#### **FAIRFAX FORUM**

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#### Cincinnati Sports Club Health and Wellness Events

#### Muscle-Tendon-Ligament Screening

Wednesday, December 10, 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.

#### General Joint Screening - Shoulder, Knee, Back or Foot

Friday, December 19, 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 <u>www.thechristhospital.com</u> or call 513-585-1000.

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ECC Meeting December 8th, 7pm
Council Meeting December 15th, 7:30pm

R.G. Cribbet Recreation Hall rental, Community Room rental, Ziegler Park Picnic Shelter reservations, Ziegler Park soccer field use permits.

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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 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.

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Next Issue - January

Deadline - December 20th

### **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.

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!

### LIGHT UP FAIRFAX

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7TH, 2014 @ 4:00 PM

FAIRFAX MUNICIPAL BUILDING 5903 HAWTHORNE STREET

#### Bring your family for a holiday celebration!

Treats and Hot Chocolate

Christmas Caroling ~ Crafters from 4-7pm

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

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 for your support.

\*Amanda Huskey will be selling walking tacos, pizza, pop and other goodies to raise money for **Norse to Nations.** A non profit that does service work in the United states and other countries. Amanda will be heading on a trip to the Domincan Republic in June as a volunteer with **Norse to Nations**.

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### Preschool Playgroup

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Children 0-6 years
and their parents
are welcome to come
to the 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.

## A GREAT BIG

### THANK YOU!!!

#### **TO THE 2014 GARDEN CLUB**

## ANNIE AND PAUL WITTROCK AND JACKIE SCHNEIDER

## YOU WERE AN AMAZING HELP AND WE DID A LOT TO HELP THE COMMUNITY.

# I HOPE TO SEE YOU NEXT YEAR ALONG WITH ANYONE ELSE WHO MIGHT BE INTERESTED.

Charlene

and the village administration

## 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.

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#### THE WARRIOR COALITION NEEDS YOU!

The Warrior Coalition, a group that works to prevent substance abuse in the Mariemont City School District is looking for Fairfax residents to become part of their group. The Warrior Coalition Task Force rotates meetings each month so that meetings are held in each school district community. The next Task Force meeting will be on Monday December 8, 2014 at 7:30 PM at the Terrace Park Community Building. Please feel free to join us!

#### WATCH OUT FOR FRAUDULANT SOLICITORS

With the holidays quickly approaching, we want all resident to be aware that there may be people in the area going door to door soliciting sales for various items. All companies/persons must pre-register with the Fairfax Police Department. A background check will be run, and a signed permit will be issues which the person going door-to door MUST have on their person at all times, preferably worn on their clothing or hung around their neck on a lanyard. If you request to see the permit and one is not produced, please contact the police department immediately at 513-271-7250.

#### WE NEED YOU!

#### FESTIVAL COMMITTEE BEING FORMED

The Village of Fairfax is committed to having the Fall Festival in 2015. In order to have a successful event, we need a core group of people to make that happen. If you are interested in serving on the festival committee, please plan on attending a meeting on Thursday January 22, 2015 at 7:00 PM. We are looking for people interested in spearheading specific areas of our festival including gambling/games of chance, kid's games, overall volunteer coordination, raffle booth coordinator, etc. If you are not sure where your talents could be utilized, but would like to help out, please attend and we can find a fit for you.

The meeting will be held at the Fairfax Municipal Building. If you have any questions, please contact Chandra Buswell, Events Coordinator at <a href="mailto:chandrabuswell@yahoo.com">chandrabuswell@yahoo.com</a> or Jenny Kaminer at <a href="mailto:jkaminer@fairfaxoh.org">jkaminer@fairfaxoh.org</a>.

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### Village Rec Programs

### Basketball Open Gym:

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

(3806 Southern Ave)

ZOMBAI

Every Thursday 6pm Fairfax Rec. Center Only **\$6** a class! www.zumba.com. PAGE 4 FAIRFAX FORUM VOLUME 22, ISSUE 12

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#### TAX TIPS AND TOPICS

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The purpose of this article is to provide you with a quick overview of Village of Fairfax Earnings Tax Requirements. Not all regulations/policies can be covered here.

#### 2014 TAX RETURNS for VILLAGE of FAIRFAX

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. Withholding tax is required for employees working in the Village of Fairfax including those less than 18 years of age.

Account Numbers are 3 or 4 digits. Social Security numbers won't appear on tax forms.

**TAX RATE:** 1.75% for 2014 Returns and the 2015 estimated tax.

DUE DATE: 1) Resident and individual 2014 tax returns are due "April 15th, 2015".

2) Business tax returns also due "<u>April 15th, 2015</u>" if operating on a calendar year <u>or 4</u> months after the close of a fiscal year. "<u>Extensions also are due April 15th, 2014 and are for filing the return not payment of tax.</u>" If you file an extension with Fairfax, you must pay any 2014 Tax estimated to be due by <u>April 15th, 2015</u> to avoid interest/penalty.

**OBTAINING FORMS:** 1) Forms are available in the lobby of the Municipal Building 8:30AM - 5:00PM Monday - Friday. 2) 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 also are on our website <a href="https://www.fairfaxoh.org">www.fairfaxoh.org</a>.

**REGISTRATION:** New residents or if you moved since filing your last tax return, you must register by mail or phone (Tax Office at 527-6506). Give name, address, SS#, date moved in and landlord's name if applicable. If registering by phone, please spell all names.

Tax due or refunds of less than THREE DOLLARS (\$3.00) shall not be collected or refunded.

#### TIPS FOR FILING YOUR FAIRFAX 2014 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 after we review 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 on line 2a (loss/deduction) or 2b (profit).

- \*Include 1099 "Miscellaneous Income" forms issued by your employers.
- \*Include <u>Federal Schedule C</u> for profit or loss from a business. This applies if you are self-employed or a sole proprietor.
- \*Include <u>Federal Schedule E</u> 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 <u>Federal Form 2106</u>, 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.

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NOTE: Unemployment Compensation received in 2014 will not be taxed this year.

<u>DO NOT</u> 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.

<u>Tax Paid Other City, Village on line 5c</u>. Credit for Tax Paid to Other Communities, <u>can only be up to 1.75%</u> of any wages taxable to Fairfax and taxed by the other community.

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 husband and wife may file a joint return even if they filed separately on their State and Federal returns. *If a wife uses her maiden name please indicate on form.* 

Estimated Tax for 2015:

<u>Estimated tax is due quarterly on any estimated liability of \$100.00 or more</u>. Failure to pay estimated tax may result in an interest charge. Estimated tax form is on our website <u>www.fairfaxoh.org</u> or call 527-6506 to have a form mailed to you.

HRS: 8:30AM to 5:00 PM, Mon.- Fri. closed for lunch Appointments 5:00 - 6:00PM

Business Tax Returns are due April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2015 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. When filing include a copy of the Federal Tax Return filed by your company/business 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.

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 and is due 30 days after the close of each calendar quarter.

Annual Reconciliation of Withholding is due February 28 of each year. You must attach W-2's or computer print out 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 for all filing requirements.

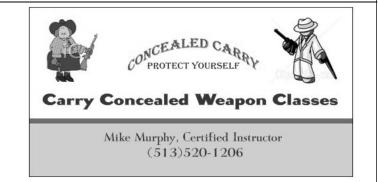


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#### **COALITION CORNER**

At the end of October, the Warrior Coalition sponsored "Marijuana and the Teenage Brain" at the Mariemont High School auditorium. Over 160 adults and students attended the presentation. Two doctors from Children's Hospital and a Drug Enforcement Officer from Milford provided enlightening and educational information about the structural changes that occur in the developing brain with habitual marijuana use. Exposure to marijuana can interrupt normal growth processes and have a major impact on academic, occupational and social achievement. Specifically, habitual marijuana use can contribute to anxiety, sleep disturbance, loss of working memory and motivation. It was encouraging to see parents and their teenagers sitting side by side learning about the dangers of marijuana abuse. Continuing to maintain a dialogue with your teenager is a critical part in the prevention of substance abuse. It also tells your child you are aware of what's going on. Thanks to all who attended. If you would like to see the slides used in the presentation, please email Melanie Stutenroth at <a href="majority.com/stutenroth/eterracepark.org">stutenroth/eterracepark.org</a>

This month, we want to bring your attention to abuse of DXM, codeine, and promethazine. These drugs are found in common over-the-counter cough medicines and are sometimes used in excessive doses to get high. The internet is a quick and easy source of information for kids who want to learn how to get high off of these substances. YouTube videos, in particular, offer "recipes" for some of the more popular concoctions. Some of the slang terms for these substances and their abuse include:

**Purple Drank**—The prescription-strength cough syrup used in purple drank contains codeine and promethazine (not to be confused with DXM). The cough syrup, used in doses much higher than medically recommended, is typically mixed with ingredients such as the soft drink Sprite or Mountain Dew and optionally a Jolly Rancher hard fruit candy thrown in for extra sweetness. The purplish hue of purple drank comes from dyes in the cough syrup. The amount of cough syrup used can exceed up to 25 times the recommended dose. The concoction is typically consumed out of styrofoam cups. Also referred to as "Lean", "Syrup" or "Sizzurp".

**DXM**—A common abbreviation for dextromethorphan, a drug in many cough and cold medicines. It's abused by some teens because it can cause hallucinations and dissociative effects at high doses.

**DEX or Drex**—Street terms for cold and cough medicines with dextromethorphan.

**Orange Crush**—A term for some cough medicines with dextromethorphan. It may stem from the orange-colored syrup of certain brands.

**Red Devils or Red Hots**—A term for capsules or tablets with dextromethorphan. The term comes from small red capsules of some cough medicine brands.

Robo, Robo Dosing, Robo Fizzing, Robo Tripping, Tussin, Tussing—Usually a reference to cough syrup with dextromethorphan or the act of abusing the cough syrup. While it derives from the brand name Robitussin, it is common slang for any cough syrup.

Skittles, Skittling—Usually applied to Coricidin tablets with dextromethorphan. They have a size and shape similar to the candy.

"The Warrior Coalition is a community organization focused on protecting the children of the Mariemont City Schools District from substance abuse. Our mission is to provide awareness, education and prevention programs to support our parents and to encourage our children to make healthy choices."

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#### Annual Holiday Nut Sale Fundraiser Kicks Off

The Kiwanis Club of Mariemont has kicked off its annual nut sale fundraiser, will all proceeds benefit local scholarships. Just in time for the holidays, their large variety of offerings are great for family and client gifts, baking holiday pies, or a tasty snack. Pecans, almond, cashews and delicious chocolate covered nuts are perfect for any occasion.

Nuts will once again be available for sale at Marielders. You can also order online at MariemontKiwanis.org or by contacting David Peterson at 814-598-6235. As part of the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Kiwanis organization, the club's goal is to sell 100 cases of nuts this holiday season.

Kiwanis members will also be on-site at all holiday concerts at Mariemont schools with their beloved singing Santa. They will also host a table at the Light Up Fairfax event.

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 feature a local speaker. We invite you to be our guest an upcoming meeting. For more information visit MariemontKiwanis.org, Facebook or Twitter (@MariemontKClub).

#### **ATTENTION:**

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## Consider Making a Matched Donation to Help District Families in Need.

We truly are blessed to live in the Mariemont school district. This realization became even clearer when a family in our community anonymously donated \$15,000 to the Angel Fund at the Mariemont School Foundation.

For the three years it has existed, funded with an initial \$30,000 gift by the same family, the Angel Fund has made a tremendous difference in the lives of district children and their families with special financial needs. This fund has allowed a student to go on an out-of-town college visit and then go on to become the first member of her family to pursue an education beyond high school, It has also provided countless meals, school supplies, holiday gifts and even prom tickets for students who otherwise would not have been able to attend this high school rite-of-passage.

It's easy for some to believe that families in Mariemont are without financial hardship. However the Angel Fund has distributed approximately \$10,000 annually, solely at the discretion of the superintendent. According to Steven Estepp, "The Angel Fund is yet another unique feature that makes Mariemont different than other districts and is a reflection of the generosity in the community."

Now the donor family and the Mariemont School Foundation are asking additional caring community members to come together, with the hopes of raising an additional \$15,000. With these additional donations, the fund will return to its original \$30,000 level, which should serve the community for another three years.

Please consider making a donation. Your help is both needed and appreciated, especially during the holiday season, a time of struggle for many families who have benefitted from the Angel Fund.

To participate in the Angel Fund or to contribute to the Mariemont School Foundation, you can send your tax-deductible contribution, payable to MSF, to Mariemont School Foundation, 2 Warrior Way, Cincinnati, Ohio 45227, or go to <a href="https://www.mariemontschoolfoundation.com">www.mariemontschoolfoundation.com</a> and contribute via Paypal.

The Mariemont School Foundation is an independent non-profit organization whose mission is to support the long-term success of our students and community through initiatives that preserve, enhance, and sustain educational excellence. The Foundation partners with the district to identify and invest in significant initiatives that support the academic component of an excellent educational experience, while also supporting the efforts of other organizations that help round out the educational experience, including arts and athletics.