FAIRFAX FORUM

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Since October 2012, residents of the Village of Fairfax have been eligible for special membership rates at the Cincinnati Sports Club thanks to a multi-year agreement signed by Mayor Shelton and the Village of Fairfax Council. The Village of Fairfax subsidizes the cost of the membership for its residents in a unique public/private partnership.

Currently, one-third of the residents of the Village are members of the Club and enjoy the unique combination of indoor and outdoor amenities. The Club provides singles, couples and families an opportunity to enjoy the pleasure of living an active life right in your own neighborhood.

The Cincinnati Sports Club is very close to our home, and we are thankful we're able to take advantage of the membership opportunity through the Village of Fairfax – The staff here is amazingly friendly and helpful. My workout almost always consists of a short basketball warmup, a bike ride and a dumbbell workout, and my husband does the same with a bit more stretching; we're always happy that we can come in and get to use the equipment we need when we want to use it. Kudos to the entire team for making people feel welcome and doing a great job when called upon. – Rand A.

Join your community and experience the Cincinnati Sports Club. Take a personal tour of our 15-acre campus with a member concierge. We recommend coming during a time you might use the Club most frequently. On the tour we'll discuss the most frequently asked questions along the way, and you'll see why we've retained a strong relationship with dedicated members since 1990. Call 513-527-4000 or visit CincinnatiSportsClub.com.

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ECC Meeting -April 14th, 7pm Finance Meeting -April 21st, 6:30pm Council Meeting -April 21st, 7pm

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 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.

568-4820 Jenny Kaminer 527-6503 fairfaxforum@yahoo.com

Chandra Buswell

Next deadline - 5/20/18

New Program!!

Final Friday Arts and Craft Night

The Fairfax Recreation Department is bringing the downtown art scene to our neck of the woods with the new "Final Friday Arts and Craft Night"!

Grab your girlfriends, a bottle of wine, and let those creative juices flow!

Local artist and all around-crafty mama, Elizabeth Ross of Chestnut Street Market, will be demonstrating and guiding students to create a unique seasonal craft each month. Each project will be relatively simple, and definitely fun with high-quality results in which you will be proud. Printmaking, wreath making, acrylic painting, stenciling and decoupage are a few skills which will be explored.

Beginners are absolutely welcome! No pressure-just fun!!

\$20 class fee covers all materials. All you need to bring is yourself. Feel free to bring your own beverage and maybe a snack to share. Very social.

7:00pm-9:00pm ~ May art: Blockprinting

May 28th at 11am Fairfax Municipal Building, 5903 Hawthorne Ave

Call to Order
Welcome and Remarks
Posting of Colors by Color Guard
National Anthem
Pledge of Allegiance
Invocation
Essay Winner "What Memorial Day
Means to Me"

Thomas F. Litkenhaus Memorial Award—Citizen of the Year Benediction

Please stay for hot dogs, chips and drinks following the ceremony.

Thank you to the Mariemont High School Band.

12th Annual

Concert in the Park
Featuring:

Dangerous Jim & The Slims

June 22nd

7pm-11pm

Ziegler Park

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

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

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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.

Village Wide Community Yard Sale Day

527-6505

May 20th from 9am-1pm



Join your neighbors for a community wide yard sale.

The Community 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!

Rec Chess Night

Rec Chess Night is held on the 1st and 3rd Monday of the month from 6:30pm-8:00pm in the Fairfax Village Municipal Building. 5903 Hawthorne Ave, Fairfax, OH 45227. Just come on downstairs, we will be in the Scout Room.

Although we welcome all ages, young children must be accompanied by an adult as the facilitators are not responsible for supervision.

*If you are interested in mentoring at Chess Night, this is a great opportunity for service hours!

Any questions, or to sign up to mentor, please email facilitators Anita Hunt and Sarah Maier at fairfaxchess@yahoo.com.



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Fairfax Residents Recycled 127 Tons in 2017

Congratulations Fairfax residents! In 2017, we recycled **126.57 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 10 days.

Reduced more air pollution than if every household in Fairfax rode their bicycle to work for 6 weeks.

Saved 1,109 trees from being harvested.

On average, each household in Fairfax recycled 302 pounds in 2017. That's 14.72% of all the waste we generate.

Want to start recycling? Call 800-582-3107 to request your recycling cart today.

'We Can Recylce: Plastic bottles and jugs, aluminum and steel cans, glass bottles and jars, carton, paper (newspaper, card-board, mail and paperboard)

Have a question about recycling? Call Hamilton County's Recycling Hotline at 946-7766 or visit www.HamiltonCountyRecycles.org. Love all things recycling? Follow Hamilton County Recycles on Facebook, Twitter, or Instagram.

Because what we do matters.

Ted Shannon Memorial Golf Outing

This year's event will be held on Sunday May 20, 2018 at California Golf Course. First tee time is at Noon. Teams of 4 will tee off every 7 minutes from the front and back nine of the course. If you are interested in entering a team, please contact Mayor Carson Shelton at 527-6504 or cshelton@fairfaxoh.org. Cost is \$65 per player or \$230 per team of four. The fee includes two golf carts per team, a gift at the golf course, and dinner afterwards at the RG Cribbet Recreation Center in Fairfax. There will also be a chance to win some door prizes.

Please join us to commemorate former Mayor Ted Shannon. The funds raised from this event help support the events the Village holds throughout the year such as the June Concert in the Park, the Fairfax Festival and Light Up Fairfax event in December.



NOW HIRING

The Fairfax Swim Club is now hiring certified lifeguards for this summer. Must be 15 years and older, have your lifeguard/CPR certification and be ready to work in the sun. Flexible schedule and competitive wages. If you are not certified, the American Red Cross website has classes available. You must be certified before May 25. The FSC has their own Red Cross certified instructor that holds classes at the pool the first week of May. These classes are for those interested in working at The Fairfax Swim Club. Interested please contact Tracy Naticchioni at 561-8017 or tracynatch@msn.com. Classes fill up quickly.

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CALL FOR FAIRFAX CITIZEN OF THE YEAR NOMINATIONS AND LIST OF VETERANS

The Village is currently taking nominations for the Fairfax Citizen of the Year to be honored at the Memorial Day Ceremony on Monday May 28, 2018. Your nomination should include a background of the resident and their service to the community. The nominee cannot be a current employee of the Village.

The Village is also continuing to compile a list of veteran's from the Village to be honored at Memorial Day. We have a nice list started, but know there are more names that could be added. If you know of a family or friend that was a former or current veteran of any branch of the armed forces, please submit their name, branch of service, and service dates (if known).

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All information can be submitted to the Village Administrator: jkaminer@fairfaxoh.org

Fairfax Swim Club Coupon

Fairfax Residents - Take 25% off your 2018

Seasonal Membership

(Discount valid thru 5/31/2018)

Call Lee Jean Zech at 513-236-8625 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 discount can only be taken with seasonal pricing ONLY. No refunds. This coupon is valid through May 31, 2018.

This Coupon MUST be presented with your membership application to receive the discount.

1 coupon per household.

Family - includes mom, dad, and all siblings age 23 & younger, living together. \$400.00 - Discount price: \$300.00

Single - Age 13 and older. \$175.00 - Discount Price: \$131.25

Two-Person - Two people, who must reside at the same address/one person must be at least 18 years of age. \$275.00 - **Discount:** \$206.25

Preschool Playgroup

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Children 0-6 years and their parents or caregivers.

Wonderful opportunity to let the kids play and socialize.

Carpeted room with toys.

Fairfax Rec Center on Thursday mornings from

9:30am - 11:00am.

R.G. Cribbet Center

5903 Hawthorne Ave.

Hosted by the Village of Fairfax

and the Mariemont Preschool Parents Group.

No RSVP necessary, just come on in. Questions? Email villageoffairfax@amail.com

The Playgroup follows the community preschool schedule.

The last playgroup of this school year will be May 10th.

Community Committees Make Recommendations for Mariemont High School Facility Plan

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Schools may seek ballot issue to maintain excellence

The Mariemont City Schools Board of Education heard recommendations from two different community committees regarding plans to address long-term fixes to the high school facility and enhance the quality of education students receive. The presentations mark the end of a nearly two-year community process to determine the best way to address the challenges at the high school

"This has been a very open, honest and collaborative process," said Mariemont City Schools Superintendent Steven Estepp. "We value the input of our residents, parents, staff and students. They have given us their time and expertise to help maintain excellence in our schools and in our community."

The Community Project Team presented its final recommendations regarding the scope and design of Mariemont High School. The concept design includes a new academic wing with the addition of more learning environments and collaboration/gathering areas for teachers and students. It also includes renovations to the performing arts spaces and minor upgrades to the athletic facilities.

The Finance Team proposed that the district place a 3.0 mil operating levy and a 5.75 mil permanent improvement levy on the November 2018, ballot. This combined levy would generate approximately \$1 million of annual operating dollars to cover day-to-day expenses such as teachers, technology and utilities and \$43 million for the high school project.

Both the Project Team and Finance Team presentations are available online in the MHS Facility Project section of the website.

"It is clear how much work went into each of the presentations tonight, not only from the teams that presented them but from the entire community throughout the past two years," said Board of Education President Nan Dill. "We have a lot of information to reflect upon before the next board meeting, but on behalf of the entire board, I want to express our sincere gratitude to all who have had a part in bringing this Master Facility Plan to fruition."

The Board of Education is expected to vote on the final cost and design scope of the Master Facility Plan at the next regularly scheduled Board of Education meeting on May 14. That meeting will be held at 7 p.m. in the Mariemont Elementary cafeteria and is open to any parent, staff or community member who wishes to attend.



Join this fun group each month at 7:30pm in the Fairfax Rec Center.

5903 Hawthorne Ave.

Books are reserved at the Mariemont library at least a month before each discussion date.

Feel free to bring a beverage and a snack.

May 15th—Lilac Girls by Martha Hall Kelly

June 19th—All the Missing Girls by Megan Miranda

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@vahoo.com (513) 271-6720

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Events at MARIELDERS!

"Junque Sale"

The MARIELDERS famous sale will be Saturday, June 16 from 9-2. We are now accepting items for the sale. If you are spring cleaning please remember us first to donate to. We take everything but clothes, shoes and large pieces of furniture. Our big selling items are: books, linens, antiques, kitchen items and knick-knacks. Please drop off your items Monday – Friday from 9-4 at the Center.

JUST FOR THE GUYS

Gentleman only – join us for a trip to the Chilo Lock 34 Visitor Center and Museum to explore the exhibits on the Ohio River locks and dams. After lunch we will then tour the Meldahl Locks and Dam which replaced the Chilo Locks. This trip will be Thursday, May 17 leaving the Center at 9:30 and returning at 3:30. Cost is \$5 and lunch is on your own. Space is limited to 6 - sign up by May 13.

Mindful Maintenance Exercise Classes

The Center is now offering a variety of exercise classes throughout the week, cost is \$8 a class or \$30 a month unlimited classes. All classes are held in the lower level of the Center.

9:15am	Meditation (no cost and no limit)
10:00am	Core and Balance (limited to 10 participants)
10:00am	Tai Chi Flow (mostly sitting in chairs and limited to 10)
11:00am	Tai Chi Traditional (limited to 10)
10:00am	Laughtercise (no cost and no limit)
10:00am	Restorative Chair Yoga (limited to 10)
10:00am	Maintaining Your Strength (limited to 10)
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NEW! Line Dancing @Fairfax Recreation Center

Join us for this new class taught by Kim Cafazo. Enjoy music, laughter and various dance routines. Class will be offered twice a month May 10 and May 24 from 2-3pm. Cost is \$10.00 for both classes. Please sign up at the MARIELDERS and if you need a ride to the Rec Center please let us know.

Great Decisions

The Foreign Policy Association's Great Decisions program model involves reading the Great Decisions Briefing Book and then discussing the most critical global issues facing America today. This program meets once a month on the second Wednesday of the month at 1:00pm. For more information call the Center at 271-5588 or go to marielders.org.

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YELLOW RIBBON CAMPAIGN

This year, the Fairfax Neighborhood Watch and the Fairfax Civic Association are working together to collect items for the Yellow Ribbon Support Center. This organization sends packages to our troops as they continue to fight the war on terrorism. Sending encouraging letters and packages does our troops a world of good – it reminds them that they are not forgotten.

We are asking that you help us lift the spirits and morale of our heroes by bringing donations to the Memorial Day Ceremony on Monday May 28, 2018 at the Fairfax Municipal Building between 10:30 AM and Noon. If you are unable to attend the ceremony, you can drop your items between April 20 and May 26 to the following locations:

3760 Nightingale Drive (evening drop off only)

3810 Southern Avenue

3823 Camden Ave

3829 Watterson Rd.

3909 Watterson Rd.

Lobby of Fairfax Municipal Building – 5903 Hawthorne Ave.

<u>Items needed</u>: Foot powder, disposable baby wipes, beef jerky, hard candy, batteries (AA, AAA, C and D) Easy Mac, Crackers, Peanut Butter and Jelly (small), Eye Drops, Mach3 Razors, Travel Board Games, Cookies, Snack Bags, small coffee packets, small coffee creamers, tea bags, hot chocolate, pre-sweetened Kool-Aid single serving beverage mixes, card games, personal hygiene products (toothpaste, tooth brushes, feminine products, soap, deodorant), warm clothing, letters and coloring pictures from children.

We are also accepting monetary donations to cover the cost of shipping care packages.

Thank you for your support!

REC. Arts

...at the Fairfax

Rec Center

Hands on projects for kids in kindergarten to 6th grade. Class sizes vary and are limited to child/adult ratio. Waiting lists may occur.

Schedule:

May 12th - Succulent Gardens and Superhero Candy Bars

Classes are only \$10 per child. Times are 9:30am-11am.

To sign up, email recartsfairfax@gmail.com to receive an enrollment form. Enrollment forms must be returned with payment to guarantee space in the program.

Questions can also be sent to the above email address.

Family Community Picnic

At The Fairfax Church of the Nazarene

Saturday, June 9, 2018 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Food and drinks are provided Games for kids

3802 Watterson Rd Fairfax, Oh 45227 (513) 271-5063

Sunday School 9:30 (for all ages) Sunday morning service 10:30 Children's Church 10:30 Wednesday Prayer service 7:00