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Infrastructure Meeting -

Nov. 12th, 6:15pm

ECC Meeting -

Nov. 12th, 7pm

Finance Meeting -

Nov. 19th, 6:30pm

Council Meeting -

Nov. 19th, 7pm

*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.

Please contact Chandra Buswell for submissions. While this newsletter welcomes submissions for evaluation, it is not an open forum. Submissions will be evaluated for consistency with the informational purpose of the newsletter. The editorial staff may reject any submission or edit submissions for both content and space. Photos will not be returned.

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Next deadline - 11/20/18

LIGHT UP FAIRFAX

CRAFT FAIR & HOLIDAY EVENT

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9TH, 2018 @ 4:00 PM

FAIRFAX MUNICIPAL BUILDING

5903 HAWTHORNE STREET

Bring your family for a holiday celebration!

Treats and Hot Chocolate

Christmas Caroling ~ Crafters from 4-8pm

Horse drawn carriage rides throughout the Village after 6PM tree lighting

*Please sign up in the Rec Center for your family's ride!

A visit from Santa and Mrs. Claus in SantaLand

Kids – bring your letters to Santa! A special mailbox will be on hand!

RESIDENTS - Could you please help us make this event extra special

by bringing with you 1-2 dozen cookies?

Thank you in advance for your support. ☺

NOVEMBER COMMUNITY BLOCK WATCH

MEETING FEATURING SMART 9-1-1

We encourage residents to attend the November 15, 2018 Community Block Watch Meeting at the R.G. Cribbet Recreation Center at 7:00 PM. Officer Lee Day will introduce Smart 911, a web-based alert system that can provide critical emergency and medical information to 911 dispatchers – even when calling from a cell phone.

Smart 911 allows you to set up a safety profile so that 911 operators can view your address, medical information, emergency contacts – even information about your pets. It is up to you how much information you would like to provide. You can also receive notifications on your cell phone about severe weather, traffic issues and other emergencies in your area.

For more information, please go to www.smart911.com and plan on attending our November Community Block Watch meeting!

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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.

East End Adult Education Center Announces Its Fall Quarter

The East End Adult Education Center has moved to Fairfax and is enrolling students for the Fall Quarter. The classes are free and are Monday through Thursday from 9am to 2pm and on Monday & Wednesday evening from 7pm to 9pm. Any student who gives us their time will improve their educational levels. Come in and sign up!

The East End Adult Education Center was established in 1973 to combat the high illiteracy and unemployment rates in the area. With the assistance of EEAEAC, over 875 students have achieved their GED Diplomas and about 150 students are served every year. Any Greater Cincinnati student who wishes to improve their academic skills is able to seek help, at no cost to the student. Students are welcome to enroll any day and anytime during the school year. The East End Adult Education Center is one of the GED education centers in Cincinnati that is open daily and provides completely free literacy and GED instruction, job search, resume writing, college application, and job skills education. The funding for this service comes from individuals, grants, churches, and businesses. The Charles Dater Foundation, The George B. Riley Trust, and The SC Ministry Foundation are among the many supporters.

Students are able to work at their own pace, and are provided tutors whenever needed. All ages of students, ranging from age 16 to 70, work on only what they need to get to the 12th grade level. Those who attend regularly improve at least one grade level every 90 days. Once students reach the 12th grade level, they are given the Practice GED. When a student passes the Practice GED, he or she sets up an appointment to take the test at EEAEAC or an approved GED testing center. Students come from a wide background of economic situations, including those who have difficulties learning, bully victims, impoverished, single parent families, and youth just out of the criminal justice system.

Please contact via email EastEndEdu@gmail.com, for more information about our program or how you can show your support.

Vote FOR Mariemont Schools Issue #2 By Jamie Flerlage

According to Mariemont City Schools Treasurer/CFO Tom Golinar, our district has passed 94% of its school levies since 1970. This remarkable statistic reflects our 48-year civic commitment to public education. It is a statistic that spans multiple generations, differentiates our community, and reveals the nature of our core values. As a 15-year resident, I am voting **FOR** Mariemont Schools Issue 2 for the following reasons:

The community engaged in a transparent and rigorous process involving hundreds of people.

Over the last two years, our community engaged in a rigorous process of studying our future academic and infrastructure needs. This was a transparent process that involved hundreds of volunteers across multiple demographics, and included students, parents, residents, teachers, staff, and administration. After months of study and deliberation, their findings and recommendations were accepted unanimously by the school board. I trust these people, their findings, and the process, and I believe it yielded a solid assessment based on accurate information. (<http://www.mariemontschools.org/mariemont-high-school/facilities-planning-process>)

Our teachers, staff and administration are committed to their fiduciary responsibilities.

Our district has demonstrated a consistent commitment to fiscal conservatism. For example, the district stretched the previous levy by an additional year. This exceptional accomplishment is too often understated and exemplifies the fiduciary commitment by our school board, administration, principals, teachers and staff. I am grateful to them for this achievement, as they were expected to maintain exceptional levels of academic excellence despite \$1 million in state funding reductions. If the levy passes, I trust that they will continue to manage our tax dollars wisely. (<http://www.mariemontschools.org/about/blog/1615912/we-must-maintain-the-excellence-of-mariemont-city-schools-clone>)

A downgrade in our academic services will negatively impact our students and teachers.

The ongoing reductions in state funding for public schools, coupled with the increasing costs of maintaining our outdated high school, will have negative consequences on our district's financial health. If the levy does not pass, this will result in financial constraints that will lead to a reduction in critical programs for all schools. The administration will also be forced to cut into the muscle of our academic offerings and student services in ways that will have an adverse impact on our children, teachers, and community.

(<http://www.mariemontschools.org/news-and-events/news/1644189/mariemont-city-schools-board-takes-action-to-balance-budget-if-november-6-levy-is-not-approved-by-voters>)

The economic benefits of maintaining a highly-rated school district cannot be ignored, and I tend to view the recurring increases to my property value as a direct benefit of passing school levies. However, the financial gains afforded to property owners who consistently support their local school districts, pales in comparison to the future we are building for our children. The school board we elected, the administrators and teachers that we trust with our children, the hundreds of residents who volunteered their time and talent to a multi-year due diligence process, have asked us for our help. We should honor the 48-year commitment we have made to our schools by voting **FOR** Mariemont Schools Issue 2 on November 6.

Flerlage and his family are active members of their schools, church and community; they reside in Terrace Park.

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Village Craft Connection

November 8th from 6:30-8:30pm

Happy Fall Y'all! We are super excited for November 8th: Fall Floral Pumpkin Class- Adorn A Craft Pumpkin with a Fall Floral Arrangement for the Perfect Autumn Accent Piece!

We will make one of a kind pumpkins that can be enjoyed for years as they are foam with silk florals! It will be wonderful to see what masterpieces everyone creates! We have a darling scarecrow for each guest to utilize in your pumpkin if you desire!

Come ready for fun, crafting and socializing! Feel free to grab a friend to join you! They do not have to live in Fairfax or Mariemont to participate...all welcome! (You may even gather a group to come and bring in apps and spirits!)

This awesome class is limited to 20 participants! To secure your spot, please email villagecraftconnection@gmail.com.

*This is the new edition of Final Friday's Art Classes. We listened to concerns over Friday nights and are happy to update the class to be available when more can come.

Hosted by Joanna Eyer and Diane Wickham

ATTENTION:

Home Owners...

If you have a plumbing problem,
Don't Panic!..

"How To Get A 'Top Talent'
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MARIELDERS NEWS 271-5588

Winter Fundraiser - Texas Roadhouse Gift Cards

THE MARIELDERS will be selling gift cards to Texas Roadhouse as their winter fundraiser. If you are looking for a unique gift for someone special this is it. The kickoff will begin on November 6 and run through November 20. Stop by the Center and place your gift card order. The cards should be available by the 2nd week of December.

Great Decisions – South Africa's Fragile Democracy

On Wednesday November 14 at 1pm we will be discussing The African National Congress party. The ANC has governed South Africa since the end of Apartheid in 1994. But the party suffers from popular frustration over official corruption and economic stagnation. Join us for this lively discussion.

The Roosevelts: An Intimate History

This new documentary series from director Ken Burns explores the lives of Theodore, Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt, three members of the most prominent and influential family in American politics. This 14 hour series will start Monday, November 19 at 2:00pm and will continue every Monday.

Mammography Van

The Mercy/Jewish mammography van will be at the MARIELDERS on December 4th from 1:30-3:30pm call the Center for an appointment (513-271-5588).

Bridge Players

THE MARIELDERS is looking for bridge players for Friday afternoons at 12:30. We offer two different levels – upstairs is *Party Bridge* – lots of laughter, fun and talking. In our lower level we have more *Serious Bridge*. If you are interested in playing please call the Center so we can connect you to the organizers.

Best Decorated House Contest

Be one of the best holiday decorated houses in Fairfax

and you could win a \$25 gift certificate....
well, and some bragging rights.

The voting will be done on December 20th
and the winner

will be announced in the January Forum,
along with a list of previous years winners.

*We will not award the same house twice.

This contest is meant to be fun and light hearted
to help create the holiday spirit.

We look forward to seeing Fairfax glow
with holiday cheer!



Join this fun group 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.

November 13th - "The Curious Charms of Arthur
Pepper" by Phaedra Patrick

December 18th - "The Light Between Oceans" by
M.L. Stedman

January 15 - "The Four Ms. Bradwells" by Meg
Waite Clayton

Exercise, Exercise, Exercise!!!

We have all heard how important it is to exercise; 30 minutes 3x a week...no wait 20 minutes in short burst....or is it 10 minutes every hour on the hour... whatever. I have never enjoyed the word or the work of exercise. But I do enjoy when someone says lets go for a walk, or how many steps did you do today. Forgetting that is exercise. Over the years everything has changed to how many hours of exercise a week to do. I like to think if you make a good try to get up and move away from the TV you are doing great. As I age I have really seen and felt the difference in my own body. I'm not as strong as I used to be, my joints don't like to move and what is that popping noise I keep hearing from my knees. I think the scariest part is losing my balance and falling. According to the NCOA, 1 in 4 Americans age 65+ falls every year. Falls can be both non-fatal and fatal. But the one thing we forget is the cost of a fall. Both financial and personal.

There are easy things to do in your own home to help prevent falls. Like removing throw rugs, picking junk up off the floor, and removing large furniture that make it difficult to walk safely through your place. The other important factor is exercise (it figures). But as we age we do lose are balance, our muscles weaken and we tire easily. See where this is heading.....

To avoid falls strength, balance and stretching exercises are proving to be the key. So be aware of your surroundings and get out and exercise!!! Kathy Chapman-Dick

Here at the MARIELDERS we offer many different exercise classes under our Mindful Maintenance Exercise Program. The purpose of MME is to increase self-awareness of mobility and balance in order to reduce falls. We offer Core and Balance, Maintaining Your Strength, Tai Chi, Laughtercise, Yoga and Line dancing. If you are interested in any of these classes call the MARIELDERS for at 513-271-5588.

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. Held in the Fairfax Rec Center.

Schedule:

November 17th—Beaded Wire Sculpture

December 21st—Small Gift Jamboree

Classes are only \$10 per child.

To sign up, email recartsfair-fax@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.



Preschool Playgroup

Children 0-6 years and their parents or caregivers.

Wonderful opportunity to let the kids play and socialize.

Carpeted room with toys. Fairfax Rec Center on Thursday mornings from 9:30am - 11:00am.

R.G. Cribbet Center 5903 Hawthorne Ave.

Hosted by the Village of Fairfax and the Mariemont Preschool Parents Group.

No RSVP necessary, just come on in. Questions?

Email villageoffairfax@gmail.com



Mariemont Elementary Earns National Blue Ribbon Honors

Mariemont Elementary was recognized by the United States Department of Education as a National Blue Ribbon School for 2018.

Blue Ribbon Status is one of the most prestigious awards given by the U.S. Department of Education to recognize the best in education throughout the country. Mariemont Elementary will receive the status of "Exemplary High Performing School."

"This is an incredible honor not only for Mariemont Elementary, but for the entire school district and community" said Superintendent Steven Estepp. "I am so proud of the dedication that our principal Ericka Simmons and her entire staff at Mariemont Elementary have put into their students each and every day. This award affirms the direction we are headed under the *Destination 2026* strategic plan and is a true embodiment of the Mariemont Experience."

Mariemont Elementary was one of just 349 schools recognized in the announcement made by the U.S. Department of Education. All schools are honored in one of two performance categories, based on all student scores, subgroup student scores and graduation rates:

Exemplary High Performing Schools are among their state's highest performing schools as measured by state assessments or nationally normed tests.

Exemplary Achievement Gap Closing Schools are among their state's highest performing schools in closing achievement gaps between a school's subgroups and all students over the past five years.

"I am thrilled that Mariemont Elementary has been named a National Blue Ribbon Exemplary High Performing School" said principal Ericka Simmons. "I have seen firsthand the passion and enthusiasm that our staff pour into our school day in and day out and could not be more proud that their hard work is being recognized on this level. This is an award we will cherish for years to come, but we know our work doesn't end here. We will continue to build meaningful learning environments for our students and push ourselves to even higher limits moving forward."

The National Blue Ribbon Schools Program honors public and private elementary, middle and high schools where students achieve very high learning or are making notable improvements in closing the achievement gap. The coveted award affirms the hard work of educators, families and communities in creating safe and welcoming schools where students master challenging and engaging content.

All 2018 National Blue Ribbon Schools will be honored at an awards ceremony on Nov. 7-8 in Washington, D.C. at the historic Omni Shoreham hotel.

FROM THE MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT 527-6508

Leaf pick up from residences is getting underway. For any new residents in the Village, you can rake your leaves to the curb in front of your homes. The Maintenance Department will be out daily picking up leaf piles. Please remember that your street may not get picked up each day. Depending on the amount of leaves put out on each street, Maintenance will get as much as they can in a day and then pick up where they left off the next day until they get to every street. Do not put brush or other materials in the leaf piles because they may damage the equipment. Also, please try to avoid parking in front of any piles of leaves. Pick up will occur until approximately December 1st. If you still have leaves in the month of December, residents can bag any remaining leaves and put them out for trash pick-up on Tuesday.

After the holiday season, residents who have live Christmas trees may put them on the curb Monday-Friday until the end of the second week of January. The Maintenance Department will pick up the tree and put it through the chipper to use as mulch in various areas of the Village.

Rec Chess Night



Rec Chess Night is held on the 3rd Monday of the month from 6:30pm-8:00pm in the Fairfax Village Municipal Building. 5903 Hawthorne Ave, Fairfax, OH 45227. Just come on downstairs, we will be in the Scout Room.

Although we welcome all ages, young children must be accompanied by an adult as the facilitators are not responsible for supervision.

*If you are interested in mentoring at Chess Night, this is a great opportunity for service hours!

Any questions, or to sign up to mentor, please email facilitators Anita Hunt and Sarah Maier at fairfaxchess@yahoo.com.

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. 9th, 2018.**

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 inside our recreation center.

Participants will be provided with (1) 8' banquet table and 2 chairs for \$20. 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 or 513-568-4820.