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Due to COVID-19, council meetings may be hosted over Zoom/ICRC TV.

Please check the village website calendar for council meeting information.

Visit fairfaxoh.com for more information.

*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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LET'S LIGHT UP FAIRFAX!

The Fairfax Civic Association is hosting "The Best Decorated House in Fairfax" contest. Looking for residents to go above and beyond this year to give some holiday cheer during the pandemic of 2020. Let's make Fairfax shine this holiday season and bring a smile to all who drive thru.

The Fairfax Civic Association members will judge December 21. The judges will be looking for originality, lots of lights, cheer and the most spirit of the season.

The winner will receive local gift cards totaling \$50.00

If you choose not to light up your entire house, the Civic Association encourages you to hang up a strand, or two, of lights on a railing, on a bush or a wreath on your front door that lights up. Having trouble with getting electric to your front yard? Try solar or battery lights.

Join the Fairfax Civic Association in making our community shine

Happy Holidays

WINTER RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT

Joe Huskey, Maintenance Supervisor 513-527-6508

A reminder for any residents that have not done so already – when you turn your water off to your outside water spigots, remember to remove your hoses as well. Freezing water that is in the hose line can cause issues to your home. As you remove the leaves from your yard, remember to check your gutters for clogged leaves one last time as well so that freezing water that could damage your gutters and downspouts does not get stuck in them.

We kindly ask that all residents please park in their driveways and keep as many cars off the streets as possible when snow is predicted. This makes snow removal much more efficient and thorough and keeps your cars safe from the large trucks with snow plows coming down the street. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated and will result in well-plowed and treated streets.

Live Christmas trees can be placed on the curb and will be picked up by the Maintenance Department Monday through Friday until mid-January.

BREAKING NEWS ALERT!



Santa Claus is coming to town!

Don't miss Santa, Mrs. Claus and their helpers driving the streets of Fairfax to spread some holiday cheer.

Saturday, December 19 starting at 11:00 a.m.

Santa will do his best to visit every street in Fairfax.

If you live on a cul-de-sac,

please meet him and his friends on the closest intersection.

The Fairfax Nazarene Church

wishes you and your families a

Merry Christmas & a Safe, Healthy & Happy New Year

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Join this fun group each month as they discuss the books listed below.

Meetings are normally held in the R.G. Cribbet Rec Center, 5901 Hawthorne Ave, at 7:30pm. Mask required.

Due to Covid, some months are hosted by Zoom. Please watch the Village Facebook Page for details.

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

December 15th: The Water Dancer by Ta-Nehisi Coates

January 19th: Stiff: The Curious Lives of Human Cadavers by Mary Roach

February 16th: The Other's Gold by Elizabeth Ames

REC Game Night

Monday, December 7th

6:30pm-8pm

Fairfax Rec Center

5901 Hawthorne Ave, Fairfax, OH 45227

This is a very casual format and we'd love for you to come! ***Please wear your mask.***

Young children are welcome, but remember that we are not responsible for them.

Feel free to bring a game to share.

Any questions, email Anita Hunt or Sarah Maier at fairfaxchess@yahoo.com.

Dungeons & Dragons

We are also putting together Virtual Dungeons and Dragon groups. If you are interested, please email for more information.

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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 513-742-2900

Report Street Light or Traffic Light Out

Fairfax P.D. 513-272-9941

Be sure to LIKE the Village of Fairfax Facebook page for more updates and information.

Dear Recycling Partner,

We have news! We are excited and very pleased to announce new items will soon be accepted in Rumpke's recycling program.

Starting in 2021, residents and businesses will be able to recycle plastic tubs in Rumpke's recycling program. So, yogurt eaters rejoice! Bring on the butter tubs and toss in those fruit cups! All of these items will find new life through Rumpke's enhanced recycling program.

Like with our other acceptable items, Rumpke has secured long-term contracts with stable, regional end users for this material, and with a grant from The Recycling Partnership, we will soon install new machinery at some of our recycling facilities to better sort the material.

Rumpke will officially launch the new program January 4, 2021. Throughout the next few months our team will begin providing you with materials to help educate customers about the change.

We look forward to working with you as we continue to make all communities serviced by Rumpke a little cleaner and greener!

RECYCLE THESE

All items should be clean, empty and placed in cart loose. Please don't enclose in plastic bags.

PAPER



Cardboard should fit inside cart.

GLASS BOTTLES & JARS



Any color. Reattach lid.

PLASTIC BOTTLES, JUGS & TUBS



Yogurt and fruit cups OK. Reattach lid.

METAL CANS



Non-hazardous, non-flammable material only.

CARTONS



No egg or ice cream cartons. Remove caps and straws.

DON'T RECYCLE THESE:

- Plastic Bags
- Batteries
- Clothing
- Pots & Pans

Visit www.rumpke.com for more recycling information.

LANCE HOLLANDER HONORED AS KIWANIS PRESIDENT

Lance Hollander was honored as the outgoing president of Mariemont Kiwanis at the 55th anniversary dinner held at the Terrace Park Country Club on Nov. 10.

During Hollander's tenure, Kiwanis instituted a new fund raiser and was able to continue doing the good work that the community has come to expect from Kiwanis, in spite of the ongoing pandemic.

Additionally, the new leadership team was introduced at the dinner, including Michael Pope (president, MHS Class of 1965), Don Keyes (president elect) and Regina Stalzer (vice president). Matt Nickum and Betty Clingerman continue as treasurer and secretary, respectively.

Kiwanis serves the youth of the Mariemont City School District with Builders Club, Key Club, Winners Walk Tall, mentorships, HOBY leadership conference and scholarships. The Kiwanis of Mariemont Youth Foundation is a 501-C3 and any contributions to help enable Kiwanis to continue at its high level of service to the community should be sent to 2 Warrior Way, Cincinnati, Ohio 45227.

Annual Kiwanis of Mariemont Nut Sale Benefits Local Students

By Natalee Shriver, Mariemont High School Journalism Student

The beginning of December marks the start of the annual Kiwanis of Mariemont Nut Sale. There will be many sweet and salty treats sold this year, and the profits go towards a good cause.

The annual Kiwanis of Mariemont Nut Sale started years ago as a fun addition to the holiday season. Sales typically take place at the Mariemont City School District's holiday concerts. However, since Covid-19 has caused the cancellation of all in-person concerts, there is a new way of fundraising this year. You can make your purchase online at MariemontKiwanis.org/nuts through the end of December.

The 2020 Kiwanis of Mariemont Nut Sale will offer all of the classic favorites: chocolate covered peanuts, almonds, raisins, and plain cashews as well as multiple trail mixes and holiday assortments – including the popular honey-Cajun flavor! Nuts and other treats being sold come in six-ounce bags for \$5, or you can get a 12-ounce tin for \$10.

All of the money from this sale goes directly toward an annual scholarship to a deserving senior at Mariemont High School. David Peterson, head of marketing for the nut sale, noted that “to this date, [Kiwanis] has provided \$250,000 in scholarships to over 100 students over the years.”

Mariemont graduate Kristen Keyes (2019) is a recent recipient of the Kiwanis Scholarship. Keyes earned it for her community service, and she was recognized as having served the most volunteer hours in the history of the Mariemont Kiwanis. Since it allowed her to become a member of the Kiwanis, she considered the scholarship a reminder that “service is a gift, not a requirement.” Her recognition for outstanding community service helped her through college. Kristen recalled, “[The scholarship] took some weight off my shoulders while trying to choose a school, knowing I had support behind me.”

The holidays are the season for giving back. One simple way to do that is by buying some Kiwanis nuts or trail mixes. Not only will you be getting a delicious product, you are supporting the Kiwanis Scholarship, which could potentially help someone through college so they can graduate with very little debt.

East End Adult Education Center Announces Its Winter Quarter

During this pandemic, it is important to know that The East End Adult Education Center is continuing to enroll students for the Winter Quarter. Students may enroll in virtual learning at home, in class tutoring, or a blend of the two. The classes are free and are Monday through Thursday from 9am to 2pm and on Wednesday evening from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Any student who gives us their time will improve their educational levels. Come in and sign up!

The East End Adult Education Center was established in 1973 to combat the high illiteracy and unemployment rates in the area. With the assistance of EEAEC, over 900 students have achieved their GED Diplomas and about 190 students are served every year. Any Greater Cincinnati student who wishes to improve their academic skills is able to seek help, at no cost to the student. Students are welcome to enroll any day and anytime during the school year. The East End Adult Education Center is one of the GED education centers in Cincinnati that is open daily and provides completely free literacy and GED instruction, job search, resume writing, college application, and job skills education. The funding for this service comes from individuals, grants, churches, and businesses. The Charles Dater Foundation, The George B. Riley Trust, and The SC Ministry Foundation are among the many supporters.

Students are able to work at their own pace, and are provided tutors whenever needed. All ages of students, ranging from age 16 to 70, work on only what they need to get to the 12th grade level. Those who attend regularly improve at least one grade level every 90 days. Once students reach the 12th grade level, they are given the Practice GED. When a student passes the Practice GED, he or she sets up an appointment to take the test at EEAEC or an approved GED testing center. Students come from a wide background of economic situations; including those who have difficulties learning, bully victims, impoverished, single parent families, and youth just out of the criminal justice system.

East End Adult Education Center is located in Fairfax, OH at 5721 Dragon Way. For more information, to volunteer, or ways to show support, email adelemcraft@gmail.com. www.eastendadulteducationcenter.org. 513-321-6744



**THE MARIEMONT
SCHOOL FOUNDATION**
SUSTAINING EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE

The Mariemont School Foundation (MSF) invites you to participate in our most important event of the year, the Annual Fund Drive. It is because of the generosity of families like yours that

the Mariemont School District will be able to continue its long history of academic excellence. Gifts of ANY size are important in providing an enriched environment for our outstanding school district. Our united effort is more critical than ever before. Please consider a gift to benefit our children and our community.

The MSF is an independent non-profit 501-(c)3 organization that was formed in 1996 by a group of committed parents and residents who realized that our school district could not afford to support every initiative that could enhance the educational experience of our children. Private funds were needed to bridge the gap.

We provide financial support to the District to fund educational initiatives and extra-curricular programming that fall outside the District's annual budget, including:

- World language instruction and the Explorations program in our elementary schools
- Friday Expeditions programming for junior high students
- Master classes and our Intersession's for the high school
- District-wide initiatives, such as:
 - *Life and Leadership Series focusing on issues of wellness, college readiness, and careers
 - *Scholarships and Special Funds to support individual student needs and travel-based programs, including Camp Kern (elementary), the Washington DC trip (junior high) and the Global Leaders Summit (high school).

The uncertainty surrounding Coronavirus, the need to serve remote and in-person learners, and reductions in state funding are putting further strain on our District's budget. Our goal this year is to ensure that the District has the funds it needs to maintain its legacy of academic excellence despite the challenges of navigating the pandemic. Our efforts require resources, including the generous contributions of our District families who are in a position to give at this time. Thus, we invite you to GIVE to the MSF's Annual Fund Drive: All In for the Mariemont Experience.

Donations are tax deductible and can be made via our website at <https://www.mariemontschoolfoundation.org/annual-fund-drive>.

Thank you for your support!

To Receive is to Give

by Kim Flick, The MariElders Transportation Coordinator

Can you remember a time when you wanted to give a gift to someone, or offered to do something for a person you care about and they turned you down? You were deprived of the opportunity to express your appreciation or affection. It didn't feel so good, right?

Gracious Acceptance is a practice that is important to cultivate, especially as we age. We think that we have to learn how to give, but we forget about how to receive. You have likely been in the role of "the giver" through much of your life. In fact, starting in early childhood, we feel compelled to express our feelings through tokens and gifts. Being "the giver" is, in many ways, easier than being on the receiving end.

In terms of family, it may be prudent to accept offers of help. Instead of refusing such opportunities, consent to their assistance if it's beneficial. If it's support with a project; such as upgrading electronic or tech devices for example, why not jump at the chance? That person will undoubtedly be glad to familiarize you with using your new set-up. Turning down offers repeatedly, may result in offers no longer coming in. The time may come when you feel like you could use a little backup. Will you have driven away the people who care?

Reasons for refusing gifts from others may include Pride. It might give the impression that having someone assist is a sign of weakness or decline. It is actually a sign of strength and trust when one opens up and lets others in. Habit is another reason folks have difficulty receiving from others. They've always "fended for themselves". That is a good habit to break. Cost can cause people to fear gifts. Concern that there might be indebtedness or "strings attached". Accept it with an open heart and do not feel the need for an immediate reciprocal gift. Find a time in the future to give back. Otherwise there is a risk of undoing the gift, if one is returned in its place. Or "pay it forward", which is a beautiful way to honor the giver.

We receive gifts continuously and take so much of it for granted. A gorgeous sunset or singing birds - the gift of hearing and vision. Think of the farmers, builders, teachers, health workers, first responders and everyone whose hard work makes living better. Even though they're getting paid, they make it come together so that we all can enjoy our life. We wouldn't turn any of that away, would we?

The season of giving is upon us. If you should ever feel unworthy of love and gifts, give yourself the biggest hug you can and tell the child within you that you are deserving. If you need something, ask. The MariElders might be able to help (271-5588).

Happy Holidays and enjoy this season of RECEIVING.

The Little Miami Joint Fire & Rescue Department
would like to wish everyone a safe and healthy holiday season.

Unfortunately, due to Covid 19,
they will not be hosting Breakfast with Santa this year.

They look forward to the opportunity next year.

RESIDENTIAL RECYCLING PICK UP DATES

A new recycling calendar for 2021 should be sent out to each resident by Rumpke in the near future. Recycling is picked up every other week and the dates listed are the next recycling pick up dates through the month of February 2021:

Tuesday December 8

Tuesday December 22

Tuesday January 5

Tuesday January 19

Tuesday February 2

Tuesday February 16