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*Times, they are a  
changin'...*



*The Proud Rooster Restaurant has been a local favorite for 61 years. Owner Bob Doll visits with a customer.*

People dream of living near business districts with independent coffee shops, restaurants, hardware stores and one-of-a-kind retailers. For more than 100 years, that's been Clifton's Ludlow Avenue.

It has weathered the Great Depression, the Great Recession, world wars and mega-discount stores and chain restaurants.

But it hasn't seen anything like COVID-19 since the Spanish Flu pandemic.

How does it survive? We have inspiring answers from its oldest restaurant, a brand-new bakery and a coffee shop and restaurant enjoying its second act.

No one has rolled with more punches than the Proud Rooster's Bob Doll, 76. He started working at the classic diner 61 years ago. After serving in the army in the Vietnam War, he returned to the restaurant and never left.

The pandemic forced Doll to shut down his dining room for a time, but he never closed his doors. Home-made home fries, eggs, his famous fried chicken and everything else remained available by carryout.

Breakfast specials include eggs and toast for \$2.85. Add a slice of Wassler's goetta for \$1.80. He could charge more, but Doll scoffs at the prices at other diners. He knows what good ingredients cost, and he won't gouge his customers.

"I want to make sure it's right, take care of the customers the way they want to be treated. If you do your job as a waiter or waitress, you can make good money. It's a good living." (Continued on

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## CTM President's Message

In March, as SARS-CoV-2 spread and government officials issued stay-at-home orders, the prevailing wisdom was that this would be a temporary thing. Everyone would stay home for a while, unemployment benefits would cover temporarily lost jobs, and the PPP and other government aid programs would keep businesses going. And once the virus was under control, there was hope we could all just pick up where we left off.

Unfortunately, the reality is different. Instead of one big impact up front that can be planned for and dealt with, COVID-19 and all its secondary effects on our social and business life are coming in waves. Communities who thought they were doing a good job containing the spread relaxed, and the virus roared back. Governments who reopened too quickly are contemplating new shut-down orders. And businesses who thought they had weathered the storm are realizing they may just be in the hurricane's eye, and that the false calm may soon be over.

All this is playing out in our own business district.

## Let's Reflect Our Diversity in Clifton on CTM – A Call to Action

I've been a Clifton resident for over a dozen years, so new to Clifton by some standards. My backstory and that of many in Clifton demonstrates why we need to ensure that the diversity of our community is reflected in our neighborhood representative body—Clifton Town Meeting (CTM).

I'm originally from the West Side . . . of Manhattan (the 'other' West Side). Standard statistics: white, male, middle aged, married with four kids (two biological and two stepchildren). Lesser known facts: I'm the son of an immigrant, raised working poor—including living on food stamps—former janitor, waiter, bricklayer (for five years), ballet dancer (for eight years), P&G executive (for 16 years), entrepreneur and single parent now remarried for 12 years. My point in sharing my backstory is to reinforce why we need to think about diversity on CTM in the broadest sense. We need to start by reflecting some of the standard diversity metrics. For example, Clifton is 14.1 percent African-American, however we do not have one trustee who is

There have already been closures on Ludlow Avenue. More will follow unless we all make it a priority to support our local merchants and businesses, our neighbors, who help make Clifton such a unique and vibrant place. We did our part once with Clifton Cares, which was a great support to many, but we must keep going and keep supporting our local businesses.

Ultimately, the only thing that will truly address the impact COVID-19 is having on our businesses is eliminating COVID-19. We know what to do—avoid large gatherings, stay six feet apart, wash our hands, and wear a mask when in public. It's understandable to be hesitant to venture out and patronize our local businesses until it's safe to go out. But we need to make sure there is something to go back to. Order takeout, shop for a gift, get some supplies—whatever you need to buy, before ordering on Amazon or driving somewhere else, please ask yourself if you can get it in Clifton instead. Every little bit counts.

—Joe Bruner, CTM President

African-American. That needs to change. We also need to think about having representation on CTM of people who are single parents, hourly workers, renters, young people, etc.

Clifton is a wonderfully diverse community in the truest sense of the word. That diversity is our strength and what led many of us to choose to live here. When we listen to all of our voices then we make stronger decisions, but currently our CTM board does not fully reflect that diversity. Thus some of those voices are not heard when decisions about our neighborhood are being made. So it is on all of us as Clifton residents to help recruit highly qualified candidates particularly where we have gaps in representation, e.g. African American, hourly workers, renters, single parents. Of course we may fall short of perfection, but by constantly striving to achieve that objective we will be stronger for it.

Join CTM or volunteer for the CTM Nomination Committee to help make this a reality.

—Mark Jeffreys, CTM Trustee

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Because of social distancing during the COVID-19 outbreak period, the Clifton Town Meeting will be holding monthly public meetings on the internet. You can tune in and participate on your computer, laptop or smartphone. Meetings are typically held on the first Monday of each month. Watch for the public announcement on the CTM webpage and use the link provided along with meeting ID and passcode numbers. Meetings begin promptly at 7 p.m., but you can connect as early as 6:30 p.m. to make sure your line is established and you have access. Thanks for participating in your community council's forum!



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Clifton Town Meeting (CTM) is your community council which advocates on behalf of the Clifton community. CTM also sponsors many activities and festivals throughout the year for our community. To support this important community work, we need your generous support. Membership dues are tax deductible and are the second largest support of income for CTM. If you paid membership dues sometime in 2019, thank you for your support. Memberships are based on the calendar year, and we need your support for 2020.



## — Join Clifton Town Meeting! Here's How:

Starting or renewing your membership will help us keep Clifton a vibrant, desirable, and fun place to live, work, and play. CTM also accepts donations, and you can do that at the same time you renew at <http://www.cliftoncommunity.org/membership/> or clip this form and send it along with a check or money order payable to Clifton Town Meeting, P.O. Box 20042, Cincinnati, Ohio 45220-0042.

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## Take an Active Role in Your Community—Join CTM

Clifton Town Meeting (CTM) is your local community council, which advocates on behalf of the Clifton community. Your membership entitles you to vote on issues that directly affect our neighborhood. This is particularly important in this time of Shelter in Place and the impact it is having on our community.

Some issues that CTM has recently promoted include: Funding \$2,000 for Clifton Cares—an initiative to support local restaurants and health care workers impacted by the Shelter in Place order; establishment of a new neighborhood school (Clifton Area Neighborhood School); creating a pilot “Parklet” on Ludlow Avenue during nice weather; trialing removal of parking restrictions on Ludlow Avenue to reduce vehicle speeds for safety improvement; opening an art gallery in the former US Post Office location on Ormond Avenue; and replacing worn-out

benches in the business district.

CTM also sponsors a variety of activities and festivals throughout the year, including the annual Memorial Day Parade and Cookout, Lantern Walk, CliftonFest, Holidays on Ludlow, and our ever-popular triennial house tour. Rest assured that when the COVID-19 crisis ends, we will resume our practice of creating opportunities to celebrate our community and socialize in person. We also fund beautification projects such as the flower pots and holiday decorations on Ludlow Avenue; provide communications, including the community mail list, Clifton Community website and the *Clifton Chronicle*; and partner with the Clifton Business Association (CBA) to operate the Clifton Plaza.

To provide this important community work, we need your generous support. Membership dues and contribu-

tions are tax-deductible and make up the second largest source of income for Clifton Town Meeting (the triennial house tour is our main fundraiser). Starting or renewing your membership will help us keep Clifton a vibrant, desirable and fun place to live, work, and play. Memberships received now are good through December 31, 2020.

Click here to submit your application online. If you prefer to mail in your application, you may use this Membership Form. (Eligibility is open to all neighborhood residents, neighborhood property owners, and operators of neighborhood businesses, age 18 years or older). And please join us for our monthly CTM Board meetings held the first Monday of the month, 7 - 9 p.m., now streaming live. (Vote on CTM Trustees—election in December.)

Thank you for your support!

—CTM Membership Committee

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## A Burgeoning Burnet Woods

In these unusual and trying times, many of us find ourselves seeking out more local activities which provide easy social distancing. A natural fit is, of course, walking the beautiful neighborhood and parks of Clifton. If you have walked Burnet Woods recently, you have likely noticed a lot of changes. If you have not, now is a great time to go check it out!



Many of the improvements in Burnet Woods are the result of a new foundation, The Stewards of Burnet Woods, who, in partnership with the Cincinnati Parks Foundation, have been working hard over the last year raising funds to improve our beloved Burnet Woods. Cincinnati Parks Foundation is celebrating its 25th year as the Cincinnati Park Board's primary philanthropic partner and has raised over \$100 million for Cincinnati Parks. The Stewards of Burnet Woods, founded in 2019, have launched a community-led fundraising campaign to support capital improvements within Burnet Woods, already raising over \$100,000.



As you explore Burnet Woods, you will already find many changes resulting from the capital campaign. On the trails you will find new bridges, steps and improved trails. The shelters got new LED lighting (Valley and Upper Shelters), were power-washed and had anti-graffiti coating applied, and improved landscaping with native wildflower plantings. Out and about, you will notice light poles and signs have been straightened and painted, and new entrance signs have been added to the park. At the fishing lake, new wood railings have been installed and the metal lake railings have been repaired and painted. Many pedestrian and accessibility improvements have also been made, including street closure to vehicular traffic, a new bike rack and 40 new picnic tables (including ADA accessible tables).

Thanks to generosity of the Fink family, The Stewards of Burnet Woods is also supporting wellness programming in the park in partnership with Clifton's own World Peace Yoga, offering Community Yoga (Saturdays, 11-11:45 a.m.), Rest and Restore Yoga (Sundays, 7-8 p.m.) and Walking Meditation and Forest Bathing (Wednesdays, 5-6 p.m.).

Future projects planned include more lighting repairs, anti-graffiti coating on the Upper Shelter, additional bike racks, recycling containers, more honeysuckle removal, re-

pairs to the boardwalk and wildlife viewing station, landscape plan development, designing and installing a new playground, pedestrian improvements near the lake and Trailside Nature Center, removal of the center road with a new entrance road at Clifton Avenue and much more.

The Stewards of Burnet Woods was the brainchild of the Fink family and they continue their generosity by making another donation to accelerate Phase 2 of the capital campaign. If you are interested in supporting the efforts to improve Burnet Woods, more information can be found at [cincinnati-parks-foundation.org](http://cincinnati-parks-foundation.org).

Many, many thanks to the Cincinnati Park Board, Cincinnati Parks Foundation, The Stewards of Burnet Woods and the many donors and volunteers who made all these amazing improvements possible! Having a safe and beautiful Burnet Woods is a wonderful gift to the residents of Clifton and Cincinnati, especially during a time like this.

—Brian Duffy, CTM Trustee

## Clifton Market Reaches Out



*Clifton Market delivers lunches to staff at the UC Cancer Institute Breast Cancer Center in appreciation of their efforts during the pandemic.*

CTM has many committees and welcomes and encourages community involvement. For a complete list of committees, follow this link and click on CLIFTON TOWN MEETING: <http://www.cliftoncommunity.org>

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## 5-Minute Neighborhood – Making Walking and Biking For Needs Irresistible in Clifton

A movement that is afoot in cities around the world is the concept of a “15-Minute City”—the idea that residents can have all their needs met, be they for work, shopping, health or culture, within 15 minutes of their doorstep via active transportation options. Active transportation is, of course, defined as any form of transportation that uses physical activity as a core part of it—so walking, biking, or even taking a scooter (the last may be a stretch—no pun intended).

Within Clifton we have an opportunity to be a 5-Minute Neighborhood: enabling Cliftonites to get to shopping, recreation or culture (maybe not work) within five minutes via walking or biking. In Clifton we are blessed with a few core anchor destinations:

- The core business district (for basic grocery needs but

also restaurants and other services)

- Parks (Mt. Storm, Burnet Woods but also smaller neighborhood parks like Dunore) and
- Cultural/entertainment destinations (e.g. the Esquire, the Rec Center, a new CCAC in the next year or so and even UC in Clifton Heights with CCM and other sports/entertainment options).

Many Clifton residents already walk to many of those destinations when going for a leisurely stroll on a nice afternoon or evening. However, when running errands where one may not have as much time, the car is often the quicker and easier option. Walking may take too long (or with bags of groceries be more difficult) and biking, well, is just a pain: it's not easy to bike on the roads, no place to park your bike, etc.

The CTM Transportation & Public Safety Committee wants to change that – helping to build the right infrastructure within Clifton

to making cycling in particular a more attractive option. That means creating a plan to build bike lanes to some of those anchor destinations and installing bike racks at them to ensure that we have the infrastructure to make biking in Clifton a default choice. Clifton is already a really active community; I look forward to engaging with key stakeholders in the community to make the 5-Minute-Clifton vision a reality!

—Mark Jeffreys, CTM Trustee



## Preserve Burnet Woods Celebrates Two Years

Have you been in Burnet Woods lately? If so, you may have noticed this amazing public greenspace experiencing a small renaissance in the form of improved trails, cleaner public spaces, and an overall sense of increased care and safety.

Many of the changes result from the work of Preserve Burnet Woods (PBW), a 100-percent volunteer initiative whose mission is “to protect, promote, celebrate and sustain Burnet Woods as a community-supported greenspace and urban oasis.” July marks the two-year anniversary of the group's formation around interest in protecting Burnet Woods—a National Audubon Society Important Bird Area—which solidified into a 501(c)(3) nonprofit. PBW's 26 “working” board members—including academics (three different universities), naturalists and other educators, nurses, photographers, designers, students and community members—are often seen working in the park. All recognize how unique it is to have a high-quality, accessible woodland in the middle of the city.

PBW volunteers organize invasive species removal and litter clean-up events through their “Habitat Heroes” initiative, lead nature hikes and engage in community



*Habitat Hero Jim Mason leads an invasive species removal class at Trailside Nature Center*

outreach. In collaboration with Cincinnati Parks, PBW has helped provide additional programs—Kids 4 Birds, Nature Days and Hall-Boo-Ween—as well as inspired a commitment from the Cincinnati Parks Foundation to undertake significant fundraising for needed capital improvements knowing there would be volunteer support in


place to monitor and maintain projects.

The PBW Habitat Heroes team has cleared invasive species from more than 6.5 acres so far, and has begun cleanup of several trail areas with plans laid for more intensive work ahead. PBW has pioneered a training program for volunteers across Cincinnati and Hamilton County parks in proper techniques for invasive species removal. In January 2020, the Cincinnati Park Board officially commended the Habitat Heroes leadership team for this comprehensive work. In February, PBW habitat improvement efforts helped Burnet Woods receive a Greenspace Gem designation from the local nonprofit Green Umbrella. Additionally, PBW has received many positive comments from the Clifton community about the park's improved visibility across trails and prolific wildflowers this year.

To volunteer or donate, please visit [www.preserveburnetwoods.org](http://www.preserveburnetwoods.org) or email [ilove.burnet@preserveburnetwoods.org](mailto:ilove.burnet@preserveburnetwoods.org). Donations are also accepted via the PBW Facebook page or mail at P.O. Box 20191, Cincinnati, Ohio 45220.

—PBW Team Authors: Cynthia Duval, Anita Buck, Lisa Haglund and Brian Keane

(Read the rest of the story with more photos online.)



## HEALTH

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## RELATIONSHIPS

Have you ever asked yourself; What can I do to improve my communication as a parent, partner, or friend? If so, try this: **Listen to understand, not just for your turn to speak.** Do this by giving your full attention, reflecting, and maintaining focused body language. By listening to understand, you will reduce confusion, and improve your ability to respond appropriately. Remember, rich communication doesn't begin with more talking, it starts with better listening.

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# On The Avenue

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## Sit and Sip Awhile

Alex of Sitwell's drilled holes in the ceramic pots of several succulents to drain their water.

A sizable tree outside Sitwell's was cut down. Alex thinks it might have had something to do with interfering with the power lines. Other trees on Ludlow were also cut down.



Sitwell's dining room is open. Margaritas, Frozen Strawberry Daiquiries, Beyond Burger, Empanadas, Duck Steam Buns, Veggie Gyro, Beef Chorizo and Avocado Burger are new additions to the menu.



## Taking Flight

Habanero's has new art by Pierce Mills who is also a Habanero supervisor and makes a mean quesadilla. Visit:  
[https://www.instagram.com/pierce\\_mills\\_art/](https://www.instagram.com/pierce_mills_art/)

## Stepping Out in Style



Hansa Guild has just what you need for the Presidential conventions. New boaters, from right to left, with black band, braided, made in Mexico in the Argentinian style, next the "Uncle Al" style, braided, and finally the skimmer, minutely woven, from Ecuador.

## Make Me Pretty Again



## Ouch!

Our Lady of the Waters suffered a meeting with a vehicle.



Skyline Chili is getting a new awning..



The front of the Esquire marquee was stripped of part of its neon by a truck. The marquee front comes out to the edge of the sidewalk and if a truck jumps the curve it hits the neon. Jonny Shenk, manager of Esquire, said this is the second time it's happened.



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# On The Avenue

## It's a Cover-up



Kilimanjaro Gifts has colorful multifunctional face masks.



## Beadazzled

Emily of Maya Jewelry is the master behind their impressive social media presence.



## Ludlow Wines, Tastefully Aged

The bottle opener framed and hanging on the wall is from 1963 when the shop opened. Former owner Paul Meyer gave it to current owner Mike Anagnostou. Ludlow Wines is the oldest continuous operating wine shop in Cincinnati. It opened at 339 Ludlow Ave. and the telephone number was Plaza 75327.

## New Hours at J. Gumbo's

Beck Lovely reports J. Gumbo's new hours: Monday to Saturday 11 a.m. to midnight, Sunday noon to midnight.



## Wish You Were Here



d.Raphael has a new stand of small photographs from his many years of travel. The cards have their own envelope in a plastic sleeve. Most images are from international buying trips abroad. They span 50 years. Jerry Springer is in some of the local pics, taken way back. The greeting cards come in two sizes with envelopes.

## A Sad Goodbye



Favorite Vapors closes after six and a half years.



## Plan Ahead

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## Keeping the Gaslight District Safe During the Pandemic

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The businesses in the heart of the Gaslight District are facing a particularly bumpy road. Our shops and restaurants need to keep employees and customers safe while still earning enough money to keep their doors open, and this is no easy task.

Fortunately small businesses in the neighborhood have done a great job of responding to this challenge. That includes the restaurants and other food-based businesses that have worked hard to ensure safety for their customers as well as their employees.

**Clifton Market.** Since the lockdown began, Clifton Market has been such a safe place for people to buy groceries that it has pulled in plenty of new shoppers who have witnessed the lack of safety measures in other grocery stores. The employees all wear masks, store social-distancing measure are in place (including plexiglass windows and clear-cut signs). The Market also provides disposable gloves for those patrons who wish to use them.

The Market has set aside Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 8 to 10 as shopping times for customers more vulnerable to the virus. During these periods only seniors or people with underlying health conditions can shop in the Market. On top of that, Clifton Market offers delivery service to at-risk customers.

Most who shop at Clifton Market wear masks, but the store has masks they will offer to customers who walk in without one. The masks won't be there for you to grab when you walk in, but you will be asked to wear one if you start walking around without one.

**Outdoor Seating.** The Clifton Community, LLC—a joint venture between Clifton Town Meeting (CTM) and the Clifton Business Association (CBA)—has gone out of its way to provide outdoor seating so people can order carryout on and near Ludlow Avenue and have a nearby place to eat.



*Socially distanced at Proud Rooster is Howard Wilkinson, WVXU's politics reporter and former forever-Enquirer politics reporter, who adores the restaurant and posts about it frequently. (Photo by Helen Adams)*

At Clifton Plaza, seating has been added that allows for social distancing, and CBA hired Hillary to help keep things clean and cheerful for guests. The benches at Telford Avenue serve a similar purpose, allowing people to eat outdoors (right next to William Shakespeare). Another outdoor choice would be the benches surrounding Diggs Fountain at the corner of Clifton and Ludlow.

**The Rooftop.** When it opened, Gaslight Bar and Grill's rooftop offered a picturesque scenario for drinking and dining, but its outdoors provides an added safety element, as is also the case with the plexiglass dividers they installed between tables, their mask policy, and their readily available hand sanitizer. They also open their large street-level windows for fresh air and at Ludlow Garage the doors are often open. Outdoor ventilation means the virus is less likely to spread.

**Walk-up Windows.** Ludlow Avenue has a couple businesses with walk-up windows, which adds convenience and an extra layer of safety to food service. The Whole Bowl at 364 Ludlow Avenue serves tasty vegetarian food, and visit Ardor Bakeshop at 272 Ludlow Avenue.

**Did you know this about Ambar India?** Ambar India has seating behind the restaurant.

**Don't Forget About Arlin's.** Arlin's has always had outdoor seating and they serve food.

Finally, I should mention that I've ordered carryout at pretty much every restaurant on Ludlow Avenue, and the proper safety protocol has consistently been followed.

### Personal Protective Equipment and Cleaning Supplies

Three Ludlow Avenue stores stock many of the things you need to keep your world clean. Ace Hardware has super stocked the store with things that would help people during this period. Ace sells the following products: face masks—both individual masks and 10 packs; face shields; rubbing alcohol; hydrogen peroxide; cleaning supplies, including things like Fantastik All Purpose Cleaner Liquid and disinfectant wipes; disposable gloves; shoe covers, now considered Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) due to their Covid-resistant qualities; and safety glasses.

CVS also sells many of these items, including masks,



*Thomas, a freshman UC student living off campus, was recently hired at Clifton Market. He feels lucky to have the job and uses all the Market's safety precautions. (Photo by Tom Lohre)*

rubbing alcohol, hydrogen peroxide, hand sanitizer, cleaning products, and cleaning wipes. Because people's first instinct is to go there, however, they sell out of these things very quickly.

Clifton Market also stocks as many items as it can for cleaning, including Lysol, hand sanitizers and cleaning wipes, but they sell out very quickly. So, remember your hardware store. —Jeff Wilson

*This article, in a slightly different form, appeared on a blog for Gaslight Property <http://blog.gaslightproperty.com/>.*



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Living the Dream – Don't Let It Go! Continued from page 1

Proud Rooster's loyal customers are keeping the lights on and all three of Doll's cooks and waitresses employed: daughter Lindsay Keaton, longtime pal Denny Greene and Ellana Sell.

"I'm here all the time. I want to make sure it goes right," he said.

On the other end of spectrum, just before the start of the pandemic, Jenny and Craig Carey opened a brand-new bakery, Ardor, located at 272 Ludlow Ave. (formerly the home of Gaslight Gourmet Cookies). Ardor's made-from-scratch delicacies are baked by Jenny's sister Katie Rowen, who worked in London restaurants and for Disney making cakes.

Craig grew up in Cincinnati, and after stints in Arkansas and Houston, he and Jenny bought a house in Clifton



Ellana Sell waits on a customer and Denny Greene mans the grill.

and fell in love with living here.

The couple has full-time jobs, so Katie shoulders most of the work. The pandemic dictated that Ardor limit its summer hours to Fridays and Saturdays, though cakes and large orders can be ordered daily. They plan to expand hours post-pandemic.

The mouth-watering baked goods include Katie's ode to Virginia Bakery's schnecken, made with maple butter. The response from Clifton neighbors has blown Craig away, includ-

ing viral support on NextDoor Clifton.

"It's been really good. We knew that the neighborhood would support us, we just didn't know to what extent," he said.

In between, geographically and in age, Sitwell's Act II has pivoted to survive and prepare to thrive

after this plague.

Florencia Garayoa and her husband, Alex Barden, bought Sitwell's from founder Lisa Storie in 2018 and reopened the spruced-up community anchor as a vegetarian restaurant with live music—including the Faux Frenchmen—poetry slams and open mics.

They responded late last year to customer demand by adding meat while keeping vegetarian delicacies. That gave Chef Kyle Scrimsher a wide berth to offer gourmet but affordable food like homemade empanadas, lacquered roasted duck buns and Thai soba noodle pasta salad.

Delivery services like Door Dash charge as much as 25 percent of sales from small businesses like Sitwell's, so the go-getters opted to

keep their prices down and offer free delivery. Florencia, Alex or Alex's brother deliver.

"I'm looking forward to having all the music and cool events back—all the things that make Sitwell's Sitwell's," Florencia said. —Bob Driebeaus



Above: Jenny and Craig Carey and Katie Rowen  
Middle: a sample of their baked goods. (Photos by Helen Adams)



Above: Sitwell's Florencia Garayoa and Chef Kyle Scrimsher

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## A Century on Clifton Avenue: The Joseph Rawson Family: 1877 - 1980

### Part III. Clifton, Marion and Dorothy Rawson – Archaeology Deep Dive!

Dorothy and Marion cared for their ailing mother Clara Hobart Rawson at their Farmhouse home (3737 Clifton Avenue) for a decade after their father's death. Clara died in 1927, just shortly after Marion became associated with the Department of Classics at University of Cincinnati where Carl W. Blegen had joined the faculty under Professor William Semple, Chair. In 1928, the sisters allowed themselves to travel again, first to Europe to visit Aunts Mary and Helen at their lovely Villa la Vista on the Cote d'Azur, France. Extended family reunions enriched their trip, as did Italian art galleries, German concerts and operas, but most important was Marion's introduction to Greece and her meeting of Carl W. Blegen's archaeological team.

Now Marion was specifically motivated to complete a new Bachelor of Architecture degree (1931), creating a firm foundation for her newfound passion for archaeology that would flourish for the rest of her life. By 1932, the Rawson sisters were at the Troy excavations annually, working with Blegen on digs funded by Dr. Semple and his wife Louise Taft Semple. The rhythm of work in Troy was this: every day the Cincinnatians were joined by 100-200 Turkish locals who worked as diggers, with each staff member supervising 2 - 50 workers in the cool of the morning from 5:40 to 8:30 a.m. Then, a 30-minute pause for breakfast, and return to work from 9 a.m. until noon. Lunch break was followed by a siesta, ending at 2 p.m. when work continued until 6:30 p.m. Tired from the day's labors, everyone took their suppers at home and all were generally in bed by 9:30 p.m.

For seven years straight, Dorothy and Marion served as field assistants to Blegen. Dorothy's crew was the first to uncover a Roman palaestra (gymnasium) and in 1934 uncovered a pre-classical burial ground. The following year, Marion found a deposit at Troy that was so rich in artifacts she would spend all of 1936 recovering and cataloging the objects. More important discoveries followed for



A 1930 "high society" snapshot of the Rawson sisters returning from one of their many trips to Prosymna in Greece.



Center: Marion's Pylos crew, helping to improve her filming angle. Above: Dorothy and Marion in celebratory millinery.

two years, but then came an ominous rumbling – threats of war again in Europe. When the Rawson sisters traveled to Troy in Spring of 1938 in a steamship via Ireland, then to England and finally on to Germany, they experienced a telling change in social behaviors. Attending a lecture at The German Institute in Berlin given by an architect they'd met earlier in Troy, he was wearing a military uniform "... and giving many salutes before and after speaking," Marion described. About the atmosphere of the city, she said, "In the restaurant they had the radio on and we listened to his (Hitler's) Austrian accent. The people listened attentively

but unenthusiastically." Later at a beer hall Aus Vaterland, Dorothy noted "I can't get over how quiet the people all are." This was the year that their work at Troy would be suspended.

#### WWII Homefires: Writing, Cataloguing, Volunteering and Victory Gardening

Back home in Clifton, Marion continued to write and refine texts and illustrations of Trojan architectural treasures and artifacts. Preparations for publication would require over 20 more years of editing and organizing thousands of narrative and illustrative documents. The Rawsons along with their household employees and most all Americans participated in cultivation of Victory Gardens from 1938 to 1944. Posters everywhere trumpeted, "Our Food is Fighting! A garden will make your rations go further." The Farmhouse was well-positioned to provide fresh vegetables from the acres of garden out back, and they followed the specific recommendations to plant tomatoes, carrots, lettuce, squash, green and yellow beans, broccoli, spinach, onions, beets, peas, Swiss chard, endive and kohlrabi. By the end of the war, Victory Gardens were producing 40 percent of all vegetables grown in America, making for lots of canning and "putting up" in cellars for meals through the long winter months. —Jan Brown Checco



Vegetable garden beds behind the Rawson Farmhouse  
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## Two Amazing Women, Their Stories and the Community that They Love

*The Village of Clifton, incorporated in 1850, is home to a diversity of people, both national and international. I have had the opportunity to meet and befriend many wonderful people in the twenty years I have lived here. This article is a tribute to two amazing women who have called Clifton home for over fifty years. One was born here and never left; another arrived here from Germany and stayed. I have been privileged to work with both women; with Emma Hartkemeier on the Board of the Clifton Market, and with Ingrid Grupp at UC College of Medicine. Both nonagenarians exemplify everything that I love about living in Clifton.—Rama Kasturi, CTM Trustee*

Emma Louise Dieckmann Hartkemeier has lived in Clifton for 91 of her almost 93 years. She took a two-year sabbatical to Syracuse, New York where she eloped with Bob, her husband of 52 years! Emma is a true native born Cliftonite!

Much of Emma's life in Clifton can be traced along one road: Clifton Avenue. From Clifton Elementary School to Hughes High School and the University of Cincinnati (Chi Omega, Class of 1950) to Immanuel Presbyterian Church where her parents were married—Clifton has, and will always be, her community and home. She has moved houses a couple of times, from Cornell place where she was born in 1927 to Hosea Avenue in 1937 and then back to Cornell Place to live in her grandparents' house where she raised her two children, David and Anne, and still lives today.

### Clifton Cultural Arts Center Announces Site of New Home

After more than two years of evaluating dozens of potential locations in and around Clifton, the CCAC Relocation Task Force announced in May that CCAC has entered into a purchase and sale agreement with Dewey's Pizza for the vacant lot located at 3412 Clifton Avenue. CCAC is excited to partner with Dewey's Pizza to activate this area at the intersection of the business district and the residential district just northeast of Ludlow and Clifton Avenues.



Emersion Design has been selected as A/E firm and world-renowned construction firm Skanska will lead the development of the 18,000 square foot, multi-use community arts center. The permanent space will consist of two art galleries, a 150-seat auditorium, Make Shop, multi-disciplinary education space, and a green roof/outdoor terrace; it will allow CCAC to continue its service to more than 40,000 individuals annually through free or low-cost programs, classes and events. Community-input surveys and Focus Group sessions are currently taking place, and will continue throughout the design phases.

Approximately 30 percent of capital funds has been secured toward the anticipated \$8.5 million project, including a grant of \$500,000 from the City's Capital budget. CCAC will need to raise an additional \$5 million in private support to complete the project. CCAC anticipates breaking ground in the first half of 2021, with an estimated construction period of 12 months.

The proximity of the site to the Clifton Business District makes the center convenient for patrons and community members and will drive additional traffic to the many restaurants and businesses nearby. Since its inception more than 12 years ago, CCAC has been driven by a grassroots effort to promote creativity, diversity and community throughout Clifton, Uptown and beyond. Thousands of volunteer hours and donors contributed to making this dream a reality, and continue to provide support at this critical juncture.

—Leslie Mooney, CCAC Executive Director

"I have lived in Clifton all my life as did my parents because it is comfortable, family friendly, walkable and has a number of essential shops, including a full grocery store, a pharmacy, and grade schools and churches."

Her pet peeve about Clifton is the parking situation—too many cars and not enough parking. "Before World War II it was illegal to park overnight on the street—you needed a garage or a driveway. During the war a lot of things were overlooked. Now we have cars parked on the street and left in place for weeks at a time. It is hard to have guests at your home. But we stayed because Bob worked downtown and liked riding the bus to work."

Emma's causes and passions have included several organizations, many of them in Clifton. They include the Clifton Market (Emma's Deli), the Immanuel Presbyterian Church, the Clifton Cultural Arts Center, the Esquire Theater, The Clifton Community Fund and Clifton Parks to name a few. Her wish for Clifton is that more people will fall in love with Clifton and choose to stay here and become deeply involved in the community that she calls home.

#### Ingrid Grupp

Ingrid Grupp, MD, almost 92, has lived in the Clifton community for 52 years. She came to the United States in 1958 from Germany with her husband Gunter Grupp, MD. They lived in Collinwood for 10 years, and in 1968 they realized their home had become too small for their family of five children. They looked for a home in Clifton because they liked the diversity of the schools and found a large house on Clifton Avenue.

The Grupps really enjoyed their neighborhood and felt at home in the Clifton community immediately. They joined the Clifton Meadows Swimming Pool Club for their children, all of who were on the Clifton Swim team.

"We enjoyed walking from Rural Lane to Ludlow Avenue to buy our groceries at Keller's which is now Clifton Market. When we first moved here, there was a fantastic butcher on Ludlow, the original Virginia Bakery, a local drugstore and the 5&10 cent store—which the kids loved."

"My husband created the Clifton School Foundation to further establish classroom diversity. The reason this



Emma Louise Dieckmann Hartkemeier



Ingrid Grupp, MD

foundation was necessary was because the classes were organized into A, B, C and D classes according to their perceived learning ability. The foundation worked to integrate all classes together to give each child equal opportunity.

"For my husband and me, Clifton was a good neighborhood because of its close proximity to the UC Medical Center where we both taught and did research. All five of my children attended the Clifton School and the University of Cincinnati after high school. Two of my children went into medicine, one into psychology and two into medical administration."

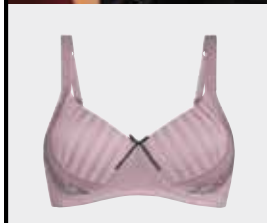
"Later on in life, after we both retired, my husband joined the Cincinnati Literary Club and I joined the Cincinnati Symphony Club, the Clifton Music Club, the Clifton Garden Club and the German Language Club."

"In the last 52 years Clifton has definitely changed. As old stores closed, new stores took their places on Ludlow Avenue, and Clifton continues to thrive with its open-minded diversity and welcoming atmosphere for all. The convenience of living and working close to many institutions such as the Cincinnati Zoo, UC Medical School and University, Cincinnati Children's Hospital, Hebrew University, and Good Sam Hospital attracts many professionals. The availability of many churches of different denominations as well as many primary schools and proximity to Walnut Hills High school is another major draw for people who choose to live in Clifton."

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This year's graduating class wanted to center their gift around the two bee hives that the school has set up on campus for teaching purposes and as a hands-on way for us to support beleaguered pollinators.

The students have named our hives "Washington Bee C" and "Honey 2020" and will be making decorative hexagonal cement tiles to lay on the ground in front of the hives as a grand and befittingly royal entrance for the subjects who serve our queens. The nameplates will be carefully affixed to each hive and the tiles will be completed and lovingly designed by each graduate over the summer.



DePaul Cristo Rey Selected as an Amazon Future Engineer School

DePaul Cristo Rey High School has been selected as an Amazon Future Engineer (AFE) school. The AFE program is a partnership between Amazon and Edhesive to improve access to computer science education in communities currently underrepresented in the technology field.

The 2020-21 school year began in August with DPCR offering a Computer Science course for the first time. Curriculum, resources and software were provided through the AFE program. In addition, DPCR teacher Kevin Walker is receiving professional development funded through this program in preparation for teaching the class. Computer Science will be an elective offered to DPCR seniors.

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According to Amazon, Bureau of Labor statistics show that in 2020 there will be 1.4 million computer science-related jobs available and only 400,000 computer science graduates with the skills to apply for those jobs. Amazon and Edhesive are partnering to address this gap by sponsoring teachers and administrators committed to bringing computer science to their school with access to computer science content and support forums for both students and educators new to learning or teaching computer science.



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## Off Ludlow Gallery News

"Witness Marks", a photography show by Clifton resident Jane Alden Stevens, opens September 25 at Off Ludlow Gallery, 3408 Ormond Street, and closes October 31. The show is a visual conversation about human presence and transience. By photographing her own shadow and reflection, the artist creates permanent evidence of realities that would otherwise remain fleeting.



During the months it took to empty out her childhood home, the artist had a growing awareness that there would be very little left that would bear witness to the history of the lives that had unfolded within its walls. Despite having lived

there for 70 years, the presence of her family was ultimately as temporary as the shadows they had cast while living there.

Inspired by that realization, the artist began photographing in the places that she inhabits and passes through. The shadows and reflections of herself quietly and deeply connect her to that particular moment in time. They live while the light that creates them is strong enough and cease to exist when it fades. These moments of human existence are ultimately ephemeral, leaving no trace behind, serving only as witness marks of being in the world.

For additional artist information: <https://www.janealdenstevens.com/4smc1h3s3yv2skzzz8t1jwlibhou55>

Are you looking for the perfect Holiday Gift? In November/December, Off Ludlow Gallery will again present a holiday show geared toward art gift giving. We will select 20+ artists. Jewelry, hats, woodworks, paintings, photography, ceramics and more will be for sale in a boutique setting. You can buy art with affordable prices for gift giving.

Masks are required. Only an appropriate number of patrons will be allowed in the gallery at one time. Regular hours are Friday and Saturday, 4-8 p.m.

### Review

March/August—We hope you enjoyed the revolving window art show, "And the Art Goes On." It kept Clifton and the Off Ludlow Gallery alive and vibrant during Covid restrictions." Presenting artists were: Michael Roller, Donna Talerico, Kent Krugh, Cedric Cox, Ursula Roma and Kevin Harris.

August/September—Sean Mullany's shadow casting mobile the size of the gallery mesmerized patrons. It was designed to hit the walls while revolving. Some patrons viewed it from the windows while brave ones were led through the art.

### Arts and Cultural Committee is:

- Completing the Ludlow Garage 50th anniversary murals installation.
- Planning to auction the original Ludlow Garage Mural artworks.
- Working on bringing the Hookah alley to life with art.

—Pat Olding

## World Peace Yoga – In Studio, Online Live and Outdoor Classes Open

World Peace Yoga has re-opened with three different options for class participation . . . in the studio, online live stream, or outdoors at Burnet Woods. For those new to World Peace Yoga, your first month of unlimited classes (either in the studio or online) is FREE!

Go to their weekly schedule page at [www.worldpeaceyoga.com](http://www.worldpeaceyoga.com) for the details. You might also like to check out these FREE community classes offered at Burnet Woods: Saturdays, 11-11:45 a.m.: Free Community Yoga Sundays, 7-7:45 p.m.: Free Meditation.

### World Peace Yoga Teacher Training In Studio or Online Live Stream

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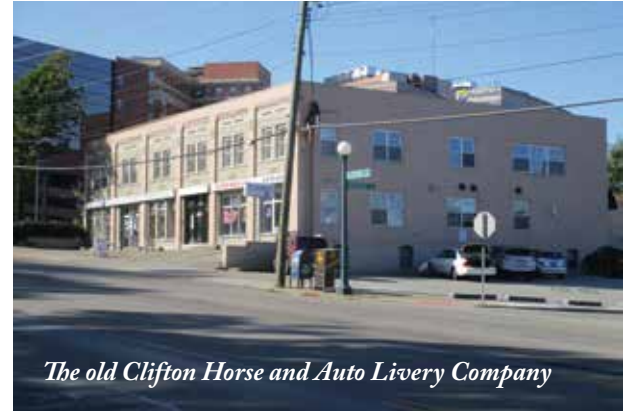
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## What Was This Building?

Next time you pass this iconic Clifton building, squint your eyes and imagine it full of horses and buggies! Yes, recent research reveals it was Clifton's largest horse and auto livery, built in 1907. A company was formed to raise capital to build it and called it Clifton Horse & Auto Livery Company, later transitioning into all automotive repair businesses.



*The old Clifton Horse and Auto Livery Company*

During the transition period from horses to cars, from say 1905 to 1915, many stables accommodated both, for many could not afford to buy cars but could rent a horse and buggy to drive over to Eden Park on Sunday to "be seen". Others simply resisted cars and just wanted good boarding of their horses within walking distance. Our building, at 3307 Clifton Avenue, became listed in the 1911 Williams Business Directory, as "Clifton Garage and Stable, Dixmyth & Clifton Aves., George Gude, prop.", a truly transitional operation by 1909, when George Berger, a tobacco dealer, living at 218 Hosea, is shown as having bought the majority stock for investment, and listing it in the Williams directory with the slight name change. George Gude, the well-known manager of the enterprise, resided at 536 Howell until his passing in 1937.



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## Whether It's Digital or In Person, The Library Is Innovating Ways to Better Serve You

While this strange world continues to be . . . strange, some elements of normalcy can be seen creeping back into it. For the Clifton Branch, we are happy to say that means some in-person services. The Library has been providing curbside and locker pickup for items on hold and other requested materials for several months now.

We also are now open Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. for limited, in-person visits. Customers can pick up their holds, browse the shelves for materials, and use computers. We are providing free faxing, scanning, and emailing, and up to 25 pages of free photocopying. We ask that customers limit their visits to one hour, wear masks, and maintain physical distancing to keep everyone safe.

If you need something printed but do not wish to use a computer, we are happy to print the documents for you, when possible. Whether it's a governmental or social service agency, an informational website, or an email attachment, we are here to help you print and get the information that you need. If you wish to pick up your holds and do not want to come in to the Library, we continue to provide curbside and locker service.

And if you have materials to return, we ask that you put them in the outside book drop so they can be quarantined

before we handle them. You might notice returned items that are still on your card. Rest assured that we will check them in and you will not accrue any fines.

Another way the Library is striving to better serve you is with a new, mobile-friendly website. It's been nearly a decade since the website has had a refresh. With an ever-increasing amount of browsing done from mobile devices, the time is right for an upgrade. In fact, last year during our community listening sessions that took place at all 41 Library locations to inform the creation of our Facility Master Plan, one consistent piece of feedback we got was that our website was outdated and difficult to navigate.

We're doing everything we can to ensure that our new website and app are easy to use, and connects you quickly to the information you're looking for. The site and app automatically adjust to any screen size, from smartphones to large monitors. We also used inclusive design features that bring our site up-to-date for customers who are partially sighted or use screen readers.

Features include:

- Smarter search options
- All in one place
- Better browsing

- Place a hold in one click
  - Save items to read, watch, or listen to later
  - Track what you've read, watched, or listened to
  - Share, rate, and review your favorite materials
  - View lists of favorite materials created by other customers and staff members
  - Improved security and privacy
- To learn more, go to [blog.cincinnati.library.org/Blog/library-website](http://blog.cincinnati.library.org/Blog/library-website).

While in-person events and programs have been paused for the time being, you can check out the virtual events we're offering at [cincinnati.library.org/bibliocommons.com/events/search/index](http://cincinnati.library.org/bibliocommons.com/events/search/index). Or go to our YouTube channel for storytimes, STEM activities, book talks, career advice, and other interesting videos. Start watching at [cinlib.org/youtube](http://cinlib.org/youtube). You also can view Mr. Eric in action at [cinlib.org/youtube/clifton](http://cinlib.org/youtube/clifton).

We are happy to be able to provide more service again and we thank you for your patience as we strive to adapt to these challenging times and look forward to seeing you at the Clifton Branch!

—Eric Davis and Lisa Mauch

## CCAC's Golden Ticket Juried Art Exhibition Goes Al Fresco!

The Golden Ticket is back again and the show must go on, pandemic and all! This year will be the 11th iteration of the annual Golden Ticket, and the first Golden Ticket exhibition held entirely outdoors. Referred to as "one of the most prestigious awards for local working artists in the Cincinnati region" by former director of the Cincinnati Art Museum, Aaron Betsky, the Golden Ticket is moving to its fourth location in as many years, one flexible enough for whatever the world will look like this fall. The Clifton Cultural Arts Center is committed to supporting and celebrating artists throughout our community, especially at a time when galleries have been closed for months and in-person exhibitions are few and far between, so we are thrilled to be able to present our annual juried art exhibition entirely "al fresco!" in the neighborhood.

Though this year is unlike any other, the exhibit will continue to feature the diverse, talented artists living or working within a 25-mile radius of CCAC. We are also delighted to have prestigious members of the Greater Cincinnati and Ohio art community - Melvin Grier, Joe Girandola and Ainsley Cameron - serve as jurors for the show. Over \$1,500 in cash prizes will be awarded for Best in Show (for whom CCAC will also host a solo exhibition), second and third place, and honorable mention. Winners will be announced on the first night of the exhibition, which will run from October 30 through December 4.

The entry process for submissions is open through September 21, 2020; all fine art disciplines are encouraged to apply. Due to ongoing public health concerns, and in an effort to activate public spaces, CCAC will be installing accepted artworks on the perimeter of Rawson



Woods Bird Preserve, at the intersection of Middleton and McAlpin Avenues, as well as in front yards on the adjacent blocks of Middleton Avenue in the Gaslight District of Clifton. CCAC will reproduce

all accepted two-dimensional works on weather-resistant substrates, and also encourages applicants to propose outdoor installations and sculptures that too are weather resistant. For more information on the exhibit, or for submission guidelines, please visit <https://cliftonculturalarts.org/golden-ticket>.

—Emily Versoza (Read more CCAC news online.)

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## Shakespeare Bench: New Art for Clifton!

The Clifton Community Fund (CCF) and The Clifton Business Association (CBA) have brought Shakespeare to Clifton! The CCF purchased and installed the bronze Shakespeare on a bench at the NW corner of Ludlow and Telford. The work was created by noted bronze artist Gary Lee Price.

Our thanks to Catherine Hamilton-Hicks for bringing the sculpture's availability to the CCF's attention! A cadre of CCF folks then visited the piece to determine its compatibility with Clifton and a Clifton focus group identified 15 possible installation locations, finally selecting the corner of Telford and Ludlow as the best.

The CCF then voted to donate the funds (available thanks to Clifton residents' generous donations over the last 16 years) the CBA needed to acquire the bench and the CBA signed an agreement with the CCF to accept and maintain the Shakespeare bench on the NW corner of Telford and Ludlow.

Whew! And you thought Will just popped up on the

corner one day. Special thanks to John Osterman for general management of the project.

In other CCF news—we have a new incoming president! Ms. Margaret Reich succeeds Larry Holt (that's me!) and has agreed to lead us through and around the pandemic and on to bigger and better things. Unfortunately, we have to delay our annual dinner until next year. At the dinner we normally celebrate CCF's activities for the year. This year, in addition to the Shakespeare bench, you would have heard about:

- 19 utility box art objects cleaned and restored
- Contributed to the Ludlow Garage murals on Ludlow
- Multiple donations to Clifton Cares
- Working to repair the damaged Digg's Fountain
- Planning and designing three more utility boxes.

Back to Shakespeare—although we had to defer our annual Shakespeare in Mt. Storm production you can now pick out your favorite sonnet, sit next to the man himself, and ask him, “You obviously never experienced a summer's day like the ones we have in Clifton . . . did you?”



***Above:** CCF members Bob Rack, Dave Huwer, Larry Holt, Margaret Reich, John Osterman and Helen Adams*



***Left:** Margaret Reich and Will don masks of intrigue . . .*

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Fall 2020  
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Tom Lobre puts the finishing touches on his colorful window treatment at the Clifton Market. (Photo by William Messer)

## Clifton in Living Color—Come Spend Some Time with Us



Lieutenant Williams prunes the rose bushes outside the Fire Station No. 34.



Chandler McCoy-Simandle, director of beverage and service at Red Feather Trade Co.

Postmark Restaurant is proud to announce the opening of our reinvigorated retail wine shop nestled in the quaint and historic Gaslight district of Clifton, Cincinnati. Shop from our extensive collection of nearly 400 different wine choices under the guidance of our expert staff! Yes we know there is another wine store and we love what they provide for the community. Just like we love what the other restaurants provide for the community. The more the merrier, right?

Postmark Restaurant is reopening as a mixed use space moving forward. We will be recommencing our dine in service in the near future as well. This will include a bistro style, small bite menu available for dine in service. You can also rent the whole space for private events.

Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 2-8 p.m.; Wednesday 2-4 p.m.; Saturday 12-8 p.m.



Bring a little whimsy to your Wednesday evenings with us at Postmark Restaurant and our Music on the Mark series. We host a weekly live music night featuring incredible musical talent from our local communities set in the romantic and refined atmosphere of our beautifully renovated fine dining restaurant. A perfect evening for date night or even just getting out of the house with a friend or two. With a curated Bistro menu showcasing the approachable elegance of Chef Bernstein's culinary style, cleverly crafted cocktails and an elegant and enviable wine list, your night is destined to be decadent and delicious.

Purchase tickets through the link in our Instagram bio or through our "Book Now" button on Postmark Facebook. Tickets are \$10 per guest as well as a \$10 dollar drink minimum. Covid-19 Guidelines are upheld and are listed in our ticket purchasing agreement through SevenRooms.



Movie Night in Burnet Woods Park



A community that plays together also knows how to work together. Bob Rack, John Osterman and Malcolm Montgomery all bow and scrape to install an art bench. (Photo by Helen Adams)





# New Schedule!

Changes go into effect on  
Monday, August 3rd, 2020

For more updates, please visit  
[HealthyHarvestMobileMarket.com](http://HealthyHarvestMobileMarket.com)  
or follow us @HHMobileMarket

Mondays	Tuesdays	Wednesdays	Thursdays	Fridays
<b>Bond Hill</b> <b>10am-12pm</b> St. Aloysius 4721 Reading Rd. Cincinnati, OH 45327	<b>Price Hill</b> <b>10am-12pm</b> Autumn Woods Apts Westmont Ln. Cincinnati, OH 45205	<b>Evanston</b> <b>11:30am-1:00pm</b> The Evanston 1820 Rutland Ave Cincinnati, OH 45207	<b>Clifton</b> <b>12pm-2pm</b> Good Sam Hospital 379 Dixmyth Ave Cincinnati, OH 45220	<b>West End</b> <b>10am-12pm</b> Stanley Rowe Towers 1621 Linn St Cincinnati, OH 45214
<b>Winton Hills</b> <b>1pm-3pm</b> Mother of Christ Church 5301 Winneste Ave. Cincinnati, OH 45232	<b>S. Fairmount</b> <b>12:30pm-2:30pm</b> St. Francis Court Apts 1860 Queen City Ave Cincinnati, OH 45214	<b>Avondale</b> <b>1:30pm-3:30pm</b> Near Lincoln Statue Reading & Forest Ave Cincinnati, OH 45229	<b>Springdale</b> <b>3pm-5pm</b> The Park at Springdale Apartments 1235 Chesterdale Dr Springdale, OH 45246	<b>Walnut Hills</b> <b>1pm-3pm</b> Former Kroger 954 E. McMillan Cincinnati, OH 45206
<b>College Hill</b> <b>4pm-6:30pm</b> College Hill Presbyterian Church 5742 Hamilton Ave. Cincinnati, OH 45224	<b>Sayler Park</b> <b>3:30pm-6pm</b> Near Gracley Dr & Monitor Ave Cincinnati, OH 45233			

## ArtWorks Announces a Season of New Voices

*93 Youth Apprentices work on 26 public and community art projects*

ArtWorks is proud to announce New Voices, its latest season of public and community art. In July, 15 teaching artists began leading 93 youth apprentices, ages 14-21, to work on 26 projects, which took place both in-person and remotely. In addition, ArtWorks has paid 26 artists to design these summer projects.

"This year's theme of New Voices highlights our collaboration with emerging artists and community members to bring their artistic vision to life, presenting new perspectives for public art throughout our region," said Colleen Houston, CEO and artistic director. "ArtWorks is excited to focus on creating opportunity for diverse, young and underrepresented artists in our region, and we know our city is at its best when everyone gets a chance."

These projects include 14 new murals, nine community engagement projects, two installation projects and a digital animation project.

### Murals

#### Electric Avenue Mural

Location: Duke Energy Complex, Oakley.

Partnering with Duke Energy, ArtWorks is activating the Wasson Way trail with Electric Avenue, the first work of public art along the trail. The mural is being painted on the new building at the Duke Energy complex in Oakley.

The mural, designed by Christian Dallas, celebrates sustainability, energy, movement, and nature while adding visual interest to the surrounding woods and trail area. ArtWorks is employing two teaching artists to lead a team of eight youth apprentices to paint the mural, which will span close to 300 feet.

Electric Avenue is generously supported by Duke Energy, the Duke Energy Foundation and Procter and Gamble.

#### Fountain of Life Mural

Location: Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center, Critical Care Building, Burnet Avenue Cincinnati, OH 45229

Partnering with Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center and KOLAR Design, ArtWorks is painting Fountain of Life, an interior mural in the hospital's Critical Care Building, which provides expanded services to the community's sickest children. The mural will greet patients, staff, and visitors into the lobby.

Local artist Holly Risch created a color-filled and hope-inspiring mural design created by a team of five youth apprentices. The team is inviting children and families from the Avondale community to help paint the mural.

Fountain of Life is generously supported by Cincinnati Children's, City of Cincinnati's Youth to Work and Procter and Gamble.

There are many other mural projects in the works. To stay up-to-date on the progress of this season of New Voices, ArtWorks encourages those interested to follow the organization on Instagram, Facebook and Twitter.

## Shop & Eat Local

- US Bank has reduced hours. Monday to Friday 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.; lobby now open, Due to a national coin shortage orders are limited to one roll per customer.
- DJ of Gaslight Grill has been manning the grill for two years. Rooftop is open and popular late at night.
- Ace Hardware is prepping for the change of seasons with newly waxed floors.
- Bohemian Hookah Bar has been blessed just to keep the business up and running. Not making money but holding their own. "We're all in this together. Everything is connected," says Sam, the owner.
- Brian of Clifton Natural Foods pointed out that you can pick up a voter registration form at the counter. Jaryn is a new employee.
- Sidney is a new clerk at Pangaea Trading Company.
- Los Potrillos, Mexican Restaurant Bar & Grill, sells margaritas to go. They leave the top of the paper sleeve of the straw to make it legal while driving it home. Their Los Potrillos bench has been moved so not to encourage waiting in the foyer. You wait outside now with the food delivery gig workers.
- Dewey's Pizza has curbside pick-up.
- Torn Light Records is open for business.
- Ambar has outdoor seating in the back parking lot.



### A Friendly Welcome

Red "runs" Petey's Pet Stop. Come by for a visit.



## See Communal Spaces at CCAC Photography Exhibit “Third Place”

In partnership with Pendleton Street Photography, and with generous support provided by FotoFocus, Clifton Cultural Arts Center is thrilled to present “Third Place,” a group photography exhibit themed around the spaces in which people gather. The “third place,” a term coined by sociologist Ray Oldenburg, refers to places where people spend time between home (“first” place) and work (“second” place). These locations are essential for building relationships, exchanging ideas, reducing loneliness and expanding horizons. CCAC is one such third place, providing physical spaces and opportunities to connect through visual and performing arts, as well as arts education opportunities. In a lens-based interpretation of third place, the exhibit asks artists and viewers to consider both the literal, using and manipulating light through the use of photography, and the figurative, how third places enlighten us and encourage us to lighten up. Though the theme of this exhibition was conceived prior to the current pandemic, it seems more practical than ever to actively consider the ways in which we come together. This show will feature work by fifteen photographers living and working from Clifton to New York, with each photograph considering a different avenue of the so-called third place. In the context of this year, some images point directly to an increased desire for physical proximity with a community, whether that’s found on sidewalks or at pierogi festivals, while other images seem to orient themselves in temporary appreciation of relative vacancy and quiet, suggesting lemonade from pandemic lemons.

Opening on September 18, and running through October 24, this exhibit features photography by: Jonathan Kamholtz, Greg Buening, Linda Susman, Mark Fohl, ChengLun Na, Neil Moore, Paul Wilbur, Aliese Hewitt, Bre’Asia Graham, Kiya Gibson-Cornist, Chris Huckaby, Alexandra Buxbaum, Linda Stein, Connie Springer, and Steve Kosztala. Details on an opening reception and



*Image by Linda Stein*

gallery hours are to be determined based on current status of public health crisis. This exhibit will also coincide with the opening installment of CCAC’s Sunset Salons 2020 – 2021 season, which will feature a panel discussion

about Photography & Building Community. For more information, please visit [cliftonculturalarts.org/exhibits/third-place/](https://cliftonculturalarts.org/exhibits/third-place/).

## Preserve Burnet Woods Celebrates Two Years

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PBW has been active in creating and promoting child-specific nature education in the park, including the after school Kids 4 Birds. A brainstorming session with a classroom of University of Cincinnati Environmental Studies students evolved into Nature Days, which brought children from Rockdale Academy into Burnet Woods to learn about tree ring-dating, water sampling, citizen science technology, leaf-etching, and to have fun with kickball and snacks. Provided with PBW mentorship and fundraising mechanisms, the UC students created and ran these events. Many of the school kids had never been to Burnet Woods despite living within a mile of the park. All told, Nature Days and Kids 4 Birds served 153 children with custom-created programs. Another 30 families enjoyed a safe Hall-Boo-Ween.

Additional Preserve Burnet Woods collaborations with the UC Ornithology Club and UC Students for Burnet Woods have resulted in monitoring and replacement of birdhouses, creating botanical inventories, and more litter cleanup and invasives’ removal projects. A recent collaboration with UC’s Lindner College of Business Project Impact class laid the groundwork for future community events that PBW hopes to host in a post-pandemic era. It is through these strong collaborations with UC and Rockdale Academy that Preserve Burnet Woods hopes to continue growing the multi-generational connection existing in Burnet Woods and secure its future as a beloved urban nature habitat for a long time to come.

All told, PBW volunteers spent almost 800 hours working for the betterment of Burnet Woods in 2019 and despite the pandemic, have dedicated about 200 hours in 2020 so far. Over 120 bags of litter have been collected. Park facilities are checked almost daily for graffiti, fallen trees or any other concerns that may need official staff attention.



*Nature Days: Members of UC Students for Burnet Woods, Preserve Burnet Woods and CCAC work together for Nature Days*

One of the greatest PBW accomplishments in the past two years has been the establishment of a clear communication network among the many people who care about Burnet Woods. While Cincinnati Parks staff are readily accessible, dealing with a city office can seem overwhelming. PBW has strong community ties, so park visitors and community members are quick to contact the team with concerns knowing they will be routed to the right parks staff. Transparency in efforts and park happenings is important to the group. PBW uses its own website, alongside

Facebook, Instagram and Nextdoor to keep the community informed about what is happening and invites visitors to share their own input and experiences in Burnet Woods.

The consistent theme throughout PBW activities is a return to where Preserve Burnet Woods started: the basic premise that natural spaces are essential to our well-being, and that being out in nature will lead to a lifetime love of greenspace and dedication to protecting it in our communities. All it takes is a little encouragement to go to the park and get out on the trails to ignite that care-taking instinct.



# Ludlow Avenue, the Heart of Clifton

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