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ECC Meeting -
August 10th, 7pm
Council Meeting -
August 17th, 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 :

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.

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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September deadline - August
20th

Village Scavenger Hunt A Road Rally Through the Mariemont School District

We invite you to the first annual “Village Scavenger Hunt”, a road rally through the Mariemont City School District. This fun, family-friendly event will be held on Saturday, August 15th, from 4:00 to 9:00. This event is happening to celebrate our great schools and communities! After a spirited kick-off event at the Starting Line (Kusel Stadium at Mariemont High School), teams will rally through the villages of Fairfax, Mariemont and Terrace Park in a crazy scavenger hunt, collecting points for various stops and challenges, competing to win bragging rights and the coveted Road Rally trophy. The competition will end at the Finish Line party, that include inflatables, life-size games, popcorn, cotton candy, food for purchase, and announcement of winners! You will not want to miss this “Amazing Race” type of event that is being sponsored by the Mariemont Schools Foundation. **Pre-Registration is required to compete in the Scavenger Hunt/Road Rally. These tickets must be purchased by Friday, August 14th.** Tickets to the event are \$25 per participant or \$100 per car. If you do not want to race, but want to join in on the Finish Line Party, that’s \$10 per head – walkups for the Finish Line party are wel-

Fairfax Fall Festival

Friday, Sept. 18th 6-11pm

Music by DJ Big Daddy Walker

Saturday, Sept. 19th 6-11pm

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

Join us for a fun-filled weekend of music, rides, games of chance,
kids games, petting zoo/pony rides, bid-n-buy, food, and more!
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 Buswell at
chandrabuswell@yahoo.com or 568-4820.
Volunteers will receive a free festival t-shirt, pizza & drink, as well as
put into a special raffle only for volunteers!



*Call today to find out about
discounted rates for Fairfax residents!*

*Two Convenient Entrances
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Jewelry Making Class

Make and take home a beautiful pair of earrings!
Learn basic wire techniques.

Work with different colors of gemstones, lamp
worked beads, Swarovski crystals, Sterling Silver or
14K Gold filled wire.

Bring your friends and neighbors!

Class size is limited to 7 per session so reservations
are required.

Cost: \$35 per class per person.

All materials and tools will be provided.

August Classes available: Weds evenings from
6:30pm - 8:30pm or Saturdays from 10am-Noon

To reserve your space please email Chandra Buswell
at chandrabuswell@yahoo.com or by leaving a mes-
sage at 513-568-4820. Please leave full name, phone
number, which date you are reserving, and how
many people are with you.

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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.

Become a Warrior Club
Member TODAY!

Are you or someone you know interested in becoming a Warrior Club member?

Warrior Club members obtain free admission to all Mariemont City School District arts performances and regular season home sporting events (go Warriors!), and are invited to special events like the Warrior Club breakfast on March 25 (mark your calendar now!). Members also receive a subscription to the Warrior Club newsletter, which includes updates, stories and insider information about the school district.

To become a Warrior Club member, you must be age 55 or older and reside in the Mariemont City School District, with no children attending school in the district.

To find out more about the Warrior Club or to sign up to become a member, visit the district website at www.mariemontschools.org > About > Warrior Club or call 513-272-7500 and ask to speak to Coleen or

Village Rec Programs

Basketball Open Gym:
Free Adult Open Gym every Wednesday from 8:30pm to 10pm. Mariemont Junior High (3806 Southern Ave)

ZUMBA!
Every Thursday 6pm
Fairfax Rec. Center
Only \$5 a class! www.zumba.com.

Book Club

The Book Club meets monthly in the Community Room of the Fairfax Rec Center.

To find out when they meet and which book they are currently reading you can call the Rec Dept at 568-4820

SUMMER UPDATES FROM THE VILLAGE

Summer 2015 seems to be flying by and school will be starting again soon. Please be on the lookout for children in the neighborhood crossing streets to get to bus stops or school. The safety of our children is a priority!

The Village has completed several projects over the past few months including:

The 3700 blocks of Germania, Lonsdale, Simpson, Carlton and Camden were repaved, including curb replacement. The Village is now working on getting quotes for those cul-de-sac streets that need fencing and/or bollards to prevent traffic from driving over the curbing area. We understand that some residents have witnessed vehicles, mainly trucks, driving over these areas and we are working on a plan to address that.

Currently, Belmont is being repaved through a joint project between Fairfax and Mariemont. The corporation line between both Villages runs down the center of the street. The Village of Mariemont is the lead agency that bid out the project and the Village will reimburse them for the work done on the Fairfax side of the road.

The Village also has plans on repaving Bancroft and Warren this year, but the Cincinnati Water Works has requested to be part of that project to upgrade the water mains on those streets that are over 90 years old. That bid will go out when GCWW completes their plans and gets funding in place to cover the cost to replace those water mains. A bid date will not be set until the final plans from GCWW are received.

The municipal building got a new roof that has taken care of the numerous leaks we have been dealing with for the past several years. This roof has a 25-year warranty and should keep us nice and dry and provide more energy efficiency for years to come.

The festival committee has been working on the upcoming Fall Festival scheduled for Friday September 18 and Saturday September 19, 2015. We will be requesting help from the community to be volunteers at several of our booths. If you are able to help, please contact Jenny Kaminer at jkaminer@fairfaxoh.org or Chandra Buswell at chandrabuswell@yahoo.com. Have a safe and happy rest of the Summer!



The Warrior Run—Save the date for this year's race!

The Warrior Run (www.cincywarriorrund.org) promotes the value of good mental and physical health among youth.

5K RUN • 1 MILE WALK • SAT., OCTOBER 10, 2015 • 1 mile at 5:15 pm • 5K at 5:30 pm

Bell Tower @ Dogwood Park, off Pleasant in the Village of Mariemont

The Warrior Run: The Race for Life, an event featuring a 5K race and one-mile walk. Both courses start and finish at the Bell Tower @ Dogwood Park, off Pleasant Street, in the historic Village of Mariemont.

The **family-oriented** fundraiser benefits Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center's (CCHMC) Surviving the Teens® program **plus** local in-school mental health programs. Enjoy a fun filled evening including the race, great food, fun music, carnival style kid's games and a movie at dark!

Visit us online at www.cincywarriorrund.org —Registration is open--make sure to check out the special youth pricing!



DOES YOUR BUSINESS NEED A CLEANING SERVICE??

The employees at Jani-King, located at 3800 Red Bank Rd., Suite A are hard-working, community-minded people. If you need their cleaning assistance, please call them at (513) 771-8006. On several occasions the company helped the Village Garden Group, in addition to residents Annie Wittrock and Donna Wilhelm.



The names of the Jani-King Garden Group helpers are as follows: James Dixon, Jeremy Warner, Ryan Baker, Bobbie Joering, Sammantha Plummer, Brooke Gehring, Dominique Green, Mindy Etris and Brian Lanhart. They were invaluable and have done a wonderful job improving the Village of Fairfax.

THANK YOU ALL VERY MUCH!!!
*Village Administration
and Charlene Metzger*



NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

The Fairfax Fall Festival is just around the corner. It will be held Friday Sept 18th and Saturday Sept 19th. The Neighborhood Watch will have a booth featuring a bake sale. We are in need of donations of baked goods from bakers and non-bakers in the village. We are in need of cookies, brownies, cupcakes etc. Please call Annie @ 271-2861 if you can help us. Be sure to stop by the booth and say HI and enjoy a sweet treat.

The Neighborhood Watch and Civic Association will also be sponsoring the Yellow Ribbon Booth. We will have Christmas cards to be signed by people for our troops. This booth will also be accepting donations of personal hygiene products, single serving water beverage mixes, etc.

Our next meeting of the Neighborhood Watch will be Sept 16th @7pm at El Jinete restaurant on Red Bank Road. Everyone is welcomed to attend the meetings. The meetings offer us the opportunity to discuss with our neighbors and the Fairfax Police problems and solutions in an informal setting. We would like to have everyone's input. The more informed we are the stronger and safer our village will be.

School will be starting soon, please drive safely!!



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



IMPORTANT NOTICE!!

The TAX DEPARTMENT WILL BE "CLOSED" for VACATION

Wed. Aug.13, 2015 through Thurs. Aug. 27, 2015

During this time you may leave paper work or tax payments at the Clerk's office or with Jenny Kaminer, city administrator. Any payments or other matters still need to be submitted by the due date.

REOPEN: Fri. 8-28-15 for regular hours 8am -5pm (lunch 12:00 – 1:30)

Reminders:

1. The tax office has an after-hours lock box. It is on your right, half way up the driveway between the Municipal Bldg. and the Recreation Bldg.

2. Credit Cards are now accepted for Tax Payments. However, you will not be able to pay by credit card while we are closed for vacation.

If you have not already done so, you need to come into the Tax Office to register your credit card. This is a onetime requirement to ensure security.

The person whose name is on the credit card must come into the tax office with the credit card and driver's license or other photo ID.

After your credit card information is verified, payments by phone (during our regular hours) will be accepted. User identification information will be requested when making payments by phone. If you want your spouse or adult child to use your card, you must let us know in advance.

TAX TIP: Check your pay stub for "local tax" paid. You should only pay tax to the city where you work or Village of Fairfax. You should NOT pay tax to Cincinnati unless you work there. Contact your employer if you need to have the Withholding of your "local tax" changed.

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BID-N-BUY @ FAIRFAX FALL FESTIVAL

We are looking for residents who are crafty or have their own home-based business to donate an item for our Bid-n-Buy booth for the Fairfax Fall Festival to be held on September 18 and 19, 2015. All items donated will be listed with a "donated by" tag (unless it is an anonymous donation) and a business card or other information can be included with the item to promote your business. Examples of items are hand-crafted jewelry, ceramics, textile items, woodworking items, Fall décor or Christmas items, etc. Please contact Chantale Huskey at huskeydaycare@yahoo.com or Jenny Kaminer at jkaminer@fairfaxoh.org for more information or to indicate you are interested in donating. Thank you!

ATTENTION:

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