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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 6th. It is a great way to kick off the holiday season and spend time with your neighbors.

However you celebrate the 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 21, 2016, weather permitting.

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



St. Margaret St. John Parish
will have their Annual Carol Fest
on December 16th at 7pm - 8pm.

The Choir, Bell Choir and
the Steele Drum Group
will be preforming
your favorite Christmas songs.

There will be light snacks
after the performance.

Everyone is invited to be apart
of this special night.

The church entrance is on Murray Ave.

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ECC Meeting -
December 14th, 7pm
Council Meeting -
December 21st, 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
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We hope you enjoy this
issue of the Fairfax
Forum which is published
by the Village of Fairfax
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and businesses in our
village.

Articles and photographs
are welcomed. Please
contact Chandra Buswell
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select and edit articles for
both content and space.

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January deadline - Dec. 20th

LIGHT UP FAIRFAX

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6TH, 2015 @ 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 in advance for your support. ☺

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!

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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.

**FROM THE MAINTENANCE
DEPARTMENT**
Joe Huskey, Supervisor
527-6508

Please remember that when walking you pets, you are required to remove any animal droppings. The Village had recently received complaints about people not complying with these regulations. Be courteous to your neighbors and understand that people walk, bike and run these same paths.

All residents – to avoid developing leaks and damage to your roof during the winter months, it is a good time to ensure all gutters are cleaned out and free of debris. Also, remember to remove all outside hoses from spigots and if you are able, turn off the water to these outside spigots.

During snow plow season, if you do not have a driveway to park in, please remember to remain at least 30 feet away from all stop signs and fifteen feet away from the intersection on the opposite of the street.

For any resident who have live Christmas trees, the Maintenance Department will pick up disposed trees placed at the curb, DAILY, through January 8th. After January 8, place trees to the curb on Tuesdays for Rumpke to pick up.

THE BOOK OF
REVELATION
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Discover for yourself what the Bible says about the end of world history.

Mariemont Elementary Auditorium
6750 Wooster Pike
Thursdays, starting January 7th
7:00-8:30 P.M.

Speaker: Denis Beausejour
Former Global VP Marketing, Procter & Gamble
Senior Pastor of Mariemont Community Church since 2004
Masters from Trinity Divinity School; Leads tours to Israel

Revelation's message of
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Village Rec Programs

ZUMBA!

Every Thursday 6pm
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Preschool Playgroup

Children 0-6 years and their parents.
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.

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

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Kiwanis Holiday Nut Sale in Full Swing

The Kiwanis Club of Mariemont has kicked off its annual nut sale fundraiser, with all proceeds benefiting 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, almonds, cashews and delicious chocolate covered nuts are perfect for any occasion.

“Our annual nut sale has grown bigger and bigger each year,” said Chairman David Peterson, “We have a blast being involved with the school concerts and really appreciate them letting us be a part of that. It’s gotten to the point where people expect us to be there and look forward to it, which is great to see.”

This year’s fundraiser contains a few new products. “Every year we get a few requests for other products. So this year we added a non-chocolate nut mix that has various fruits mixed in, we also added chocolate covered raisins and sugarless chocolate covered peanuts, and also brought back the trail mix with peanuts, raisins and M&Ms.”

Once again, the Kiwanis Club will have nuts available at all school concerts as well as several local businesses. They can also be purchased at MariElders during regular hours. Orders can be placed by phone contacting David Peterson at 814-598-6235.

The annual nut sale is the club’s holiday fundraiser for local scholarships. Each year, the Kiwanis Club of Mariemont raises nearly \$15,000 for students in Fairfax, Terrace Park and Mariemont through events such as the Art & Craft Fair and spring golf outing. Now in its 50th year, the Kiwanis Club has raised over \$200,000 for local scholarships benefiting over 60 students.

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 end by 8:30 and always feature a local speaker. We invite you to be our guest at an upcoming meeting. For more information visit MariemontKiwanis.org, Facebook or Twitter (@MariemontKClub).

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MARIELDERS NEWS

THE MARIELDERS would like to welcome our new Activities Coordinator, Cara Dyne-Gores. Cara joined us the first of November and has some great new ideas for the New Year. Cara was born and raised in Zimbabwe and moved to Cincinnati eight years ago to attend college. She graduated from Northern Kentucky University and now lives in Mt. Lookout with her husband Steve. Stop by the Center and introduce yourself to Cara and welcome her to the neighborhood.

Lollipop Craft Show

The Lollipop Craft Show will be held at the Mariemont Elementary School on Saturday, December 12 from 10am to 4pm. We have over 50 crafters selling their wares. Each booth has very different items. Here is a small list of available crafts: folk art painting, wooden ornaments, photography, jewelry, handmade pottery and many more. Santa’s Gift shop will be open again this year. This shop is only for children to shop in for their families. No gifts will be over a dollar and the gifts will be wrapped by Santa’s Elves. Lunch will also be served during the day by the Mariemont Girl Scouts. If you are looking for one of a kind gift this is the place to shop. All proceeds from this event will go to THE MARIELDERS.

WARRIOR COALITION TOWN HALL MEETING – ENGAGING THE COMMUNITY!

On October 29th, the Warrior Coalition hosted a Town Hall Meeting to discuss current youth substance abuse issues in the Mariemont School district. Guest panelists included Mary Haag, CEO/President of Prevention First, and the three local police chiefs, Rick Hines (Mariemont), Jerry Hayhow (Terrace Park), and Steve Kelly (Fairfax). Parents and community members in attendance were passionate about their concerns and even shared personal family experiences. “My son says that drinking alcohol and smoking marijuana are NORMAL and everyone does it. This belief makes my son vulnerable. I am worried I will lose this battle” stated one emotional parent. Mary Haag reiterated that parental involvement and guidance are crucial during these years and that, “according to data, only 11% of students are ‘the party crowd.’ The majority of kids are NOT using alcohol or other drugs.” Engaging the community in dialogue about youth substance abuse problems is a goal of the Warrior Coalition. Collaborating with the schools, local police and parents to identify solutions and promote healthy kids is our mission. Thank you to the parents who attended this Town Hall Meeting. Happy Holidays from the Warrior Coalition!





Little Miami Fire & Rescue will be hosting a breakfast with Santa Dec. 13th at the firehouse. Cost will be \$ 5.00 a person or \$ 20.00 a family. Menu will be pancakes, sausage, milk, orange juice and coffee. Time will be 8-11, with Santa arriving @ 9:00 a.m..

Due to difficulties in finishing their route thru the community because of service calls, this event will replace the Santa visit on the firetruck.

New Entrepreneurship Program at Mariemont High School

Students at Mariemont High School will have the opportunity to develop and pitch their own business ideas in a new entrepreneurship program as part of the Warriors BEyond initiative beginning next school year.

Patterned after the popular TV show “[Shark Tank](#),” this new entrepreneurship program will provide students a fun, hands-on and informative way to learn about being an entrepreneur. Students will develop business ideas and then pitch them to a panel of judges, which will include the program donor Donn Davis, who was honored this year as a [Mariemont Distinguished Alumni](#).

Davis committed \$25,000 to the Mariemont School Foundation toward the establishment of the Donn Davis Entrepreneurship Program, which will culminate each year in the business pitch competition with the winning student or team of students being awarded a \$1,500 Donn Davis Entrepreneurship Grant.

This effort to encourage entrepreneurship ties into the broader commitment of the Mariemont City School District to provide experiential learning opportunities through the [Warriors BEyond](#) program. Warriors BEyond is the school district’s flagship program for student opportunities offered beyond the traditional curriculum, including new enrichment experiences, travel opportunities, career exploration and service learning, giving students at all grade levels the chance to lead, reach and explore.

Davis, a 1981 graduate of Mariemont High School where he was the Senior Class President, has pledged an additional \$10,000 donation on behalf of the Class of 1981 to purchase and operate a commercial popcorn machine for the students at the high school to enjoy a healthy snack between classes.

About Donn Davis

Donn Davis is the Managing Partner of [Revolution](#), a Washington, D.C.-based venture capital firm he co-founded with Steve Case in 2005. Revolution has invested in and helped build numerous innovative companies, including Zipcar, Exclusive Resorts, Everyday Health, Shinola, Sweetgreen and CustomInk. Previously, Donn served as a senior executive at America Online and Tribune Company during the formative period of the consumer Internet. He graduated from Miami University (Ohio) and University of Michigan Law School.

About The Mariemont School Foundation

The Mariemont School Foundation supports and encourages gifts of all sizes, including those to the annual fund and those to support special projects such as this one. The annual fund drive is currently underway. [Click here for more information or to make a donation](#).

The Mariemont School Foundation is a non-profit organization whose mission is to support the long-term success of the students and community through initiatives that enhance educational excellence in the Mariemont City School District.



ACTIVE DUTY MEMBERS AND VETERANS

The Village of Fairfax is working to compile a list of residents who are active duty members, as well as a list for veterans who served our armed forces. The Village would like to recognize these members at the Memorial Day services each May. We have collected some names after this past Memorial Day, but know there are many more out there we are missing from the list.

If you, or a family members served in the military, or if you know of someone currently serving, please send their name, branch of service, dates of service (if known). Information can be emailed to jkaminer@fairfaxoh.org or you can mail it to the Village – 5903 Hawthorne Ave, 45227. We appreciate your assistance in this effort.

PROHIBITION AGAINST PASSING A SCHOOL BUS

Recently, we have had issues with motorists not adhering to Ohio law regarding school buses. We ask that every resident please make themselves familiar with these laws to prevent an unnecessary accident or harm to our Village’s children:



The driver of any vehicle on any public street shall, when approaching a private or public school bus that is stopped for the purpose of receiving or discharging any school child, bring the vehicle to a stop not less than ten (10) feet from any part of the bus. The driver shall not proceed until the bus resumes motion or until signaled by the school bus driver to do so.

Whoever violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor of the second degree. A person who is used a citation for a violation of this section must appear in person in the property court to answer the charge. (O.R.C.4511.75)

The above regulation applies to ALL Fairfax residential streets as well as Wooster Pike.

Where a highway has been divided into four or more traffic lanes, a driver of a vehicle, streetcar, or trackless trolley need not stop for a school bus approaching from the opposite direction which has stopped for the purpose of receiving or discharging any school child.

School buses operating on highways with four or more traffic lanes, a driver of a vehicle need not stop for a school bus approaching from the opposite direction which has stopped for the purpose of receiving or discharging any school child.

PARKING PROHIBITIONS

No person shall stand or park a vehicle within thirty feet of a stop sign and within fifteen feet of a crosswalk at any intersection.

IRS SCAM

Our police department has received calls over the past few weeks about the IRS scam. Callers are claiming to be with the Treasury Office or Inspector General’s Office, and often have a foreign accent. Scammers are advising victims that they owe tax money, and failing to pay immediately would lead to an arrest. These calls have been confirmed by the US Department of Treasury to be scams. To report the scams, and for additional information regarding these scams, please go to:

<https://www.irs.gov/uac/IRS-Urges-Public-to-Stay-Alert-for-Scam-Phone-Calls>

If you receive a call like this, do not give out any personal information. Hang up immediately. You can report the call to The Treasury Inspector General at 1-800-366-4484. If you are unsure about owing taxes, call the IRS directly at 1-800-829-1040.