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Cincinnati Sports Club—  
Upcoming Health and Wellness Events

**Concussion Education Lecture**  
Thursday, August 21, 6:30pm  
*Keeping Your Head In The Game – Sports Concussion Management. Join us for an informational session presented by Edward Marcheschi, M.D. a specialist in Concussion Management of Athletes. Topics covered will include: diagnosis and management of concussion, testing used to ensure a safe return to play, free app for coaches and parents that serves as a concussion recognition resource. Please call 527-4000 to RSVP.*

**Muscle-Tendon-Ligament Screening**  
Tuesday, August 26, 6pm-7pm  
*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.*

**Saturday, November 8th**  
**Cincinnati Sports Club and The Christ Hospital Health Fair**

To find a physician for your health and wellness needs, visit [www.thechristhospital.com](http://www.thechristhospital.com) or call 513-585-1000.

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ECC Meeting -  
August 11th, 7pm  
Council Meeting -  
August 18th, 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.

Chandra Buswell  
568-4820  
Jenny Kaminer 527-6503  
[fairfaxforum@yahoo.com](mailto:fairfaxforum@yahoo.com)  
Next Issue - September  
Deadline – August 20th

FROM THE DESK OF THE MAYOR

Phase 2 of the Wooster Pike Project has been underway for several months. Four out of the five cul-de-sacs have been constructed. There will be landscaping added to most of the cul-de-sac areas where there is space allotted. For Simpson and the portion of the Camden cul-de-sac abutting Belmont, the Village will be looking at some kind of decorative/wrought iron fencing to denote that there is no-through traffic. The remaining cul-de-sacs will have landscaping added sometime this Fall. The sub-contractor responsible for supplying this landscaping is required to submit a plan for the landscaped areas according to the plant materials denoted in the



construction plans.

Currently, a retaining wall is being constructed next to Midas Muffler that will support a bus pull-off area. An additional bus pull-off will be installed in front of PNC Bank.

The foundations for new street lighting have been installed and the light poles will be arriving by the end of August. All “cobra head” style lighting along Wooster will be removed and replaced with decorative street poles with globe-style light fixtures.

In September, the contractor will be installing stamped concrete drivable medians in certain sections of the middle lane of Wooster Pike. The stamped concrete will be similar to the red brick style stamped concrete you see next to the sidewalk along Wooster. They will also be installing stamped concrete in all of the crosswalks that cross Wooster Pike. This work will take the entire month of September to complete. Because the crosswalks have to be poured in sections to maintain traffic, there will be cones/barrels out to indicate what lane is open for drive lanes. Please take extra care to drive through Wooster during this time. Any delays that are experienced will only be temporary in nature.

Some residents have called regarding the traffic signal on Watterson Road. The longer timing of this signal is also temporary in nature. There is a loop detector that still has to be installed in the westbound lane of Wooster Pike. This will go in as soon as the bus pull-off is constructed in front of PNC Bank. Once the loop detector is activated, the traffic on Watterson will have a shorter light cycle and will function as it should.

We appreciate your continued patience as this project comes to a close later this year. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact my office at 527-6504 or Administrator Jennifer Kaminer at 527-6503.

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The Village of Fairfax has hired Melissa Bradford as the new Property Maintenance Inspector. Melissa was appointed at the July council meeting.

Melissa Bradford 513-253-3092 [mbradford@fairfaxoh.org](mailto:mbradford@fairfaxoh.org)

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The Fairfax Swim Club is offering 50% off memberships for anyone interested in a fun, safe summer hang out. Starting July 27, take 1/2 off any membership package (excluding babysitter pass).

The Fairfax Swim Club is holding a Family Pool Party, Saturday, August 16 from 8:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. \$5 per child, \$10 per adult, or \$30 per family. BYOB and bring a dish to share. Come and have some fun playing corn hole, water volleyball, raft races and other pool games. Bring your family and friends to swim under the lights.

The Family Pool Party is an important fundraiser to help raise money for the upcoming 2015 summer season. Due to declining membership the pool needs funding to stay open. Donations will also be accepted.

HELP KEEP THE FAIRFAX SWIM CLUB A VIABLE  
PART OF OUR COMMUNITY!!!

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.  
New members are always welcome!



Village Rec Programs

Basketball Open Gym:

Free Adult Open Gym every Wednesday  
from 8:30pm to 10pm.

Inside the Mariemont Junior High (3806 Southern Ave)

ZUMBA!

Every Thursday 6pm  
Fairfax Rec. Center

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Every Thursday at 7:30pm  
Fairfax Rec Center \$6

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The Neighborhood Watch

The Fairfax Fall Festival is just around the corner. It will be held Friday Sept. 5th 6pm-11pm and Saturday Sept. 6th 6pm-11pm. The neighborhood Watch will have the Bake Sale Booth again this year. Last year our booth was a great success due to the donations we received from the bakers and non-bakers in the village. We are in need of donations of cookies, brownies, cupcakes, etc. Since the festival is before our September meeting please call Annie @ 271-2861 if you can help us. The money we make from the bake sale goes back into the Village, the Neighborhood doesn't keep a penny of the money.

The Neighborhood Watch is once again teaming up with the Fairfax Civic Association to collect Christmas Cards for the troops. This is a great project for families to work together to make cards for the troops. We will have a booth at the Festival where you can drop off your cards. If you don't have time to make cards or you don't have leftovers from last Christmas we will have cards at the booth for you to sign. Let's let the troops know how much we appreciate their service to our great country!. We will also accept donations of needed items at the booth . ( Just like Memorial Day). Call Annie @ the number above for the kinds of items needed.

Be sure to stop by the bake sale and Yellow Ribbon booths to say Hi. The festival is a great way of building a stronger community.

Our next meeting of the Neighborhood Watch will be September 18th @ 7pm in the Recreation Center. Everyone is welcomed to attend the meetings. Everyone who is a resident of Fairfax , no matter what your age is, is a member of the Neighborhood Watch. We would like everyone's input. The more informed we are the stronger and safer our village is. Looking forward to seeing everyone at the Festival and the meeting.

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




Friends of Cinti Gear Reunion

Fairfax Rec Center  
October 4th, 2014  
7:00pm - 12:00am  
Music, Dancing, Snacks, Beer  
\$15/pp or \$25/couple  
Jolynn Robinson 517-214-8401  
Barb Blankemeyer [blank1955@aol.com](mailto:blank1955@aol.com)

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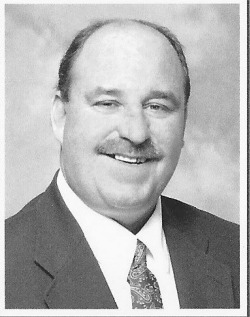
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<h1>MARIELDERS—CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR AUGUST</h1>		
<h2>MEMBER MEETING</h2>		
When: Tuesday August 5th Time: 11:00am Cost: FREE Where: MARIELDERS 1 <sup>st</sup> Floor Learn about all that is happening at the Center. All members with August Birthday’s please join us for your celebration and win a prize.		
<h2>MUSEUM DAYS: DRAKE PLANETARIUM</h2>		
When: Wednesday August 6th Time: 9:15am Cost: \$10.00 for members, \$12.00 for non-members lunch on own Where: Meet at MARIELDERS Drake Planetarium offers a wonderful astronomy and laser show. We will take in the stars and then head to lunch at Quatman Café. The Café was founded in 1966 by Albert (Albo) Imm and Ken Talmage. Quatman Cafe has become a Cincinnati Icon know for cheese-burgers, chili, homemade soups, and the coldest beer in town. Sign up with a paid reservation at the Center front desk by July 25 <sup>th</sup> .		
<h2>MAHJONG</h2>		
When: Tuesday Afternoons Time: 1:00pm Cost: FREE Where: MARIELDERS Basement Mahjong, mah-jong or mah-jongg is a Chinese game that dates back more than 2,000 years. The ancient game takes patience to learn and requires a bit of strategy to play. It’s like playing cards with tiles. If you know how to play join us and if not our instructor Jannette Allen will teach you.		
<h2>BOOK GROUP</h2>		
When: Thursday August 7th Time: 10:00am Cost: FREE Where: MARIELDERS 1 <sup>st</sup> Floor This month’s book group selection is <i>Sally Ride: America’s First Woman in Space</i> , by Lynn Sherr. This is a rich biography of one amazing woman. The author got to use Sally’s own diaries to help write this book. Pick up your copy today and join us for our discussion.		
<h2>NEEDLE NOOK</h2>		
When: Friday Mornings Time: 10:00am Cost: FREE Where: MARIELDERS 1 <sup>st</sup> Floor Do you knit, crochet, do cross-stitch, or needle point? Join us here at the MARIELDERS while you do it and meet other like minded individuals. Gwen Hawk the instructor is on hand for any questions you may have.		
<h2>LUAU</h2>		
When: Friday August 8th Time: 9:45am Cost: \$7.00 for members, \$10.00 for non-members Where: Meet at MARIELDERS Anderson Senior Center has invited us to a Luau. So let’s join them and have some tropical fun. Lunch is included. There will be fun, food, and prizes. Sign up with a paid reservation at the Center front desk by August 1 <sup>st</sup> .		
<h2>STREAM CLIFF FARMS DAY TRIP</h2>		
When: Wednesday August 13th Time: 8:30am Cost: \$65.00for members, \$75.00 for non-members Where: Meet at MARIELDERS		

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<p>We will take deluxe motor coach transportation to Stream Cliff Farms, after arriving we will have a tour of the gardens, each a fabulous lunch, and then make a flower/herb 2 gallon planter to bring home. The history of Stream Cliff dates back to 1821. James Harmon, a bachelor, came to Indiana from Maine. His family was from Pennsylvania and his father served in the Revolutionary War under Benedict Arnold. In 1821, James Harmon came to Indiana to collect his father's land grant. Jimmy Harmon lived in a hollow tree and had pigs under the floor to help keep him warm while he was in the tree. He built the big barn and baked all the bricks for the house which he built during the 1820's and early 1830's. This trip includes transportation, lunch, and craft. Sign up with a paid reservation at the Center front desk by July 27<sup>th</sup>.</p>		
<h2>ASK A NURSE</h2>		
When: Thursday August 14th Time: 1:00pm to 3:00pm Cost: FREE Where: MARIELDERS Computer room Every month a nurse from Collier Nursing is here at the Center for you to have your blood pressure taken, ask her general health questions, or express concerns. This service is free and everyone is welcome.		
<h2>BRUNCH @ THE NATIONAL EXEMPLAR</h2>		
When: Monday August 11 <sup>th</sup> Time: 10:30am Cost: On own Where: Meet at The National Exemplar Good food and fabulous company await you at the National Exemplar in Mariemont. Sign up on the Center bulletin board by Friday August 8 <sup>th</sup> .		
<h2>DINNER &amp; A MOVIE</h2>		
When: Friday August 15th Time: 4:30pm Cost: \$4.00 for members, \$6.00 for non-members Where: MARIELDERS Basement This month the MARIELDERS Theater presents, <i>Noah</i> , starring Russell Crowe and Jennifer Connelly. In a world ravaged by human sin, Noah is given a divine mission. After having two dreams in which he sees the coming of a terrible flood that would destroy all life on earth, he is guided to build an ark in order to save creation. Enjoy this movie and a great meal, sign up with a paid reservation at the Center front desk by August 13 <sup>th</sup> .		
<h2>LUNCH BUNCH</h2>		
When: Monday August 25 Time: 11:00am Cost: \$3.00 transportation and lunch on own Where: Meet at MARIELDERS This month by request we will head over to Newport and eat at Pompilio’s Italian Restaurant. This is where they filmed some scenes for the movie <i>Rainman</i> . Sign up on the Center bulletin board by August 21 <sup>st</sup> .		
<h2>LET’S GO TO THE MOVIES</h2>		
When: Wednesday August 20th Time: 11:00am Cost: \$8.00 for members, \$10.00 for non-members Where: Meet at MARIELDERS Due to a different release date we will try to see last month’s movie choice again this month. This month’s movie selection is again, <i>And So It Goes</i> , Starring Michael Douglas and Diane Keaton. There are a million reasons not to like realtor Oren Little, and that's just the way he likes it. Willfully obnoxious to anyone who might cross his path, he wants nothing more than to sell one last house and retire in peace and quiet -- until his estranged son suddenly drops off a granddaughter he never knew existed and turns his life upside-down. Before the movie we will have lunch at Cracker Barrel. Sign up with a paid reservation at the Center front desk by August 15 <sup>th</sup> .		
<h2>COOKOUT</h2>		
When: Thursday August 21st Time: 12:00pm Cost: \$4.00 for members, \$6.00 for non-members Where: MARIELDERS outside weather permitting Our summer cookouts continue, so come and join us for hamburgers, hotdogs, brats, mets, and all the other good stuff! Sign up with a paid reservation at the Center front desk by August 18 <sup>th</sup> .		



## Mariemont High School was ranked #1 in the August 2014 edition of [Cincy Magazine](#)!

"For the first time ever, we're ranking Southwest Ohio and Northern Kentucky's high schools to figure out which schools are the best. Academics are important, but there's so much more to what makes a school great. We gathered data such as the graduation rate, student/teacher ratio and the number of Advanced Placement classes to find out which schools really are at the top. We did not include schools, like ones in Indiana, that provided incomplete information."

Mariemont High School was ranked #1 because "Mariemont High School's focus on academics pushed them to the top this year. The school has the eighth highest performance index score of the schools we rated (112.134), it's tied for the highest average ACT score (26) and is the only school on our list to have 100 percent of its students score at or above proficient on the writing Ohio Graduation Test. Its most impressive number, however, is its successful AP program. Of the 129 Mariemont graduates who participated in an AP test in 2011-12, 95.3 percent earned a passing grade of 3 or higher. Mariemont is not all academics; their athletic department is impressive as well. The school's boys' varsity lacrosse team won the D2 state title, a recent graduate is playing for the Texas Rangers and another student qualified for the U.S. Open Golf Championships."

To view the full article, [click here](#). Mariemont High School student Haley Weston made the cover of the magazine as well.

Congratulations to all of the students, staff, parents and community members that help to continue the tradition of excellence that *is* Mariemont City Schools.

## PUCO Launches New Website to Assist Ohio's Energy Consumers

The Public Utility Commission of Ohio (PUCO) has launched a new Energy Choice Ohio website, [www.energychoice.ohio.gov](http://www.energychoice.ohio.gov), dedicated to consumer education regarding electric and natural gas choice in Ohio. The new website was developed specifically to be the premier resource for Ohio's Energy Consumers seeking information and offer comparisons regarding electric and natural gas supplier choices.

The new Energy Choice Ohio website offers information to help consumers understand electric and natural gas choice, including what steps they need to take when switching suppliers; what their rights are as a consumer; what aggregation is; and a frequently asked questions page that represents questions the PUCO has received while visiting all 88 counties in the state offering consumer education presentations on energy choice.

The website also features a complete revamping of the popular *Apples to Apples* comparison charts. The PUCO produces the *Apples to Apples* charts to provide residential and small commercial customers with a snapshot comparison of current electric and natural gas supplier offerings and contract terms.

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# Fairfax Fall Festival

**Friday, Sept. 5th 6–11pm**

Live music from 7-11pm by **2 – Seven**

**Saturday, Sept. 6th 6–11pm**

Live music from 7-11pm by **The Switchpickers**



Join us for a fun-filled weekend!  
Bring your families and friends  
to celebrate our community.  
We look forward to seeing you there!



We need MANY volunteers to help make the festival possible. If you are interested in helping, please contact Chandra at 568-4820 or Jenny at 527-6503. Volunteers will receive a free festival t-shirt as well as pizza & drink tickets. This year we would like to offer casino games like Blackjack and Texas Hold'em. We will need dealers to run the games. If you are interested in volunteering to be a dealer please get in touch with us as soon as possible so that we can get everyone trained before the festival.

If you are a commercial business owner, home-based business owner or resident that would like to be a sponsor of the Fall Festival, and other village events, please contact Chandra Buswell or Jenny Kaminer. We are also interested in collecting donations for the raffle prizes. Suggestions would be items like—tickets to local events, craft items, collectibles, gift certificates, etc...

We also have booth space opportunities available. Perfect way to get your company or organization involved.

## 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 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.