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JUNE 2020 VILLAGE PANDEMIC INFORMATION

The Fairfax Municipal Building will remain closed during regular business hours during the month of June. The Ohio Stay at Home Order has been lifted but an Urgent Health Advisory is now in place encouraging citizens to remain at home if they can. The decision to open things up will be a slow and methodic process. Any revisions or updates to the decision to remain closed will be communicated to the public.

If you have need to contact the **Village Tax Department** and/or need assistance with preparing your Village of Fairfax Income Tax return, please contact Tax Clerk Amanda Jostworth at 513-527-6506 or ajostworth@fairfaxoh.org. There is also a drop box available outside of the municipal building for residents to leave tax forms or other correspondence for village officials. **Please remember that the tax filing deadline for 2019 has been extended to July 15, 2020.**

Non-emergency issues with the police department or citation payouts can be made in person at the Fairfax Police station. The police department foyer is open to the public and payouts can be made with the Police Clerk with social distancing already in place.

For anyone interested in home improvements, please contact Tony Perkins, Zoning Officer at tperkins@fairfaxoh.org or 513-702-9324. You must obtain a zoning certificate for any kind of work you may want to do to your home including fencing, roofing, sheds, adding doors/windows, room additions, and HVAC work to name a few. Most work, except for fencing and small sheds also require a building permit from Hamilton County. Mr. Perkins can assist residents through the process.

For all other business, you may use the drop box in front of the municipal building or contact either the Fiscal Officer at 527-6505 or Administrator at 527-6503 during regular business hours Monday-Friday.

EFFECTS TO RECREATION AND EVENTS

The recreation center and picnic shelter will not be rented out to residents during the month of June. The public restrooms will also remain closed during the month. Our hope is that we can allow for some rentals and use of the public facilities in July.

The prolonged nature of the pandemic has caused some difficult decisions to be made regarding annual Village events. **The June Concert in the Park has been cancelled.** There is a slight possibility that we can try to schedule something later in the year, but that will not be known for a while.

We also regret to announce that the annual Fall Festival originally scheduled for August 21 and 22, 2020 will be cancelled this year. That event requires months of pre-planning which was not able to be done during this pandemic. Also, many businesses are struggling, so we feel asking for donations for the raffle/bid-n-buy booth is not appropriate; food permits for festival-type events from the Board of Health have not been approved nor have guidelines been established; and hosting activities such as a petting zoo with the Cincinnati Zoo is a program currently not available. We look forward to planning this event again for 2021 and we appreciate your understanding.

YELLOW RIBBON CAMPAIGN – DONATIONS REQUESTED

Although the Village was not able to hold a Memorial Day Ceremony this year, we are still collecting items for the Yellow Ribbon Campaign. Personal items such as toothbrush/toothpaste, deodorant, lip balm, etc. are being collected for our troops overseas. We are also accepting donations of items such as paperback books, puzzle books, letters and/or cards to the troops and non-perishable food like hard candy, and clothing items such as socks. A complete list of items needed are listed on the Yellow Ribbon campaign website at www.yellowribbonsupportcenter.com under “Soldier’s Wish List”.

Items can be dropped off at the police department of the municipal building Monday through Friday between 9AM-5PM. Please notify the Police Clerk for assistance. Entrance to the police department foyer is immediately left of the main front doors.

COMMUNITY REQUESTS

During this time when many people are required to work from home, we ask that residents try to pay particular attention to daytime noises that may be created. Although it is very difficult to regulate noise during normal daytime hours, we ask that you be aware that your neighbor may have to work from home and that any additional or unnecessary noises be curbed if at all possible.

We have also received several calls regarding people not properly disposing of dog waste within the community. Section 90.14 of the General Code of the Village requires that dog droppings “must be immediately removed from another person’s property and the owner of the animal shall dispose of them on their own property.” A person found to be in violation of this section of the General Code can be found guilty of a minor misdemeanor.

Also, with many more people at home, there are many more cars parked on the village streets than ever before. Parking on public streets is limited to 72 hours at one time. All cars must be properly tagged and licensed. A car must be moved after 72 hours in one place. If you have a driveway, we request that you please use it for at least one of your vehicles. Many residents have several vehicles per household and if someone takes up all of the spaces on the street in one area, it causes other neighbors to have to park further up the street. On those streets with limited parking, the available on-street parking spaces is even more limited. If you notice that a car has not moved for more than 72 hours, you can contact the Fairfax police department at 513-271-7250.

