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Infrastructure Meeting Sept. 8th, 6:15pm
ECC Meeting Sept. 8th, 7pm
Finance Meeting Sept. 15th, 6:30pm
Council Meeting Sept. 15th, 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.

Please contact Chandra Buswell for submissions. While this newsletter welcomes submissions for evaluation, it is not an open forum. Submissions will be evaluated for consistency with the informational purpose of the newsletter. The editorial staff may reject any submission or edit submissions for both content and space. Photos will not be returned.

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Next deadline - 10/20/18

# Children's Halloween Party

Sunday, October 21st from 5pm-7pm

# FREE!

RG Cribbet Recreation Center

GAMES AND ACTIVITIES! GOODIES AND TREATS!

Please bring a <u>snack</u> to share!! NO CANDY!! Drinks available for sale in the concession stand.

\*This is a family friendly event best suited for preschoolers/young elementary aged children however all are welcome.

The Mariemont City Schools are on the November 6 ballot for a combined operating and permanent improvement levy.

Please join
Superintendent Steve Estepp

to learn more about
this levy and what it means
for you as a voter during
the Fairfax Neighborhood Watch
meeting on

Thursday, October 18, at 7pm in the Rec Center.

# TRUNK OR TRE T

October 2018

The Fairfax Church of the Nazarene
Oct. 31 at 6pm
Church parking lot
(Corner of Watterson
& Hawthorne St)
Stop by for lots of
Tricks & Treats!



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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.

# ATTENTION TAXPAYERS: 2017 RETURNS WITH AN EXTENSION FOR THE VILLAGE OF FAIRFAX ARE DUE 10/18/18.

Please, as a courtesy send in your extension along with your Return to avoid delays in processing.

If you use a tax preparer, please verify that your Fairfax return was or will be filed on time.

Late filing fees apply to extended Returns filed after 10-18-18. Interest applies from 4-18-18.

We will prepare your Fairfax Return free of charge. Individuals need to bring all 2017 W-2's, 1099 Misc. forms and/or other income statements to our Tax Office. If you were self- employed or had rental income during 2017, bring your completed Federal Schedule C or E.

\*If you misplaced your 2017 W-2's, etc. contact your employer or tax preparer to get new copies.

Businesses need to attach a copy of their Federal Return.

If you do not have an extension please file your Return as soon as possible to avoid increased penalties and interest. Currently the penalty is \$150.00 in late filing penalty plus additional penalties/interest if there is a balance due for every return filed without an extension.

HOURS: 8:30AM to 5:00PM |5:00 – 6:00 by appointment

Also, please remember if you have not made any estimated payments on your 2018 taxes and you owed over \$200 in 2017 you are required to make payments of 90% of the amount owed in 2017 prior to January 15, 2019. Another round of tickets will be sent out to those who have not yet made any payments.

Don't forget the drop box by the side door for after-hours payments and papers.

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## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

School Levy: Vote FOR Solving Critical Needs at Mariemont High School and Retaining Existing Staff

Dear editor:

This November 6, our schools are on the ballot for a critical levy that will **ensure that existing services and programs can continue to be offered in our Mariemont City Schools.** The funds will be used to retain existing staff who are needed to ensure that there are enough teachers to provide students with individual attention.

This ballot issue is important to provide funding to the classroom. It is also important because it will address the needs at Mariemont High School — needs that are draining our district's budget and our ability to remedy them. Specifically, in addition to providing funding to retain existing services and programs, the levy will provide:

~new labs in Mariemont High School to provide students with advanced training in science, technology, engineering and math coursework:

~critical plumbing, roofing, heating and air conditioning replacements at Mariemont High School; and,

~safety enhancements in all district buildings to better protect students.

The levy contains two issues that are combined as one ballot issue. So, two issues but one vote. Why? Because **both** are needed and because the district cannot have one ballot issue without the other. Our schools need operating dollars for the classroom <u>and</u> facility dollars for the serious needs facing the district that are both draining their budget and that cannot be solved with their existing budget.

If the levy passes, we can ensure that existing services and programs can continue to be offered in our schools. If it fails, then things get worse and not better. We only further delay the need, bring cuts to our schools and make it more expensive for everyone later on with increasing construction costs.

We appreciate that the school district is being open and transparent about the needs facing our schools and that they spent years vetting the needs. They listened to our community. We also appreciate that they have communicated clearly as to what happens if the levy does not pass. What we face are not threats; rather, these reductions represent the fiscal reality facing our schools.

We cannot let our schools falter. Our support matters when our schools need us the most: At the ballot box. Please join us in voting #FORMariemontSchools in the Tuesday, November 6 election. Please join us in voting to ensure that existing programs and services can continue to be offered in our Mariemont City Schools.

Sincerely,

Ry Naticchioni, Fairfax Resident and Residents for Continued Excellence Co-Chair With Co-Chairs Jamie Overbey, Jill Welch and Laura Organisciak





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# Village Craft Connection

# November 8th from 6:30-8:30pm

Happy Fall Y'all! We are super excited for November 8th: Fall Floral Pumpkin Class- Adorn A Craft Pumpkin with a Fall Floral Arrangement for the Perfect Autumn Accent Piece!

We will make one of a kind pumpkins that can be enjoyed for years as they are foam with silk florals! It will be wonderful to see what masterpieces everyone creates! We have a darling scarecrow for each quest to utilize in your pumpkin if you desire!

Come ready for fun, crafting and socializing! Feel free to grab a friend to join you! They do not have to live in Fairfax or Mariemont to participate...all welcome! (You may even gather a group to come and bring in apps and spirits!)

This awesome class is limited to 20 participants! To secure your spot, please email villagecraftconnection@gmail.com.

\*This is the new edition of Final Friday's Art Classes. We listened to concerns over Friday nights and are happy to update the class to be available when more can come.

Hosted by Joanna Eyer and Diane Wickham

# **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"

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Fairfax residents; present this ad
and receive \$10 off the
\$39 service call fee.

## You are invited to:

# The Fairfax Church of the Nazarene's Yummy Chili Dinner



Sat., Oct. 13, 5:00-8:00 Free to church members, Fairfax residents, family and friends

> 3802 Watterson Rd. Cinti, Oh. 45227 (513) 271-5063



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.

October 16th - "Bossypants" by Tina Fey

November 13th - "The Curious Charms of Arthur Pepper" by Phaedra Patrick

December 18th - The Light Between Oceans by M.L. Stedman

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# MariElders News 271-5588

## Talkin' 'bout Your Generation!

THE MARIELDERS, INC. is so glad to be a part of this exceptional community. Over our more than 40 year history, we have enriched the lives of hundreds of adults 55 and older in Mariemont and surrounding communities. This confirms the fact that our role is truly vital and valid. Our motto rings true, that "Aging is Everybody's Business!".

To our delight, a new trend has emerged. The **second generation** of MARIELDERS is joining the fun. That's right, their **parents** were active members through the years! Now, many of these "**kids**" are signing up for outings and experiences that are diverse and engaging, like blacksmithing, kayaking, Foreign Policy discussion group. Others are very active in the Mindful Maintenance fitness programs. Most of all, THE MARIELD-ERS remains a great place to hang out and make some lasting friendships.

As we move onward toward the 2020's, please reach out and support our events, activities, transportation and social services to the community we all love. Please vote on November 6<sup>th</sup> to renew our levy (Issue 28) which provides 45% of our operating funds. That way, your generation can have a great place to stay actively engaged with THE MARIELDERS.

Thank you for supporting us since 1977!

## **MARIELDER OF THE YEAR**

Congratulations to Nancy Powell nominated by her peers for 2018 MARIELDER OF THE YEAR. Nancy joined the Center in 2015 and has been a great, friendly and caring member. She volunteers as a front desk receptionist and drives other members to doctor appointments. We will be hosting a formal high tea on November 8 at 2:00pm to honor Nancy. Cost is \$8 per person. Please sign up at the MARIELDERS.

## ART CLUB AT THE BARN

Join us on Tuesday afternoons at 1pm with David Laug at the WACC BARN for his weekly art class. David teaches a variety of techniques using different mediums and platforms. Cost is \$5.00 for members. Please sign up at THE MARIELDERS.

#### PIANO LESSONS

\_Jim Lindenschmidt, a MARIELDER member, will provide one-on-one 45 minute piano lessons on Wednesdays from 1:30-3:45pm. You will learn how to perform chords both major and minor, and simple songs. Cost is \$5 for the month. Reservations need to be made at the Center's front desk.

#### **MEMBERS MEETING**

Join us for our monthly meeting featuring guest speaker, Melissa Bales. Melissa is skilled in Medicare and secondary insurances. She will be holding 1 hour appointments on November 1<sup>st</sup> to discuss your health insurance plans. Everyone is welcome to our monthly meeting. Please call Kathy to schedule your free appointment with Melissa.

#### A DULCIMER QUARTET CONCERT

On Wednesday, October 10<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am we will be having a light breakfast and then enjoy a concert by *A Dulcimer Quartet*. They will play a range of songs from classical to Appalachian music. Cost for this program is \$5 and the reservation must in by October 8 at the Centers front desk.

#### GREAT DECISIONS

Great Decision is a structured discussion group that studies U.S. Foreign Policies. This month's topic is U.S. Global Engagement and the Military. Join us on Wednesday, October 10<sup>th</sup> at 1pm in the lower level of the MARIELDERS.

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# REC. Arts

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

#### Schedule:

October 20th — Halloween Bags

November 17th—Beaded Wire Sculpture

December 21st—Small Gift Jamboree

Classes are only \$10 per child.

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.

The Fairfax Civic Association invites you to join us in our mission of improving the community we share.

Our meetings will be on the 3rd Tuesday of every month from October through May with the exception of December.

Our next meeting will be October 16th at the municipal

If you have questions about the organization, feel free to contact us at fairfaxcivic@gmail.com or call Christy Resnik at (513) 561-1767.

# Preschool Playgroup

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 $\land \land \land \land \land \land \land \land \land$ 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@gmail.com

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# **Rec Chess** Night



Rec Chess Night is held on the 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.

# Have a home based business? Are you a crafter?

Then you are invited to participate at the Annual Light Up Fairfax event to be held on Sunday, Dec. 9th, 2018.

Light Up Fairfax will include caroling, horse-drawn carriage rides, a visit from Santa and Mrs. Claus, cookies and hot chocolate with the craft show inside our recreation center.

Participants will be provided with (1) 8' banquet table and 2 chairs for \$20. An additional table may be rented for \$15.

We look forward to featuring lots of great crafts at this year's event! If you have any questions, please contact Chandra Buswell at chandrabuswell@yahoo.com or 513-568-4820.

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It is certainly an exciting time in the Mariemont School District. The kids are back to school and settling into what promises to be another fantastic year and we have welcomed 90 new students into our elementary, junior high, and high schools! For those new to the district as well as those not familiar with the Mariemont School Foundation, we wanted to (re)introduce ourselves and share some of the work we do.

The Mariemont School Foundation (MSF) is an independent non-profit 501-(c)3 organization formed in 1996 by a group of committed parents and residents who realized that our public school district could not afford to support every initiative that could enhance the educational experience of our children. Our mission is simple:

To support the long-term success of our students and community through initiatives that preserve, enhance and sustain educational excellence.

Like other support organizations in the district, including our PTOs, the Arts Association, and Boosters, the MSF raises private funds to support additional experiences and programming to meet the district's financial needs. At the Foundation, we focus primarily on educational initiatives and extra-curricular programming at all four schools that fall outside the district's annual budget. Here are some examples of things we do:

## **Annual Fund Drive**

The Annual Fund Drive (AFD) is our largest fundraising event of the year. Although we receive contributions to the AFD all year, our biggest push comes in the fall, during the kick-off of our drive. District families, parents of Mariemont graduates, alumni across the country, and district staff will all receive campaign letters later this Fall. We welcome support from all in our community and would appreciate your participation in this year's campaign, "All in for the Mariemont Experience"!

The 2017-2018 AFD generated more than \$46,000 in contributions from 128 individuals, families, private foundations, and businesses. We focus these funds on supporting the district's flagship experience program, Warriors BEyond. We are excited to be able to help the District build extras into this program. After-school art and STEM enrichment, in-school Exploration and Expedition classes in "beyond the classroom" topics, and intersession and Master Class experiences at the High School are the pillars of this exciting program (check out more at www.mariemontschools.org/academics/warriors-beyond1).

That's not all we do! We also administer donors' restricted gifts, which represented nearly \$125,000 in additional support last school year. Our other efforts throughout the year include:

Scholarships and Special Programming: The Foundation distributed more than \$10,000 in academic, leadership, and athletics scholarships to 12 deserving students. We also disbursed \$3,500 from the Angel Fund for district families in financial need and awarded \$5,000 from The LO.V.E. Fund to support a Mariemont student completing an undergraduate research fellowship at Cincinnati Children's Hospital. More than \$10,000 was also awarded for students to participating in the Global Leadership Summit and experiential learning travel programs. Foreign language instruction is partially funded at the elementary schools through a generous grant from a foundation.

Life and Leadership Series: We partner with the District and The Warrior Run to support the Life and Leadership series, which brings in nationally-recognized experts to talk to parents and students about issues relating to mental health and student well-being. Last year's guests included Harlan Cohen, who met with students at each school to talk about managing transitions (e.g., from high school to college) and Dr. Andrew Sweeney, who discussed how parents can support children with anxiety.

The Annual Scavenger Hunt: At the beginning of each school year, the Foundation runs the annual Mariemont Scavenger Hunt, a crazy, fun, and family-focused event that takes participants on a scavenger hunt through Fairfax, Mariemont, and Terrace Park. It's all about building community!

Distinguished Alumni Awards: At homecoming each year, the Foundation partners with the Mariemont Alumni Association to recognize our exemplary alumni through the Distinguished Alumni Award. This award is given to one or more individuals each year who graduated at least 10 years ago and have notably distinguished themselves in some aspect of their life. This year's honorees are Susan Davis-Ali (Class of '82) and Jim Verdin, posthumously (Class of '55).

FAB Affair: Who doesn't love a good party? We certainly do! In partnership with the Mariemont Arts Association and the Mariemont Boosters, the Foundation is proud to host the FAB Affair, an annual fundraiser for the district. Save the Date: This vear's event will be held March 9<sup>th</sup> at The Summit!

## How can you help?

What we do is important. Our efforts require resources, including the generous contributions of many. We are fortunate to have so many generous donors step forward to support us in our mission. If you'd like to learn more or contribute, please visit us at: http://mariemontschoolfoundation.org/.

Vice President, Mariemont School Foundation