

**FAIRFAX FORUM**

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# Cincinnati Sports Club— Upcoming Health and Wellness Events

**Muscle-Tendon-Ligament Screening**

Thursday, December 12, 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.

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

Friday, December 13, 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.

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 Mtg - December**  
**16th, 7:30pm**  
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R.G. Cribbet Recreation Hall  
rental, Community Room  
rental, Ziegler Park Picnic  
Shelter reservations, and field  
use permits. Call Chandra  
Buswell, Rec. Dept. Supervi-  
sor : 568-4820

We hope you enjoy this issue of the Fairfax Forum which is published monthly as a service to the residents and businesses of the Village of Fairfax.

Articles and photographs are welcomed. Please contact the editor 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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## LIGHT UP FAIRFAX

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1ST, 2013 @ 5:00 PM

FAIRFAX MUNICIPAL BUILDING  
5903 HAWTHORNE STREET

Bring your family for a holiday celebration!

Treats and Hot Chocolate

Christmas Caroling ~ Holiday Stop & Shop

Horse drawn carriage rides throughout the Village

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

A visit from Santa and Mrs. Claus in SantaLand

Bring your letters to Santa! A special Santa 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.

## The Neighborhood Watch

With the hustle and bustle of the holiday season upon us, life is hectic. For this reason the Neighborhood Watch will not have a December meeting. Hopefully you will have time to attend LIGHT UP FAIRFAX on December 1. It is a great way to kick off the holiday season and spend time with your neighbors.

However you celebrate this holiday season, may you enjoy PEACE, HOPE and LOVE with your family and friends. Stay safe, you are important to us.

We look forward to seeing you at the next Neighborhood Watch meeting on January 16th, 2014, weather permitting.

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

# VILLAGE OF FAIRFAX POLICE DEPARTMENT

## HOLIDAY SAFETY INFORMATION

This upcoming holiday season, we ask that all residents as well as employees working in our community be aware of the **increased potential for auto thefts**. Some facts about theft from autos:

- Auto thefts account of 41% of all thefts in the region.
- The most commonly stolen property is a GPS.
- The majority of auto thefts occur on holidays such as Christmas
- The hours between 7PM and 6AM account for the majority of vehicular burglaries
- A theft from an auto can take less than 7 seconds.

**Halt Auto Break-Ins Today.....Get in the HABIT** of doing the following:

- ALWAYS** lock your doors and roll up windows
- Try to park in well-lighted areas
- DO NOT** leave anything valuable inside your car

Take items with you or lock them in your trunk

### HOLIDAY EMAIL ALERT

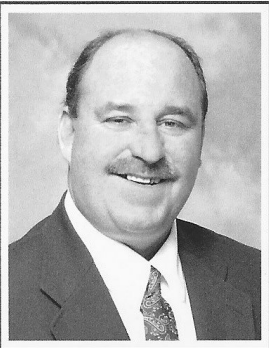
Each holiday season brings an increase in the number of fake/spam emails that have the express purpose of identity theft, monetary theft, and corporate information theft. These emails masquerade as shipping notices, order forms, credit or gift card notices, shopping deals, and free gifts. You may even see an email pretending to be your bank or the IRS.

**DO NOT** click on any links in odd, unexpected, and unsolicited emails that request you take some kind of action.

**DO NOT** click on any links that are asking you for corporate or personal credentials, personal or financial information.

**PLEASE REMEMBER**, you should **NEVER** be asked **VIA EMAIL** for your login credentials and/or password for any reason.

If you think you may have fallen victim to identity theft attempt, or if you see subsequent related pop ups demanding further personal interaction asking for money to regain access to date, contact the police department at 513-271-7250.



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*are you ready for a life change?*  
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*every Sunday morning at 10:30 AM at*  
*3731 Southern Ave.*  
*We look forward to meeting you!*  
*In The Master's Service*  
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# MARIELDERS NEWS

## 271-5588

### HOLIDAY TEA

When: Wednesday December 11<sup>th</sup> Time: 12:00pm  
Cost: \$28.00 for members, \$32.00 for non-members  
Where: Meet at MARIELDERS  
Let’s have tea! High Tea for Christmas at the Heritage Tastings at the Cottage, a full course meal will be served along with tea. Sign up with a paid reservation at the Center front desk by December 6<sup>th</sup>.

### LOLLIPOP CRAFT SHOW

When: Saturday December 14<sup>th</sup> Time: 10:00am to 4:00pm Cost: FREE  
Where: Mariemont Elementary School  
Over 50 professional crafters and vendors will be on hand selling their items. Food will be available in the cafeteria.

### AMY GRANT & VINCE GILL CONCERT

When: Tuesday December 17<sup>th</sup> Time: 6:00pm  
Cost: \$75.00 for members, \$80.00 for non-members  
Where: Meet at MARIELDERS  
The **Cincinnati Pops Orchestra** has added a “dream team” singing duo to its elite holiday offerings, welcoming back cross-genre superstar Amy Grant along with Country Music Hall of Famer Vince Gill for a one-night-only concert event at Music Hall on **Tuesday, December 17**. The pair will be performing traditional holiday favorites as well as new classics from their multi-platinum Christmas albums. Sign up with a paid reservation at the Center front desk with a by November 20<sup>th</sup>.

### MARIELDERS CHRISTMAS PARTY

When: Wednesday December 18<sup>th</sup> Time: 4:30pm  
Cost: \$5.00 for members, \$7.00 for non-members, and bring a \$5.00 gift to exchange  
Where: Fairfax Recreation Center  
It’s time for our annual MARIELDERS Christmas party and you are invited! The Merry Moore’s will perform some classic Christmas music and funny skits for our enjoyment. Our catered Dinner will be served at 5:00pm and the entertainment will begin at 5:30pm. Please sign up with a paid reservation at the Center front desk by December 14<sup>th</sup>.

### BREAKFAST & THE BALLET: THE NUTCRACKER

When: Thursday December 19<sup>th</sup>  
Time: 8:30am  
Cost: \$15.00 for members, \$20.00 for non-member  
Where: Meet at The MARIELDERS  
First we will have breakfast at First Watch and then we will head over to the Arnoff for the ballet. The Nutcracker is a classic and a must see at Christmas time. Sign up with a paid reservation at the Center front desk, space is limited.

### MUSEUM DAYS: THE TAFT MUSEUM OF ART

When: Friday December 20<sup>th</sup>  
Time: 10:30am  
Cost: \$15.00 for members, \$20.00 for non-members, lunch on own  
Where: Meet at MARIELDERS  
Join us as we head to The Taft Museum of Art for *Antique Christmas*, their special holiday exhibit. Be swept away into the holiday mood by visiting this display of antique ornaments, toys, and decorations. We will have lunch in the Café at the Taft. Sign up with a paid reservation at the Center front desk by December 13<sup>th</sup>.

### MEGAN HILTY AND THE CINCINNATI POPS: BROADWAY

When: Sunday January 26<sup>th</sup>  
Time: 12:30pm  
Cost: \$70.00 for members, \$75.00 for non-members  
Where: Meet at MARIELDERS  
Join us as we go see the Cincinnati Pops and Megan Hilty. Megan Hilty returns to the Music Hall stage after a stunning debut with the Cincinnati Pops in 2009 (“Wicked Divas”). The vivacious star of Broadway’s *Wicked*, *Gentleman Prefer Blondes* and *9 to 5: The Musical*, as well as the NBC hit television series *Smash*, Megan joins JMR and the Pops for an unforgettable evening of Broadway favorites and songs from her new album, *It Happens all the Time*. Your Pops will round out the program with hits from Hollywood and Broadway. Sign up with a paid reservation at the Center front desk December 6<sup>th</sup>.

## Village Launches New Website

We are pleased to announce the launch of a new Village website. The website can be accessed at [fairfaxoh.org](http://fairfaxoh.org) as well as [fairfaxoh.com](http://fairfaxoh.com). The goal of the site is to provide Village updates and timely information as well as to frequently requested information such as tax forms and building permits.

The site is in its initial stages, and new items will be added very soon. Some of the new features of the site include:

- A direct link to the Village of Fairfax Facebook page
- Links to Fairfax Council minutes (All of 2013 will be added soon)
- Link to an electronic version of the Fairfax Forum (August 2013 edition has been included. Editions after August will be added soon)
- Link to request rental information for the picnic shelter and recreation hall
- Links to other websites such as the Fairfax Youth Organization (FYO), Mariemont School District, Hamilton County Solid Waste District (recycling information), Hamilton County Board of Health, etc. More organizational links will be added soon.

Calendar of Events (2014 Events will be added as soon as dates are confirmed)

Additional information will be added over the upcoming weeks. This site is a work in progress, and we hope it will become an informative source of information to all residents and businesses.

## Kiwanis Club Kicks Off Annual Nut Sale Fundraiser

The Kiwanis Club of Mariemont has kicked off their annual Holiday Nut Sale to help raise money for local scholarships. Kiwanis is once again offering a variety of items including Honey Cajun and Cocktail Mixes as well as Almonds, Cashews and Peanuts covered in delicious milk chocolate.

Nuts are available in \$5 and \$10 packages and can be purchased at MariElders. Nuts will also be sold at upcoming Mariemont sporting events and holiday concerts as well as school offices, or can be purchased from the MariemontKiwanis.org website.

For questions contact John Wenstrup at 513-658-9242 or speak with any Kiwanis member.

The Annual Holiday Nut Sale is one of Kiwanis’ largest fundraisers with all net proceeds going towards local scholarships. The Kiwanis Club of Mariemont exists to serve the youth of the Fairfax, Terrace Park and Mariemont communities, and each year raises nearly \$15,000 in scholarship money for graduating seniors of the Mariemont School District.

In addition, Kiwanis works closely with students in the surrounding communities to provide mentoring relationships and support local youth activities. For information about how you can become more involved in serving our youth visit their website at MariemontKiwanis.org.

The Kiwanis Club of Mariemont meets every Tuesday morning at 7:45 AM in the Mariemont Elementary school cafeteria. A continental breakfast is served at 7:15 AM. Meetings last less than one hour and always feature a local speaker.

## Hedge Above Landscaping

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

## \*\*\*Attention High School Seniors Needing Service Hours\*\*\*

You can gain service hours helping in the Village Tax Department, folding and stuffing tax forms for mailing. We need 1-2 persons who would be available in mid-December to help on 1-2 days, after school until 5:00PM. Call 527-6506 by December 13, 2013 if you are interested.

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## “Reminder Tax Season Will Soon Be Here”

**2013 Village of Fairfax Tax Returns are due April 15, 2014**

**All residents 18 years of age or older must file a tax return with the Village of Fairfax.** This includes those who rent. Late filing charge applies even if no tax is due.

**Tax Returns are mailed in January and are on our website or available in the lobby of our Municipal Building,** [www.fairfaxohio.org](http://www.fairfaxohio.org) Lobby is open Mon. – Fri., 9:00 am to 4:30 pm. Not receiving a form does not excuse anyone from filing a Tax Return.

**Taxes are based on an individual’s earned income.** You must submit W-2’s, 1099Misc. forms, Schedule E, Schedule C, and other income statements (interest, dividends and retirement income are NOT taxed by Fairfax). More details on how to calculate the tax due and fill out your Return will be in the January Forum.

**If you file a federal extension, you must also file an extension with the Village of Fairfax.** Any tax estimated to be due for 2013 must be paid with your extension to avoid penalty and/or interest charges. **Remember extensions are only for filing your return.**

Any questions about your 2013 Fairfax Tax Return call the Tax Office 527-6506.

**HOURS: 8:30AM to 5:00PM, Mon. – Fri.** (lunch 12 – 1:30) Evenings by appointment.

**“NEW RESIDENTS” and THOSE WHO MOVED SINCE FILING THEIR TAX RETURN MUST REGISTER.** Please call the Tax Office at 527-6506 promptly.

- Tax Tips:***
- 1) File early to avoid late filing fees.***
  - 2) Make an estimated tax payment now and again in January to avoid owing a large amount on April 15. (Estimated tax is based on the prior year's tax. Call the Tax Office if you need help calculating your estimated tax.)***
  - 3) Husband and wife can always file a joint return for Fairfax regardless of how they file their State or Federal Return.***
  - 4) Check your pay stub for local tax paid. You should only pay local tax to the place where you work or live. (Errors, contact the company's payroll dept.)***

This is a quick overview of Village of Fairfax Earnings Tax Requirements. Not all regulations/policies can be covered here. Additional instructions are on our website.



# Police Department and Fire District Launch Caring for Our Community Program

Several months ago, Fairfax police officer Lee Day started the Looking Out for Our Seniors Program in the Village of Fairfax. Several Fairfax residents have taken advantage of this program that allows for our elderly, homebound and disabled to receive periodic checks from our police department personnel to make sure they are doing OK. Since then, discussions have ensued with the Little Miami Joint Fire District. Firefighter Mike Thompson was interested in launching a similar program for the District’s member communities of Fairfax, Columbia Township and Newtown.

It is with great excitement, that a shared program between the police and Fire District will be renamed the **Caring For Our Community Program**. With the increased aging population and for those residents with disabilities, there seems to be a gap in assistance addressing basic safety needs to many. This collaborative effort will provide those residents home safety/security evaluations, medication reconciliation, coordination with other social services and period checks on their well-being.

This program is available to any citizen in need who resides in our community. For more information on this program, or to sign up or recommend a family member or neighbor, please contact either Officer Lee Day at 513-271-7250 at the Fairfax Police Department or Michael Thompson at the Little Miami Joint Fire District at 271-3636.




**Carry Concealed Weapon Classes**

Mike Murphy, Certified Instructor  
(513)520-1206


## Book Club

**The Sparrow**  
by Mary Doria Russell



We will meet on Tuesday, December 17th at 7:30pm in the Community Room of the Fairfax Rec Center.

Feel free to bring an appetizer or beverage to share.



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. Free**  
**Inside the Mariemont Junior High**  
**3806 Southern Ave**  
**Open Gym will be closed on 12/25/13 and 1/1/14**

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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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

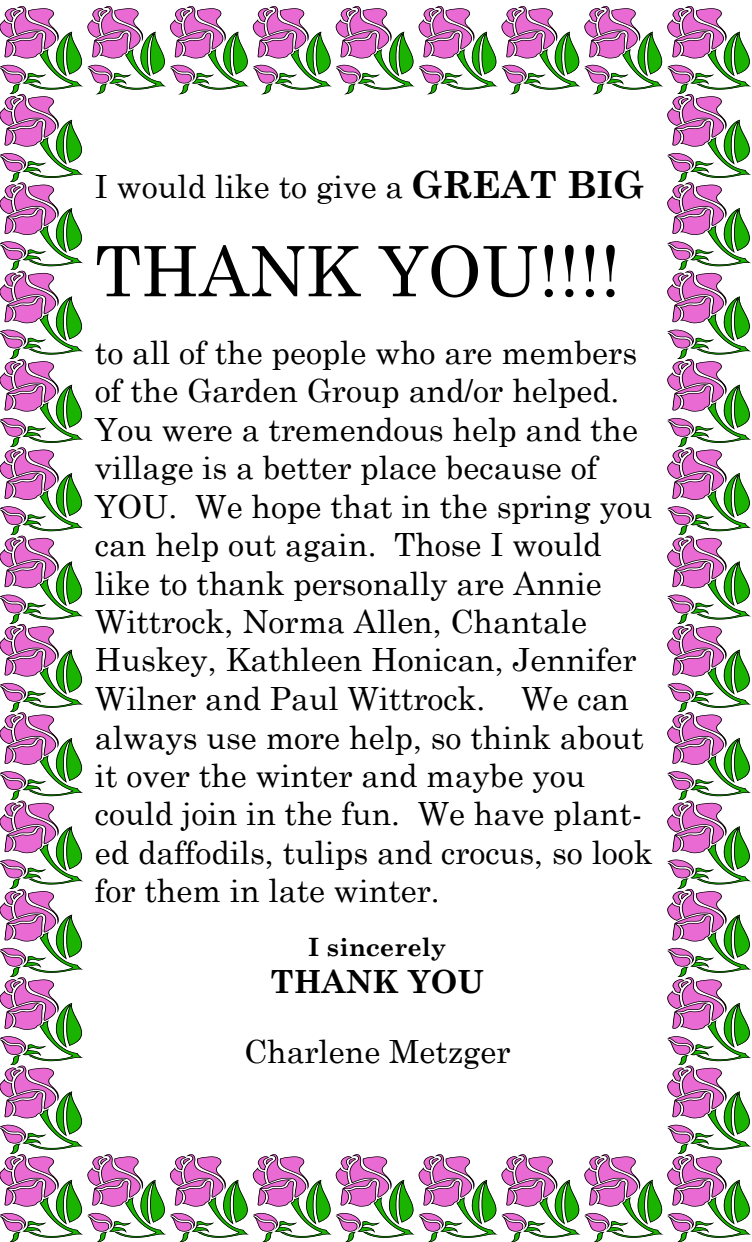
Be one of the best holiday decorated houses in Fairfax and you could win a \$25 gift certificate.... and some bragging rights.

The voting will be done on December 20th and the winner will be announced in the January Forum.

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



**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.**



I would like to give a **GREAT BIG THANK YOU!!!!**

to all of the people who are members of the Garden Group and/or helped. You were a tremendous help and the village is a better place because of YOU. We hope that in the spring you can help out again. Those I would like to thank personally are Annie Wittrock, Norma Allen, Chantale Huskey, Kathleen Honican, Jennifer Wilner and Paul Wittrock. We can always use more help, so think about it over the winter and maybe you could join in the fun. We have planted daffodils, tulips and crocus, so look for them in late winter.

I sincerely  
**THANK YOU**  
Charlene Metzger