4th quarter 12-15-17. Failure to pay estimated tax by the 4th quarter due date will result in an interest and/or penalty charge. Estimated tax form is on our website www.fairfaxoh.org or call 527-6506 to have a form mailed to you.*

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. See paragraph above for estimated tax requirements and new due dates.

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 or monthly and is due 15 days after the close of each month or calendar quarter.

Annual Reconciliation of Withholding is due the last day of February each year. You must attach

W-2’s or computer printout 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).

*******REMINDERS*******

The Tax Department is on the 1st floor of the municipal building. Use the front door and go to the back hallway. An after-hours lock box is on left side of Municipal Bldg. for drop offs.

HOURS: 8:30AM to 5:00 PM, Mon. - Fri. 5:00PM – 6:00PM by appt.

The Tax Department takes credit cards for payments. The first time you pay by Credit Card you need to bring your credit card and driver’s license to “register” with the tax office. After that you may make credit card payments by phone.