

FAIRFAX FORUM

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Cincinnati Sports Club - Health and Wellness Events

Muscle-Tendon-Ligament Screening

Wednesday, May 27, Noon-1pm

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

Thursday, May 28, 9:30am-11:30am

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.

All health and wellness events take place at the Cincinnati Sports Club
Two Convenient Entrances
3950 Red Bank Rd or 5535 Murray Ave
Cincinnati, OH 45227
513-527-4000



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ECC Meeting -
May 11th, 7pm
Council Meeting -
May 18th, 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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June deadline - May 20th

FAIRFAX
CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

The Village of Fairfax is now taking nominations for Fairfax Citizen of the Year to be announced at our Memorial Day Services on Monday May 25, 2015. Please include the person’s name and reason for their nomination including any known service and involvement to the community. Current employees of the Village are not eligible for nomination. You may submit your nominations to Administrator Jennifer Kaminer at jkaminer@fairfaxoh.org or Mayor Carson Shelton at cshelton@fairfaxoh.org.

Fairfax Youth Organization

Hello Fairfax residents! The FYO is considering making some exciting changes to the focus of our organization. If you would like to hear about our ideas for the future, join us for a meeting on Tuesday, May 12. We will meet from 6:30 to 8:00 PM in the downstairs meeting room at the Municipal building. We are excited to share our ideas with you, and would like to hear your ideas as well!



NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

The Flying Pig Marathon is Sunday May 3rd. The race will effect traffic so plan ahead to save yourselves headaches. Hope you have some time to cheer the runners and walkers on their quest to the Finish Line.

Our next meeting will be on May 21st @ 7pm in the Recreation Center. Spend an hour with you neighbors discussing concerns and questions along with ide-as to improve our Village. The Fairfax Police are at the meetings to share ide-as and issues with us.

For Memorial Day the Fairfax Civic Association and the Neighborhood Watch will be collecting items for the Yellow Ribbon Program along with any money donations for mailing the items to our troops around the world. See the insert in this addition of the Forum. Your items can be dropped off at the Memorial Day Service in front of the Municipal Building. If you can't be there call Annie @ 271-2861 to arrange a drop off.

**VILLAGE
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skelly@fairfaxoh.org
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chandrabuswell@yahoo.com

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.

Fairfax Residents Recycled 132 Tons in 2014

Congratulations Fairfax residents! In 2014, we recycled 132 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 air pollution than if every household in Fairfax rode their bicycle to work for 7 weeks.

Saved 1,104 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 342 pounds in 2014. That's 15.92% of all the waste we generate

**GOOD WORK, FAIRFAX! OUR RECYCLING EFFORTS
MAKE A BIG DIFFERENCE!**

Have a question about recycling? Call Hamilton County's Recycling Hotline at 946-7766 or visit www.HamiltonCountyRecycles.org.

**Fairfax Swim Club
Coupon
Fairfax Residents
Take 25% off your
2015**

Seasonal Membership

Call Lee Jean Zech at 513-561-4649 to request a membership packet

This offer is only valid for Fairfax Residents and may not be used in conjunction with any other promotions or discounts offered by the swim club.

This Coupon MUST be presented with your membership application to receive the dis-

MEMORIAL DAY SERVICES

May 25th, 2015 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.**

**9TH ANNUAL FREE
CONCERT IN THE PARK**

FEATURING - BIG BROTHER BLUES BAND!

**JUNE 19TH
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.

ATTENTION:

Home Owners...

If you have a plumbing problem,
Don't Panic!..
"How To Get A 'Top Talent'
Plumber
to Show Up On -Time.
So You Don't Waste Time"

Forsee

Plumbing Co., Inc.

**#1 Plumber in Cincinnati
www.forseeplumbing.com
forseeplumbing@yahoo.com
(513) 271-6720**

State License PL16160
Master Card and Visa accepted
Fairfax residents; present this ad and receive \$10 off the \$39 service call fee.

**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.

**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.

Last day before closing for
summer will be May 28th.

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

TAX TIPS AND TOPICS

NEW THIS YEAR In an effort to return checks to tax payers more timely, the Tax Department is depositing checks prior to reviewing returns.

Under this new procedure, you could receive a correction letter requesting additional information or tax due as late as June 30, 2015.

USING TAX DOLLARS: The tax collected by the Village of Fairfax helps pay for police and fire protection, paramedic services, garbage collection, maintenance, recreation and all Village officials and employees who serve you.

Who must file a tax return with the Village of Fairfax? All residents 18 years of age or older. This includes those who rent. The 2014 Tax Return was due 4-15-15, late fees now apply.

Tax Returns are on our website www.fairfaxoh.org and available in Municipal Building lobby. Not receiving a form does not excuse anyone from filing a Tax Return.

Taxes are based on an individual’s earned income. See reverse of tax form and website for instructions, www.fairfaxoh.org.

If you file a Federal extension, you must also file an extension with the Village of Fairfax. “Extensions are only for filing your return”, any tax estimated to be due for 2014 must be paid with your extension to avoid penalty and/or interest charges.

“New residents” and those “who moved” since filing their last tax return must register. Please call the Tax Office at 527-6506 promptly. If you leave a message, spell your name and include your SS#, address, phone number and date you moved in.

Any questions about your 2014 Fairfax Tax call the Tax Office 527-6506.
HOURS: M. - F. 8:30am to 5:00pm, (lunch 12:00 – 1:30) Appointments 5:00 PM to 6:00 PM

Hedge Above Landscaping

Lawn Care for You and Your Budget

- • Spring Clean-up
- • Mowing/Mulching
- • Design
- • Monthly Weed Service
- • Gutter cleaning and more!

Contact Steve today for FREE ESTIMATE!

(513) 497-8183 or hedgeabove@gmail.com



Carry Concealed Weapon Classes

Mike Murphy, Certified Instructor
(513) 520-1206

Kiwanis Club of Mariemont
15th Annual Golf Outing

Saturday, May 9th on 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 \$70 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, and Longest Putt

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

To sign up, call Ted Beach at 513-252-4258
or visit MariemontKiwanis.org and click on Golf Outing

Can't join us on May 9th? Considering a hole sponsorship or donation. For just \$100 a sign will be placed either at the tee or green of a particular hole featuring your Kiwanis Club of Mariemont services. Hole sponsors also receive a \$20 discount off their golfer fee!

You can also donate gift certificates or prizes for our awards ceremony.
See you on the green Saturday, May 9th!
Yours in Service,
Kiwanis Club of Mariemont

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.
We meet every Tuesday at 7:45 AM at the Mariemont Elementary School.

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.
- May 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 message at 513-568-4820. Please leave full name, phone number, which date you are reserving, and how many people are with you.

Mariemont City Schools to Appoint New Dean of Students

During the April board meeting, the Mariemont Board of Education will be asked to approve Tami Croll as the new dean of students at Mariemont Elementary, effective immediately after the conclusion of the 2014-15 school year.

“We are excited to have Mrs. Croll transition into the role of dean of students here at Mariemont Elementary, where she can continue to utilize her leadership skills and talents to positively impact our school community and district,” said Ericka Simmons, principal at Mariemont Elementary. “Tami is already a valuable member of our Mariemont Elementary family and team, and has in-depth knowledge of our district and school. Throughout her time here she has been able to perform a variety of teaching and administrative roles, always keeping the students and their needs as her main focus.”

Tami is in her 16th year of teaching and her 8th year of serving as the elementary music teacher at both Terrace Park Elementary and Mariemont Elementary. She holds a Bachelor of Music Education degree and a Master of Arts degree in both education and educational leadership. Mrs. Croll has dedicated herself to promoting student achievement and to developing positive relationships with students, parents, staff and community members. She has been an integral part of the growth and improvement of the music department for Mariemont City Schools, implementing a highly effective and engaging online music curriculum in the elementary buildings. She has also directed numerous shows, musicals and programs.

“Tami’s Mariemont experience has more than prepared her for this next stage in her educational career,” said Steven Estepp, superintendent of Mariemont City Schools. “She will now continue to share her talents, creativity, time and passion in this new role to the benefit of our entire district.”

Mrs. Croll holds a Master Teacher designation, is certified to teach music in grades kindergarten through 12, and possesses her Principal Certification for grades pre-kindergarten through 12.

“The past eight years have been incredibly rewarding and fulfilling for me as a music teacher in this exemplary district. I am ready for the next phase of my career and look forward to the opportunity to make a difference for students beyond the walls of my classroom,” said Tami Croll. “The Mariemont City School District has wonderful students, parents and staff, and I am eager to support the learning environment for the entire school community. This really is a dream come true for me.”

The current dean of students at Mariemont Elementary, Dr. Jim Counts, will be retiring this June after serving 34 years in the Mariemont City School District.

Kiwanis Club Celebrates Historic Milestones

2015 marks a significant pair of milestones for the Kiwanis Club of Mariemont. While the Kiwanis International organization celebrated its 100th anniversary this past January, the local Kiwanis Club of Mariemont will embark on its golden anniversary this fall.

“Kiwanis International began its mission of serving the children of the world a century ago,” said David Peterson, local club president, “and we’re even more excited to continue our service to the surrounding communities, particularly the students of the Mariemont School District.”

While the Kiwanis Club of Mariemont was chartered fifty years ago, the group’s largest impact began near the turn of the century. “The club has a long history of service to the Mariemont area, but since the late 90s, we’ve hyper-focused on raising as much money as possible for student scholarships.” With nearly \$200,000 raised since 1998, Kiwanis has impacted the lives of more than 60 local students, many of whom received scholarships beyond their freshman year.

“It’s just great to have the opportunity to invest in the lives of our students,” says Peterson, “but we couldn’t do any of it without our great members and the area residents who support our fundraisers.” Each year, the Kiwanis Club puts on three main events: a Spring Golf Outing in early May, the annual Art & Craft Fair the weekend after Labor Day, and their Holiday Nut Sale. And to celebrate their golden anniversary, the Kiwanis Club is building a float to highlight all of the community service groups in the area. “We know there are still a lot of people in the community that don’t know what the Kiwanis Club does, but I’m pretty sure this will get their attention.”

As for why the club has had so much success to date, Peterson credits the commitment of its members. “We just have a lot of hardworking, dedicated people willing to give their time and energy year after year to make these events as great as they are, and the schools are a tremendous partner in our success. Everyone just wants to make our community a better place to live and work and go to school, and I look forward to seeing what we can do over the next fifty years.”

The Kiwanis Club of Mariemont meets every Tuesday morning at 7:45 AM in the Mariemont Elementary school cafeteria. All our invited to attend. The month of May is “Student Achievement Month” where each week’s program will feature the great work being done in the Mariemont Schools. For more information visit MariemontKiwanis.org.

MHS Accepting Nominations for Kusel Hall of Fame

The Mariemont High School Athletic Department is accepting nominations for the “Doc” Kusel Athletic Hall of Fame. Named after a long-time athletic director and coach of Mariemont High School, the Athletic Hall of Fame had its initial class in 1971. The inductees of the annual classes of inductees have their names displayed on the Kusel Stadium concourse, and the inductee’s pictures and accomplishments are displayed in the school’s Hall of Fame Walkway.

Former athletes who are considered for nomination to the Hall of Fame must have a minimum of five years elapse since their graduation from Mariemont High School. Former athletes, coaches and school administrators are considered for induction, as well as individuals with a long record of service to the athletic department.

Nominations should be emailed to athletic director Tom Nerl at tnerl@mariemontschools.org or mailed to his attention at Mariemont High School, 1 Warrior Way, Cincinnati, Ohio 45227. Nomination information should include the the following about the individual: full name, year of graduation, current contact information, high school athletic and academic achievements, years of participation in athletics, the level of the sport played (varsity, junior varsity, freshmen), verification of any all-league, all-city, all-district, or all-state recognition

Verification can also include copies of yearbook articles, certificates, press releases or articles. Once an individual is nominated for consideration, his or her name will remain on the ballot for subsequent years. The selection committee is comprised of former athletes, former and current coaches, and other representatives from the community.

For nominations to be considered for the 2015 induction class, the submission deadline is May 1, 2015, although nominations are accepted throughout the year. The Class of 2015 inductions will take place before the varsity home opening football game against Oakwood on Friday, August 28, 2015 at 6:30pm.

After 34 years with Mariemont City Schools, Dr. Jim Counts is retiring!

The following are two ways that we can come together as a community and Mariemont School Family to honor his many years of service and send him off in great fashion!

HAPPY RETIREMENT

You're invited!


Please join your Mariemont Community Schools Family

Saturday, May 16th

5pm—9pm

Hahanna Beach (7605 Wooster Pike)

For an evening of fun, food, drinks and sharing memories of Dr. Jim Counts!



WE WILL BE COLLECTING THE FOLLOWING ITEMS AS A GIFT FOR DR. COUNTS, TO BE GIVEN TO HIM ON HIS LAST DAY, JUNE 2ND (DUE 5/22)


- Cards and Letters
- Monetary Donations (checks payable to MEPTO)
- Gift Cards (any restaurant or store)

Please send donations to school with your child, Attn: Dr. Counts Gift

Or via Mail:

MEPTO, Ry Naticchioni
6750 Wooster Pike, 45227

Any questions, please contact: Ry Naticchioni (513) 479-1237 or rynatch@gmail.com



Warrior Coalition Mtg

May 11th at 7:30pm

Fairfax Rec Center

5903 Hawthorne Ave

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.