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Arthritis Answers Series: Wednesday, May 7, May 14, May 21 & May 28 5:30pm
The Christ Hospital, in partnership with the Arthritis Foundation, introduces this free education series, featuring top rheumatology, orthopaedics and physical therapy experts discussing osteoarthritis, rheumatoid arthritis, psoriatic arthritis and fibromyalgia. Please call 527-4000 to RSVP.

General Joint Screening – Shoulder, Knee, Back or Foot: Thursday, May 8, 9:30am-11:30am
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.

The Healing Power of Blood – Innovations in Treating Tendon and Joint Pains: Tuesday, May 13, 6:30pm-7:30pm
Dr. Marcheschi of The Christ Hospital will discuss the PRP (Platelet Rich Plasma) process which is a new treatment that uses a person's blood to treat soft tissue injuries affecting muscles, tendons, or ligaments. PRP uses your body's own healing and regenerative resources to replace unhealthy tissue with healthy tissue. Please call 527-4000 to RSVP.

Hearing Screening: Wednesday, May 14, 9am-10am. Free screening with Connect Hearing. Call 527-4000 to reserve time.

Muscle-Tendon-Ligament Screening: *Wednesday, May 21, 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.

Nutrition Lecture – Plant Based Diet: Wednesday, May 28, 6pm-7pm
Join The Christ Hospital Nutritionist for a Plant Based Diet presentation followed by a Q&A. Please call 527-4000 to RSVP.

To find a physician for your health and wellness needs, visit www.thechristhospital.com or call 513-585-1000.

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ECC Meeting -

May 12th, 7pm

Council Meeting -

May 19th, 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 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 - June

Deadline – May 20th

MEMORIAL DAY SERVICES

May 26th, 2014 at 11:00 AM, Fairfax Municipal Building, 5903 Hawthorne Ave

Call to Order

Welcome and Remarks

Posting of Colors by Color Guard

National Anthem and Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation

Essay Winners "What Memorial Day Means to Me"

Thomas F. Litkenhaus Memorial Award Citizen of the Year

Benediction

Please stay for hot dogs and refreshments following the ceremony.

FROM THE DESK OF THE MAYOR

Spring is approaching and it is time to make needed repairs on our homes from the harsh winter or from normal wear and tear. It is important that we all respect our neighbors. Place all trash and recyclables in their proper containers and cover them if necessary to prevent papers from blowing around the neighborhood.

When putting out limbs for the Maintenance Department for Monday morning pick-up, make sure it is cut into 4 foot lengths, bundled and placed on the planting strip. Regular yard waste such as grass clippings, leaves and weeds can be bagged up and put on the curb for regular Tuesday trash pick up. If you are cutting back a large amount of brush or trimming a tree and need a way to remove these items, the Village will assist you by delivering a maintenance truck to your residence so that you can load it up. The Maintenance Department will haul it away at no charge. To get more information on this please call Maintenance Supervisor Joe Huskey (513) 527-6508.

To all golfers, it is time for the annual **'Ted Shannon Jr. Memorial Golf Outing.**

This event will be held on May 18th. If you are interest in playing or would like to sponsor a hole for this event please contact myself at cshelton@fairfaxoh.org or 527-6504, Jennifer Kaminer at jkaminer@fairfaxoh.org or 527-6503. See more information on this event in this edition of the Forum.

Our Annual Memorial Day Services will be held on May 26th starting at 11:00 A.M. in front of the Municipal Building. Please come out to honor our veterans and current members of the Armed Forces serving and protecting our great country.

Phase II of the Wooster Pike Revitalization has begun. This is the final phase of the revitalization and should be finished by the end on November.

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Yard Sale Day

Saturday, May 17th

9-1pm

Join your neighbors for a community wide yard sale. The Yard Sale day will be advertised in local newspapers courtesy of the Village of Fairfax so all you have to do is set up. It is that easy!

Kiwanis Club of Mariemont

14th Annual Golf Outing - Saturday, May 10th

Reeves Golf Course at Lunken Airport

Dust off your clubs and join the Kiwanis Club of Mariemont for our annual Spring Scholarship Fundraiser! Cost is \$80 per golfer and includes cart rental and lunch. Prizes awarded for:

1st & 2nd Place Men and Women ~ Longest Drive ~ Most Accurate Drive

Closest to the Pin ~ Longest Putt

The Annual Kiwanis Club of Mariemont Golf Outing helps our organization raise nearly \$15,000 for local scholarships.

To sign up, call Jed O'Connell at 513-561-1082 or MariemontKiwanis.org/golf.html

The Kiwanis Club of Mariemont exists to serve the children of the Mariemont, Terrace Park and Fairfax communities and every year raises nearly \$15,000 for local scholarships.

MARIEMONT CITY SCHOOLS:

LEAN 5.95-MILL LEVY PLANNED FOR NOV. 4 BALLOT

Last levy stretched to last one year longer than projected

The Mariemont City Schools Board of Education took the first of two necessary votes on April 15 to place a 5.95-mill operating levy on the November 4, 2014 ballot. This request comes after the district prolonged the preceding levy to last a year longer than expected. Passage of the upcoming operating levy will allow the district to maintain the high-quality academic programming for students that the community has come to expect as well as eliminate the need for any other operating levy request for three years, according to Ken White, board president.

After gathering community input, the 5.95 millage is the lowest option the school board considered for voter approval. This lean levy request comes with the commitment of continued efficiencies and savings in the district's budget for the next three years.

“Our district continues to show excellent fiscal stewardship and is a tremendous value,” said Tom Golinar, treasurer. “We stretched the previous levy to last one year longer than promised, all while reducing \$1.8 million from our budget and minimum support from the state. We continue to manage our finances in a conservative manner and look for ways to be more efficient every day.”

The district's \$1.8 million in reductions since 2010 reflects the elimination of 16 staff positions and a number of other cost-saving measures, such as shared services with other districts and businesses. That \$1.8 million equates to 6 mills that district residents were not asked to make up. Looking ahead, the district expects continued loss in funding from the state; in fact, the state's contribution to the Mariemont City Schools' budget is half of what was ten years ago.

“Mariemont City Schools remains excellent in every way thanks to the support of this community,” stated Steven Estepp, superintendent. “Our students have amazing opportunities and devoted teachers and staff, and we continue to compete with the very best public and private schools. This levy will help ensure that we continue to provide the utmost in quality education for our scholars of today.”

Passage of the November 4 levy would allow the district to continue to direct important funding to the classroom, and the district will keep looking for ways to be as efficient as possible, said Mr. Estepp. “Spending priorities and dollars allocated to the classroom will continue to be aligned to the instructional goals of the district.”

Failure of the November 4 levy would also come with a cost. In the coming months, the district will identify the reductions that would occur if the November 4 levy does not pass.

“This is about preparing responsibly for all scenarios and communicating those transparently with our community,” stated Estepp. “The board is committed to the passage of this levy in order to protect the purposeful, quality education that our district offers through diverse academic programming.”

The 5.95-mill operating levy will cost \$208.25 annually per \$100,000 home market value. If passed, collection will begin in January 2015. This operating levy will fund the day-to-day operations of the district, such as staffing, utilities and supplies. None of the funds from this levy will be used for the construction of new facilities.

The Mariemont Board of Education is expected to vote on the second and final vote required to place the issue on the ballot in May.

8TH ANNUAL

CONCERT IN THE PARK

FEATURING - SPEARPOINT!

JUNE 20TH

7PM - 11PM

ZIEGLER PARK

Bring chairs, a blanket, maybe a cooler....it is a great time for everyone!

If you are part of an organization that would like information on booth space please email chandrabuswell@yahoo.com or call Chandra at 538-4820.

Y O U ' R E I N V I T E D !

The school board office is hosting an open house to celebrate the retirement of Becky Jones, who has served this community as the assistant to the superintendent for the Mariemont City School District for 44 years.

The entire school district community is invited stop by and thank her for her decades of service to the district.

Drinks and light refreshments will be provided.

The open house is scheduled for 9-11am on Monday, June 9 at the Board of Education office, located behind Mariemont High School at 2 Warrior Way, 45227.

TED SHANNON JR. MEMORIAL

GOLF OUTING

MAY 18, 2014

First Tee Time is 12 Noon

For Men and Women— \$65 per Player

Make your own team or singles will be assigned to a team

Door Prizes Closest to the Pin Award – all Par 3's

Longest Putt Award 1st - 2nd - 3rd Place Awards

Dinner included after outing at the RG Cribbet Rec Center

REGISTRATION Fees Must Be Paid by May 16, 2014


To register please send NAME, PHONE NUMBER, EMAIL ADDRESS

PLAYERS NAMES IF A TEAM, and PAYMENT

Make Checks Payable to the Village of Fairfax.

Send info and payment to Fairfax Municipal Building 5903 Hawthorne Street, Fairfax, OH 45227

For more information contact Mayor Carson Shelton at 527-6503



Snappy Ad or Hi Tech ad?

The Neighborhood Watch

The Flying Pig Marathon is Sunday [May 4th](#). The race will effect traffic so plan ahead to save yourselves headaches. The Neighborhood Watch is sponsoring CLEAN UP FAIRFAX DAY on Saturday [May 3rd](#) from 10am - 1pm. We will meet in front of the Municipal Building and return there for pizza, drinks and cookies around 12 noon. Everyone is invited to help. If you can't attend the Clean Up Day we ask that you clean up the litter etc. in your yard. Many people visit our Village on the day of the race. This is a great way to show-case our Village. Who knows, some of the visitors might be looking to buy a home, find a new place to eat, or shop. Why not our Village!!!

Our next meeting will be on [May 15th](#) @7pm. The Fairfax Police are at the meetings to answer our questions and discuss our concerns about our neighborhood. We share safety tips and ideas to make Fairfax an even better place to live.

Everyone is invited to help with Clean Up Fairfax Day. This is a wonderful way to teach community pride to our children. We have a lot of fun. Hope to see you there.

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

Fairfax Residents Recycled 125 Tons in 2013

Congratulations Fairfax residents! In 2013, we recycled 124.82 tons of metal, glass, plastic, and paper. Residents saved resources, conserved energy, and reduced pollution by recycling.

The recycling efforts in Fairfax:

~Conserved enough energy to power every home in Fairfax for 8 days.

~Reduced more greenhouse gas pollution than if every household in Fairfax rode their bicycle to work for six weeks.

~Saved 1,001 trees from being harvested.

Recycling reduces pollution so the air we breathe is cleaner, conserves natural resources so we will have them to use in the future, and decreases the energy needed to make new products. Recycling also boosts our local economy by creating 169,000 jobs (4.3% of all jobs) just in the State of Ohio.

On average, each household in Fairfax recycled 324 pounds in 2013. That's 13.37% of all the waste we generate. If you would like to see even more material recycled in 2014, check out the list below to make sure you include all these materials in your recycling bin. Don't have a bin? Fairfax makes it easy! Call 800-582-3107 to request your bin today. If you would like to get a larger recycling cart, you may request one to lease from Rumpke for \$18/year. See the insert in this month's Forum for more information.

Good work, Fairfax, our recycling efforts made a big difference!

Have a question about recycling? Call Hamilton County's Recycling Hotline at 946-7766, visit www.HamiltonCountyRecycles.org, or ask a question on Facebook (www.facebook.com/HamiltonCountyRecycling) or Twitter (www.twitter.com/HamCoRecycling).

Accepting Nominations for MHS Distinguished Alumni Award

The Mariemont School Foundation and the Mariemont High School Alumni Association seek nominations for its Distinguished Alumni Award. A nomination form and guidelines are available on the School Foundation website, <http://mariemontschoolfoundation.org/alumni/mhs-distinguished-alumni/> or by contacting Scott Weston of the Mariemont School Foundation at swestonoh@gmail.com or (513) 359-5854. Nominations are due May 31, 2014.

The Distinguished Alumni Award will recognize Mariemont High School graduates *graduated at least 10 years* who have notably distinguished themselves by their significant contributions in their life or in their work. Full qualification criteria can be found on the Mariemont School Foundation website.

This year's Distinguished Alumni recipient(s) will join the ranks of the inaugural class of Mariemont Distinguished Alumni, whose backgrounds can be found on the Mariemont School Foundation website.

Distinguished Alumni Award recipients will be recognized during Mariemont's Homecoming Weekend in the Fall of 2014. A permanent, dedicated space at Mariemont High School also honors recipients.

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.

NEW STATE UPDATES TO HOMESTEAD REAL ESTATE EXEMPTION

There have been some changes made to the income requirements for the State of Ohio Homestead Real Estate Exemption Law.

If you are a person 65 years or older OR disabled and who are currently receiving the Homestead Exemption, you will continue to receive the exemption and no further information will be required. Or, if you were age 65 in 2013 OR an individual to be found totally and permanently disabled as of January 1, 2013 AND who owned and occupied your home since January 1, 2013, you may apply for the Homestead Exemption until June 2, 2014 without being subject to the new income requirements.

IN GENERAL, TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR THE HOMESTEAD REAL ESTATE EXEMPTION TAX, YOU MUST:

Be 65 years old (or older) during the year in which you file OR be totally and permanently disabled as of January 1 of the year in which you file.

Own and occupy your home as of January 1 of the application year

If you will turn 65 in 2014 or you have been found to be totally disabled as of January 1, 2014, you will need to provide proof that your total adjusted gross income (both the applicant and the applicant's spouse's income are considered) in tax year 2013 did not exceed \$30,500.

Applications and detailed information about the Homestead Real Estate Exemption can be found on the Hamilton County Auditor's website: http://www.hamiltoncountyauditor.org/tax_homestead.asp If you are a person that does not have access to a computer and/or the internet and you need assistance with the forms or to learn more about the program, please contact the Homestead Division of the Hamilton County Auditor's Office at (513) 946-4099.

Fairfax American Legion
to host a
Cornhole Tournament

[May 17th](#) at 3 pm

They will draw for
partners.

\$5 per person.



NASA & Prophecy of the FOUR BLOOD MOONS.

Study what the Bible said about the blood moons.

Begins Wed. [May 7th](#) at 6:30 PM

New Life Worship Center

3731 Southern Ave.

Please join us

Cincinnati Sports Club Now Hiring

A male locker room attendant.

Part-time 4-9pm, 4 days a week.

**Cat Martin, Housekeeping Manager
Cincinnati Sports Club**

<http://www.cincinnati-sportsclub.com/>
513-527-4000