



Clifton's Diverse Architecture Featured in 2018 House Tour



*Sneak peek! These snippets are from photos of the homes being highlighted on this year's CTM House Tour.
(Photos by Eric Urbas/Collage by Kevin Marsh)*

Following tradition, Clifton Town Meeting's premier fundraising event will be held on Mother's Day, Sunday, May 13, 2018 from 1 to 5 p.m. Seven outstanding examples of Clifton's diverse architectural home styles have already

been confirmed for this triennial event. As in the past, CTM expects nearly 1,000 visitors to tour the chosen residences.

Entrance tickets for all homes on the tour are \$20 each for a pre-purchased ticket or \$25 each when purchased on May 13. A beautiful house tour booklet with pictures and house biographies will be included with each ticket. Tickets can be purchased online at <http://www.cliftoncommunity.org/clifton-house-tour-2018/> or at selected businesses in the Business District.

If anyone is interested in taking advantage of a unique, targeted advertising opportunity by placing an ad in this keepsake House Tour booklet they can contact housetourmarketing@cliftoncommunity.org.

CTM house tour committees have been formed and will be recruiting volunteers to help on the day of the event. Volunteers will be assigned a two-hour shift, leaving them time to freely tour homes of their choice. Volunteers will not be required to purchase a ticket.

Immediately following the house tour, an appreciation reception will be held for all volunteers and home owners. If you would be interested in volunteering, please contact Ashley Fritz, mevansa3@yahoo.com

We hope to see you there!

Save the Date — May 28, 2018

Hey Clifton Neighbors and Friends – It's never too early to start thinking about how you're going to decorate your bicycle, what your pet's costume will be, or the theme for your family float for this year's Memorial Day Parade and Grill Out. Put it on your calendar now – Monday May 28, 2018.



CTM President's Message

I would like to begin by thanking Eric Urbas for doing an excellent job serving as CTM President for the last two years. Last year was my first year as a trustee on the board of CTM, and I was very impressed with the level of dedication and involvement of the trustees.

CTM meetings are run very efficiently, and I hope to continue that effort. At the same time, I would like to see more community involvement. I encourage community members to become involved with CTM by volunteering on one of our committees, attending our monthly meetings, which usually take place on the first Monday of the month at the Clifton Recreation Center, or attending an issue-specific community engagement meeting.

If you're not already receiving Clifton community electronic news, you can sign up on the CTM website: www.cliftoncommunity.org.

If you are interested in working on one of the CTM Committees listed on page 3, please send an email to contactctm@cliftoncommunity.org

Last year as Chair of the Housing and Zoning Committee, I was pleased to be part of a team that organized the Howell Avenue Development Visioning meeting that took place in November. CTM's Housing and Zoning Committee partnered with the Clifton Business and Professional Association, Gaslight Property and the City of Cincinnati's Department of City Planning to organize the

public meeting to discuss ideas for the future development of the merchant's lot. There were 50 people who attended the meeting, and 282 people who responded to the follow-up survey.

The goal of the Howell Avenue Development Visioning meeting was to allow everyone an opportunity to discuss their ideas and have open conversations with the development team about their concerns and top priorities for the Howell Avenue Development site, before an official zone change was submitted to the City of Cincinnati (another public meeting will be held when a draft concept plan is ready for review). Many participants felt that this process was extremely useful and some have expressed that they would like to see more public engagement meetings like this.

I hope CTM can continue to be a valuable partner to encourage community engagement. This type of community involvement helps give residents a say in important development projects in a productive way. Looking to the future, CTM could be a catalyst for developing a neighborhood plan for Clifton. Ideally, the plan would be developed by the City of Cincinnati's Department of City Planning, including a comprehensive community engagement process. A neighborhood plan would establish neighborhood wide goals and priorities, and provide a framework for future development and policies.

—Christine Celsor, CTM President

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New CTM Board and Trustees

Far left: President Christine Celsor, Vice President 1 Patrick Borders, Vice President 2 Joyce Rich, Secretary Kevin Marsh and Treasurer Buddy Goose. Recently elected CTM Trustees include Patrick Borders, Buddy Goose and three others—pictured in right-hand photo—Gina Marsh, Rama Kasturi and Vince Metzger.

Welcome to 2018!

Your neighborhood community council, Clifton Town Meeting (CTM), has a Board of 15 Trustees. The organization has a set of bylaws that governs its operation and action. <http://www.cliftoncommunity.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/03/CTM-Bylaws-Revised-Dec-2015.pdf>

There are many ways to interact, engage, volunteer, and communicate with CTM.

In person options

We have monthly Board meetings. The schedule is set every January at the first Board meeting of the year. Generally, the meetings are on the first Monday of the month from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Clifton Recreation Center. Exact dates will be posted on the Clifton Community Calendar website page.

You can speak at these meetings on a specific topic or at the end of the meeting. Community members should sign up to speak on an agenda item before the start of the meeting. Not all agenda items will have

time reserved for public input. Individual input on agenda items will be no more than two minutes. Community members are able to speak on non-agenda issues during the public questions and concerns agenda item. Individuals with statements are asked to sign in before the start of the

meeting. Statements will be no more than three minutes during the questions and concerns agenda item.

Our Committees are always seeking volunteers for specific activities or for longer term participating on the work of the

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Committees and Chairpersons for 2018

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Committee. Your involvement, be it big or small, is welcome and desired.

Some of our Committees hold public engagement / discussion meetings to gather input on specific topics. These are announced in advance by email and put onto social media channels.

Events CTM produces or co-sponsors annually along with our event captain:
Memorial Day Parade/Cookout — Buddy Goose
Clifton Fest Booth — Christine Celsor
Golf Outing — Eric Urbas
Lantern Walk — Adam Balz
Holidays on Ludlow — Brad Hawse
The Clifton House Tour is held every

three years on Mother's Day. Next Tour is this year, and event captain is Adam Balz.

All our events are more successful when we have volunteers from the community to participate in planning or on the day of the event. Please email CTM to offer help.

Emails to CTM

You can use email to convey information, concerns, questions, etc to CTM:

- Our primary email is contactctm@cliftoncommunity.org. This email is monitored daily. Your email is forwarded to the most appropriate person or Committee for response. When in doubt, use this email for all purposes.

- Matters dealing with Housing and Zoning, you can email the Committee directly at housingandzoning@cliftoncommunity.org

- Submit an article / photo for the *Clifton Chronicle* or wish to place an ad, you can email vblack1@cliftoncommunity.org

Emails from CTM

CTM has a subscriber, opt-in, email list that is used to send information & announcements related to Clifton. We never sell or share this list, and we do not email you constantly. Two to five emails a month including the monthly CTM meeting

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Clifton in the News:

<https://www.citybeat.com/news/blog/20989253/could-clifton-become-a-community-entertainment-district>



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After much deliberation and several months of uncertainty on the timing of our official exit date from the 1906 Clifton School building, Clifton Cultural Arts Center (CCAC) has made the difficult yet exciting decision to move our weekly summer concert series to the iconic Burnet Woods bandstand. The free Wednesday evening performances will bring music and fun to the recently renovated, historic 1911 music pavilion in one of Cincinnati's oldest and most picturesque parks through a partnership between Cincinnati Parks, Cincinnati Parks Foundation and CCAC.

Renamed "Wednesdays in the Woods," the series will begin on May 30, 2018 and run weekly through August 8. Bands will be announced soon, and you can expect to see some of your perennial favorites as well as new local artists. We'll be bringing back the popular Kids Art Corner, sweet and savory food vendors, and extending the concerts an additional 30 minutes, from 7-9 p.m. As always, musical genres will be as diverse as are the members of our Uptown communities.

We understand that this news may come with some mixed emotions, as the Wednesdays on the Green series on the front lawn of CCAC has become a summer staple for many of our friends and neighbors over the past nine years. This marks the beginning of a year of transition for all of our programs — a year when you will see more of CCAC out in the communities of Uptown.

As the plans for this partnership in Burnet Woods have come together, CCAC has looked to the future and become very enthusiastic about our new beginning. We

CCAC 2018 Summer Camps

Now's the time to sign up for summer fun! Visual arts and theatrical opportunities abound at CCAC this summer: read online to see what we've got planned, then visit cliftonculturalarts.org for the most up-to-date details!

are excited to bring the concert series to our neighborhood park — combining two gems of Uptown to produce an exceptional community event that has the potential to bring live music, art, and community connections to even more members of our uniquely diverse neighborhoods. We know

many of you would like time to say farewell to the 1906 Clifton School building, so we're planning a big party on the front lawn this summer to celebrate the past nine years of growth at this home and welcome a new decade of arts and culture in our community.

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DePaul Cristo Rey High School senior Denna Habetaslassa has been matched with the University of Chicago through the QuestBridge National College Match program with a full scholarship package that includes tuition and fees, room and board, books and supplies, and travel expenses for her four years of undergraduate education.

"Business Insider" has ranked the University of Chicago as among the most

selective universities in America, with an admissions acceptance rate below that of four Ivy League schools. For the Class of 2020, fewer than eight percent of those students who applied to the University were offered admission.

Denna, a resident of St. Bernard, plans to major in bio-chemistry and eventually pursue her Ph.D. and a career in medical research. She was drawn to the University of Chicago because, "while it's known for its academic atmosphere, it's also a place where I can pursue creative interests. It's a place where I can take the time to learn more about myself and the world."



Denna Habetaslassa

ships to the nation's top colleges. Denna started in this year's pool of 15,606 QuestBridge applicants of whom 918 were selected as College Match Scholarship recipients.

The QuestBridge National College Match program pairs high-achieving, low-income high school seniors with full scholarships to the nation's top colleges.



Deaconess Golf Outing Breaks Giving Record

From left are Don Blades, Mike Giordano, Seth Meyers and Curtis Ross from Mason & Co., who took first place in the Deaconess Associations Foundation's (DAF) annual golf outing. DAF raised \$60,000 to benefit residents of Deaconess' senior service communities in Ohio. (Read complete story online.)

Facade Improvement Program

A 50/50 matching grant from the City of Cincinnati's Neighborhood Business District Improvement Program is helping J. Gumbo's building owner Tom Thie restore the historic building's second- and third-floor balconies. Overseen by the Department of Community & Economic Development and The Department of Economic Inclusion, the façade improvement project at 286 Ludlow Avenue is valued at \$28,000. Once the project is complete, the city will reimburse the building's owner for half the cost. Max Construction

Group, LLC is the general contractor. The budget allows for the demolition of the current balconies, constructing new sheet metal balconies with waterproof membranes, general carpentry, caulking and painting. Although, J. Gumbo's awning has been removed, the restaurant remains open for business.

Other businesses who have applied for the Façade Improvement Program include: World Peace Yoga, Toku Baru, Pan-gaea and Ludlow Wines.

—Joyce Rich, CTM Vice President 2



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DePaul Cristo Rey High School

Clifton Market Celebrates Its One-Year Anniversary

Keith Brock, general manager of the Clifton Market (CM), and his staff savor this moment. It has been a full year since the cooperatively owned market opened its doors, one filled with successes and growing pains. With 1,835 owners, including the Mayor of Cincinnati, John Cranley, Clifton Market anticipates slow but steady growth in its second year, offering competitive new every-day-low prices on a variety of items, and a wide variety of fresh, local, organic and unique prepared foods.

The market offers convenient on-line ordering (www.cliftonmarketgrocery.com) with both curbside pickup (\$2) and home delivery by Grocery Runners (\$10). The popular deli was formally dedicated on December 11, 2017 to Emma Hartkemier, lifelong Clifton resident, board member and a passionate supporter of the market. Emma's deli offers boxed lunch specials and Party Trays for your home and office catering needs. Orders can

be placed online or in-store. Come and check out the popular Meatless Monday and unique vegan (tempeh, egg and "chicken" salads) deli case offerings.

CM is now also offering balloons for sale in partnership with USA Balloonatics (ohioballoonatics@gmail.com), a local, student-owned business. Orders can be placed

in-store for pickup or online (<https://cliftonmarket.shelfscouter.com/t/specialties/balloons>) for delivery to your special event.

As he reflects on the year ahead of him as GM of the Clifton Market, Keith's message to the community is simple. "Come celebrate and shop with us. We are still here! Become an owner. Buy your share today."

Resident Leads Change

Clifton homeowner, Mary Steele, is a member of Envision's Emerald Gala: Night of a Thousand Stars event committee. Set for May 11, at Anderson Pavilion, the event will celebrate a 55-year history of Greater Cincinnati teachers, pioneers and individuals who lead and help others lead meaningful lives in the face of daunting challenges. See the on-line *Chronicle* for full details of the event and Envision.






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Clifton Community Website

CTM maintains the Clifton Community website at <http://www.cliftoncommunity.org/>. This website

contains a variety of news, calendar, public safety links, prior CTM meeting minutes, *Clifton Chronicle* issues, links to institutions and businesses in Clifton and much more. There are links on the website to submit questions / concerns directly to CTM.

The Clifton Community Calendar has a moderated submission link that you can use to create entries for community

events on the calendar. <http://www.cliftoncommunity.org/calendar/>

Social Media

CTM operates various social media accounts:

- Facebook page - <https://www.facebook.com/CliftonTownMeeting>

- Twitter account - [@clifontownmeet](https://twitter.com/clifontownmeet)

- NextDoor Clifton account - <https://clifton.nextdoor.com/login>

Social media "likes", shares, retweets do not imply Board positions or agreement. We like to promote Clifton-related events for the good of the community.

Postal Mail

We accept mail at P.O. Box 20042, Cincinnati, OH 45220-0042. This is the slowest way to contact us.

Membership

Our organization is always seeking the financial support of the community through a variety of membership options. You can start or renew a membership online at <http://www.cliftoncommunity.org/products-page/membership>. We run a more detailed membership drive effort each year as well describing the benefits of being a member.

Thank you. We look forward to seeing and hearing from you.

—Kevin Marsh, CTM Secretary

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Activities Galore at Fairview

A lot is happening this year thanks to the dedicated administration, staff, and volunteers of Fairview Clifton German Language School.

To begin, there is a new lunch time enrichment activity taking place this year called Mittagsmusik in der Mensa (midday music in the cafeteria). Erin Locke and the Tumblers performed for the student body in December during all lunch bells. Our Wellness Committee coordinated a citrus tasting with volunteers passing out a variety of citrus to those students who wanted to try the fruit. Volunteers wore "Mittagsmusik" aprons made possible from a donor at Clifton CRC. The music was lively, engaging, and welcoming for all. Two other dates are in the works featuring a classical guitarist and a possible a musical duo with a flute and other instrument. We are currently looking for additional musicians (contact vicepresident@gebas.org).

Vielen Dank to Clifton resident Carol Wright for donating her time and talent in the creation of a mural in the school. It is truly eye catching and leaves viewers dreaming of far off places, crafting stories in their heads, and walking away with a smile.

Our parent organization, GEBAS, hosted a new parent only fundraising event, Falkenfest, on February 17, at Urban Artifakt.

Mark the calendar! FASCHING, our



annual school festival, is April 7, noon to 5 p.m. We look forward to enjoying this fun

day with our Clifton community. All are welcome! — *Christine van der Bent*

Clifton Deer Report – Year 3

Field operations ended this year at 7 a.m. on January 14 when our eighth and last newly sterilized doe awoke and toddled off. This brings the total number of sterilized deer to 59. How close we are to our goal of sterilizing 95 percent of our does will be answered by the field camera population survey now underway.

Of all the moving parts and variables field operations must contend with, weather is the one we are least able to control. While freezing temperatures and snow on the ground did not interfere, a winter ice storm did shut down operations for one night. Precautions like ground tarps and blankets help protect recumbent deer from

hypothermia. Hand warmers and space heaters at the outdoor command center helped keep the transport and recovery team volunteers from freezing!



"Doe #27, sterilized in December 2015 and turning 8 years old this Spring, is one of the oldest does in our herd. She spends her days in and around Mt. Storm Park. (Photo by Sally Skillman)"

The full story is in the online *Chronicle*.



Immanuel Child Development Center

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Immanuel Child Development Center has been providing families with affordable and quality preschool and school-age programs since 1929. We are open year-round M-F from 7 a.m. – 6 p.m.

School-age Summer Camp 2018: The program runs from 5/29 – 8/2, providing a theme based curriculum, 2 field trips each week, & breakfast, 2 snacks & lunch daily. Tuition is \$150 weekly.

School-age After School Program: We pick children up from Fairview-Clifton and Annunciation schools. Tuition is \$58.00 per week and includes all-day care any days schools are closed for snow days, breaks, etc. Snacks are provided and when children attend all day all meals/snacks are provided.

Year-round Preschool Program: We offer a non-religious program following a constructivist philosophy of child development for children 18 months and above. As with all our programs tuition is subsidized by the church at the following weekly rates: Toddler \$185, Preschool/Pre-Kindergarten \$158.

For additional information or to visit, please call the Director, Greg at (513) 324-2618.

Local Author Wants You to Start Composting

Have you ever considered backyard composting? Then you may want to check out a new book by local author and Clifton resident, Michelle Balz. *Composting for a New Generation* gives you all of the tips and tricks you need to start composting successfully in your backyard and has lots of DIY projects for building bins and tools.

Michelle has lived in Clifton for 12 years and works for the Hamilton County Recycling and Solid Waste District in Corryville. When not promoting recycling, backyard composting, or reducing wasted food, Michelle spends time with her family (husband Adam and kids Ben and Emily). The Balz family currently has five backyard compost bins, which Michelle admits is “a little excessive for a small urban backyard. I might be a touch obsessed.” Michelle also writes a laid-back blog on composting called “Confessions of a Composter”.

Composting for a New Generation features photos of compost bins and gardens

in Clifton, Northside, Walnut Hills and Over the Rhine. Local photographer Anna Stockton partnered with Michelle to create the book. “Our neighbors are so generous,” Michelle comments. “I put a request on NextDoor asking for people with backyard compost bins and I was amazed at how many people were willing to let Anna photograph their bins.”

The book contains everything you would want to know about backyard composting, including the benefits of and science behind composting, maintenance and how-to, dozens of composting methods both in bins and integrated in your garden, vermicomposting (indoors with worms!) and using your finished compost. You can pick up a copy of the book at Joseph Beth Booksellers, Barnes and Noble, and other local bookstores, as well as online. For those willing to put their name on a wait list, the book is also available through the Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County.



Michelle Balz with her children Ben and Emily pose in front of her book display at Joseph Beth Booksellers

Spring 2018 - Program Opportunities at the Trailside Nature Center

Spring Fest in the Woods Saturday, April 28, 2018 11a.m. - 2 p.m

It's a celebration of Spring! Join us for wild edible cooking demonstrations, crafts, vendors, live animals and more! Live music, animals and face painting on site. Learn about Ohio's native plants and wild-

flowers and how you can help with habitat restoration. Get some spring tonic while you're there! Call 861-3435 for more information. **See Trailside Nature Center's slate of summer camps online.**

Rocking for 2018 Dollars

Friends, family and Residents will be “rocking” Saturday, March 3 from 1-4 p.m. in the second Little Sisters of the Poor St. Paul's Home Rock-a-Thon fundraiser. The home is honored to provide another opportunity for pro-rockers! (**Read full story online and see photos of their Winter Ball.**)

The New School Montessori

Melissa Robinson, former NKU director of strings, is leading our elementary music and strings programs. She introduced ukuleles as a fun way for students to explore melody, harmony, rhythm, form, dynamics and tempo. (**Full story online.**)



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Skirball Museum Celebrates Israel's 70th Birthday

From March 8-June 3, The Skirball Museum on the historic Clifton campus of Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion celebrates Israel's 70th birthday with a wide-ranging exhibition of paintings, sculpture, silversmith work, and photography drawn from the museum's core collections and from the B'nai B'rith Klutznick National Jewish Museum collection, now housed at the Skirball. **Read the full story with photos online.**

The Library Awaits You!

We invite you to stop in to your local library. Great books, informative magazines, entertaining and educational films, and enlightening music of all genres await you at the local library along with friendly, helpful people! Events and classes are also offered to people of all ages. Please visit www.cincinnatiatlibrary.org and click on "Events and Classes." See you at the library! **(Read full story online.)**

Be A Happy CRC Camper

Camp CRC at Clifton run from Thursday, May 31 until August 10, 2018. The cost for 10 weeks of camp (\$1,345) includes swim lessons and all field trips. Open registration starts Monday, February 20; deposit at the time of registration is \$220 per camper.

Drink the Water

Clifton Community Fund wants residents to know that the water from the Probasco Fountain bronze flower is safe to drink. The Probasco Fountain was named for its donor, Henry Probasco and designed by Samuel Hannaford. Built in 1887 as a drinking fountain, its four basins were meant to refresh humans, horses, dogs and birds. The Clifton

Community Fund wants that legacy to be remembered.

Dick Druffel has organized a committee to research the possibility of embedding a granite stone in the pavers in front of the bronze flower. Craved into the stone will be words to reassure visitors that the water flowing from the flower is continually moving, fresh and drinkable.

CANS News — (Full story and photos online)

CANS / Clifton Area Neighborhood School is ready to serve PreK – 1st Grade students in 2018-19! CPS Program Manager Mrs. Kelley Bagayoko joins the CANS Advisory Group. Visit our website for FAQs and much more at <https://www.canselementary.org/faq/>



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The Chronicle Chats with “The Trash Lady”

Hello and welcome to the *Chronicle Chats*. We are two girls that live in Clifton and plan to interview somebody interesting from our neighborhood to tell their stories in the upcoming issues of the *Clifton Chronicle*.

Our first chat is with someone who cares a lot about our neighborhood. She is the lady that picks up trash around Clifton. She makes our neighborhood a much more beautiful environment for everyone. Her name is Amira Beer AKA The Trash Lady.

Where do you live?

“Lafayette Circle.”

Describe your perfect day. Where would you go? What would you do? Who would you spend it with?

“My perfect day starts with a walk. It doesn’t have to be hot or sunny, just a nice day. I would walk around the neighborhood and do what I love to do, pick up trash. Then I would go home and relax, read the paper, maybe do some yard work, maybe catch a movie or bake some cookies.”

What is your favorite Graeter’s Ice Cream flavor?

“That’s an easy one, Mocha Chip!”

What is your favorite spot in Clifton?

“My favorite spot is Clifton Cultural Arts Center, followed by the Esquire.”

What is the most interesting item of trash that you have found?

“I don’t know if it’s interesting, but I find money every now and then. I find clothes sometimes. Usually, whatever I find I give to Goodwill or St. Vincent de Paul.”

It’s 2018, and people are still littering. What is your opinion about that?

“I think it’s disgusting, and there is no excuse for it. Things might fall out of your pocket, but I don’t think McDonald’s bags fall out of your car. I don’t know why it’s that hard to put things in the trash.”

If you could change one thing about Clifton, what would you change?

“I think Clifton is pretty good. If I was queen for a day, I would banish trash and all people who litter from the neighborhood.”

Has anyone ever called you the trash lady?

“My husband calls me the trash-walker. Yes, I am called the trash lady!”

What is your route?

“My route is around the circle, up Clif-



Amira Beer AKA The Trash Lady, center, with intrepid Clifton Chronicle “Chat” reporters Lucy Marie Weldon and Ava Jane Meyer.

ton to the Ludlow area, and then I turn on Middleton, and then I go through Scarlet Oaks, The Windings and the park, then back home”

Thank you, Trash Lady!

Chat by Lucy Marie Whedon, sixth grade at Fairview, and Ava Jane Meyer, sixth grade at Mercy Montessori.

Please send Clifton Chats suggestions to thewhedons@gmail.com.

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Not to be confused with the CTM House Tour, the quarterly Clifton Walking Tours are conducted by the Clifton Branch Library staff with occasional input from Cliftonites. See story on next page.

Local Family Shares Heartfelt Appreciation for First Responders “Gifts”

There’s something special about the holidays. Just as special is the extraordinary bond between grandparents and grandchildren, which is unmatched by any other. The thought of losing a grandchild and the inability to comfort your child through the loss, can be one of the most devastating challenges imaginable. It was a thought, however, that Janet and Andrew Sims had to consider when their daughter Amber found that their five-year-old granddaughter’s asthma attack had taken a turn for the worst. Even more, during a time in the nation where it seemed trusting law enforcement would be cautious at best. But still, the need to call 911 when granddaughter Janessa was in trouble that early morn, was the trusted call.

After weeks of serious hospital attention, of medical treatments, therapies, lots of loving care and abundant prayer, Janessa was finally able to come home and, of course, the story ends there right? Not exactly, this story has a gift that kept on giving. While Janessa was recuperating the first responders (police officers and EMTs) took it upon themselves to check in on her grandparents, asking about Janessa’s condition and how the family was holding up. After Janessa’s release from the rehab the firefighters and police officers (who came to Janessa’s rescue) invited her to meet with them and even the dispatcher who took the 911 call got in on the act, sending well wishes and gifts.

The Sims family is grateful first to God for the miracle of Janessa’s life and complete recovery, but also eternally grateful to the men and women of the Clifton Police and Fire Departments who went BEYOND their “duty” to help us remem-



Police Sgt. Josh Smith, right, was one of the First Responders to come to Janessa Sim’s aid when an asthma attack took a life-threatening turn. Along with Police Sgt. Josh Smith, other personnel on the scene that morning included Police Officer Eric Rodriguez, Police Officer Todd Compesi, Fireman Brian Reilly, Fireman Robert Terry, Fireman Peter Schmitt, Fireman Michael Turi, Fireman Paul Wendling and Fireman Jacob Garcia.

ber that there is still genuine human compassion left in the world. And these special men and women for the sake of “a job, a career” give of themselves, putting their lives on the line daily that you and I have the gift of a second chance.

Thank you Clifton First Responders, be safe out there. The Sims family will forever be grateful for your genuine care you have given after giving your best on the job. Special Thanks to 911 operator Suzanne McAvoy police officer J. Smith & Fireman Brian Reilly. You guys are the best!

—Janet Sims



Police Sgt. Josh Smith, left, and Fireman Brian Reilly, right, continued to reach out to the Sims family after their initial contact in the role as First Responders.

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See Historic Clifton Homes on Walks with a Librarian

The first thing Lisa Hamrick noticed when she started as branch manager at the Clifton Library was how many historic buildings called Clifton home, including the former Boss Cox mansion that now houses the Library. That's when she was inspired to start the Clifton Walking Tours. The first walk took place last November.

"I love the variety of houses found throughout the Clifton community and, knowing about the country's fascination with DIY and HGTV shows, I thought others might also be interested in wandering through Clifton to look at the homes near the branch," said Hamrick. "I hope people who take the tours enjoy a morning of appreciating architectural details on the exterior of the homes in Clifton, a chance to hear some interesting stories about the homes and the people who lived in them, and even an opportunity to learn about the homes through the people walking on the tour with us."

She said she plans on creating different routes for future walks. Hamrick also said she has enjoyed talking with homeowners in the area and gathering details about the buildings on the walking tour, and was impressed when several people in the tour group volunteered their own stories about



the neighborhood.

"Our next-door neighbor on Jefferson Avenue—Dan Nelson—arrived in a top hat to share details of his building. The involvement from so many different people, who

generously gave their time and shared information about their homes, is exactly what made the event so special," said Hamrick.

"The tour is well worth your time and energy because it gives you a completely different perspective on the art and beauty that is so present in the Clifton homes, said Nelson. "When one looks around Clifton quickly you're impressed how no two homes

resemble one another. When you look deeper at each of the architectural elements you can see there's been a great deal of thought and artistic sensibility and creating a broad range of design and artistic balance throughout the community."

Hamrick plans on making the Walking Tour a quarterly event. Each tour will begin with a tour of the Clifton Branch and then go on the

walk. Future walks are scheduled for: March 24, June 23, and Sept. 22. For more information, call the branch at (513) 369-4447 or go to CincinnatiLibrary.evanced.info/signup closer to the dates.

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Youth Circus Camp with My Nose Turns Red Youth Circus

My Nose Turns Red offers your child the opportunity to run away and join the circus without leaving home! Learn how to juggle, balance on the rolling globe and learn the basics of creating a clown character. Camps and classes are highly engaging; challenging youth to walk on the wire, balance on the rola bola and build human pyramids. Students play a wide variety of circus games that build teamwork and cooperation, trust and friendship. Boost your children's self-confidence and creativity in a safe and non-competitive environment. My Nose Turns Red programs are led by highly experienced, professional circus coaches and experienced assistant coaches. Gym wheel coaches are certified by Internationaler Rhönradturn-Verband.

Camp Dates:

July 9 – 13, 2018

July 16 – 20, 2018

July 23 – 27, 2018

July 30 – August 3, 2018

To register, please email info@mynoseturnsred.org or call (859) 581-7100.

CRC Clifton Track Coaches Have Outstanding Season



Cincinnati Recreation Commission Clifton was represented by Track and Field Coaches Hunter Grace and John Forde in the fall season. Congratulations on a winning season and outstanding leadership.

Clifton

Holidays on Ludlow



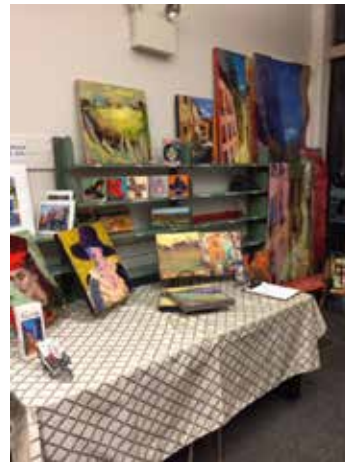
Melissa Mitchell with her booth



TriHealth volunteers giving out TriHealth donated light up wands



Jill Metz, leather jewelry artist



Donna Telerico's Artwork, a Clifton Artist



Evan Sikes, Clifton resident and owner of Caza Sikes Gallery



Bonita's Sweet Potato Pies



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Holidays on Ludlow

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CTM Trustee Adam Balz looking like a kid again



Ace was the place where Santa was spotted with Bryan.



Devon & Kristin Rich early Santa visitors



Lights on this year's carriage



Beautiful & gentle beasts



Kids get crafty



Clifton Market Delivers!

Thank you, thank you, thank you to all our loyal customers! We just celebrated our First Birthday. Stuart Reid, Executive Director of Food Co-op Initiative (FCI), tells us "It is rare for a new co-op to open in under three years. The Clifton Market did an exceptional job of recruiting Share Owners and support."

We are pleased to announce that we now offer home or office delivery within five miles in Ohio of all the groceries and prepared foods on our website, including beer and wine for \$10 – www.cliftonmarket.com

We also have partnered with Beer Runners, www.BeerRunners.com to deliver beer and/or wine also within five miles in Ohio for \$8. Their website links directly to our beer and wine pages.

Also, you can shop on-line and pick up your groceries at a specific time at our loading dock in the parking lot in the back of the store for \$2.

We have accomplished a lot and we are half-way to our potential. The Board has requested that our Market Analyst do our first annual assessment of where we are and steps to take to increase our sales.

In December, Clifton Market named our Deli "Emma's Deli" after hardworking Board Member and Big Fan, Emma Hartkemeier. We are still a work in progress and have plans under way for a juice bar, growler station and upgrades to the parking lot.

The heart of our success is you shopping in Clifton Market and you encouraging your friends and neighbors to do the same—either in person or on-line! Our community "barn raising" continues! —*Marilyn Hyland*



Named for our hard-working board member and big fan, Emma Hartkemeier, "Emma's Deli" is a hoping place.

At left, shoppers enjoy a break. The Friday after-five crowd can also enjoy happy hour.

CTM Membership

Clifton Town Meeting (CTM) is your local 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 source of income for CTM. If you paid membership dues sometime in 2017, thank you for your support. Memberships are based on the calendar year, and we need your support again in 2018.

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/products-page/membership/> or clip the form below and send a check or money order payable to Clifton Town Meeting, P.O. Box 20042, Cincinnati, OH 45220.

Membership Categories

<input type="checkbox"/> Single (1 vote).....\$14	<input type="checkbox"/> Senior citizen, 65+ (1 vote).....\$10
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<input type="checkbox"/> Full-time college student (1 vote).....\$10	<input type="checkbox"/> Life membership (2 votes).....\$180
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Library Corner with Eric Davis

After a roller coaster winter of temperature ups and downs, spring is sure to be exciting and most certainly welcome! As you emerge from your cool-weather burrows and venture out, we invite you to stop in to your local library. Great books, informative magazines, entertaining and educational films and enlightening music of all genres await you...not to mention friendly, helpful people! You might also wish to attend some of our events and classes, which are offered to people of all ages.

Do you have or take care of a little one? Please join us for fun, free, literacy and music based story times.

Library Babies Story Time with Mr. Eric meets every Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. in our beautiful solarium. In addition to stories, music and rhymes, little ones get to meet and socialize with each other (and parents get to get out of the house and meet some of their neighbors). For children ages birth to 18 months.

For toddlers and preschoolers, we have a fun and rockin' Movers and Shakers Story Time with Mr. Eric every Tuesday at 10 a.m.

Do you happen to work during the day and are not able to attend our morning story times? Feel free to join us the third Thursday of each month for a family Bedtime Story Time. We meet in the solarium (would that then be a lunarium?) at 7 p.m. Pajamas are welcome!

We have some special events for school-aged kids and their families on select Saturdays.

Leprechaun Party! 3/17/18 11 a.m.-1 p.m.—Celebrate all things green...and Irish! Crafts, music, snacks and a photo-op with the Library Leprechaun! 'Tis more than a wee bit o' fun! No registration required.

Magnificent Magnets! 4/07/18 11 a.m.-1 p.m.—Explore the fun of science as we check out magnets and magnetism. Hands-on learning activities, projects and a cool painting craft will delight and amaze you! No registration required.

Celebrate National Comic Book Day! 5/05/18 11 a.m.-1 p.m.—Join us as we design our very own comics and share our enthusiasm for this hip, pop-art form. Each child will also receive one free comic, while supplies last. No registration required.

And, yet to be announced, our summer reading club, "Summer Adventure", begins in June and runs through July. Have fun, win prizes, and be rewarded during the summer simply for reading...win win! We will be having weekly events to celebrate our love of reading and library fun! This event is for all ages so kids, teens and, yes, adults are all encouraged to participate. More information will be available in the summer issue and in a few months on the library's website.

We also have some cool events just for teens!

Teen Tuesday: Bookface Photo Fun 3/6/18 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.—Celebrate Teen Tech Week by snapping some Bookface photos. Replace your face with the cover of a book, then take a photo! Get creative with library books, a camera, and a green screen. No registration required.

ACT Free Practice Test 4/28/18 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.—Take a full-length ACT practice test, given under the same testing conditions as the actual exam. Afterwards, you will receive a personalized score report that shows your strengths and weaknesses. Presented by The Princeton Review. Registration is required.

And we invite adults to join us for some fun, crafty and educational events at the library.

Craft and Create! Second Saturday of each month from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Registration required.

Ted Talks Are About Us! Sunday, 3/11/18 2-3:30 pm

Who Are You? Investigating Personality. Registration required.

Clifton Architectural Walking Tour 3/24/18 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m.—Learn about the architecture and history of the Parkside Manor. Then go on a guided walking tour to discover more about the houses and buildings nearby. Registration required.

Edible Flowers! 3/31/18 1-2 p.m.—Learn about the global uses of edible flowers. Author and expert, Dr. Mary Newman will treat you to a presentation, interactive activities and tastings! Registration required.

Tech Talks Wednesdays 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m.—Weekly topics on basic computer usage including: Using a mouse, keyboard, and flash drive; creating a free email account; Internet usage and safety; Social

Media; Microsoft Office; E-branch and Mobile devices, and more! Registration required.

Music Listening and Sharing Party Thursdays, 6:30-7:30 p.m.—Do you love listening to music? Do you have music you want to share? Each month, we will have a theme – bring music that matches our theme to share, or just come and listen. You could go home with a new favorite musician! And there will be CDs you can check out. No registration required.

Friday Morning Book Club 2nd Friday of Each Month 10:30 a.m. No registration required.

Space Wizards Book Club 3rd Tuesdays at Lydia's on Ludlow 6:30-8 p.m.—This is Clifton Branch's Science Fiction and Fantasy book club. Whether you favor tales of swords and dragons or robots and galactic empires, come and join the Space Wizards Book Club! No registration required.

ESL Conversation Group Thursdays at 1 p.m.—The Clifton Branch Library hosts a weekly conversation group for speakers of English as a second language. Come meet, greet, chat, and practice English with your neighbors. No registration required.

For more information about events and classes at the Clifton Library and throughout the library system, please visit our website www.cincinnati.ohio.gov/cincinnati-library and click on "Events and Classes". See you at the library!

Clifton Cultural Arts Center Spring Activity Calendar

Join CCAC for an exciting lineup of events, performances, art and more!

March 11: Wump Mucket Puppets presents *Bee Happy* at Second Sunday Family Showtime – This



lively performance features two new puppet skits featuring puppet stars Coleman the Sasquatch, Unka Unka, and Space Princess G'Wizzl visiting The Queen Bee, to learn how bees help us, and how we can help them. Doors at 1:30 p.m. show at 2 p.m.; tickets are FREE for kids and \$5 for adults.

March 17: Madcap Puppets presents *The Case of the Kidnapped Backpack* – Caw Lumbo, child crow and



amateur sleuth extraordinaire, is on the case! Billy the Raccoon misplaces his backpack... or was it stolen? Everyone is a suspect in this hilarious musical-puppet-who-dunnit! Shows at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.; tickets

are \$8 general admission.

March 21: Sunset Salons: *Chocolate* – Learn all there is to know



about chocolate, from the origin and history to correctly tempering and storing to ensure your sweets stay sweet – we'll even make a chocolatey treat! Program from 6 – 8 p.m.; tickets are \$10/online and \$12/door.

March 23: *what they wore* Opening Reception – A show of



work by 2017 CCAC Golden Ticket Best-in-Show winner Debora Myles. Opening Reception 6 – 8 p.m.; exhibit runs March 23 – April 21. Free Admission.

March 29: *Young Artists At Work* Opening Reception – CCAC is



proud to host this annual exhibition, featuring the exceptionally talented young artists of our partner elementary schools: Fairview-Clifton German Language and Annunciation. Opening Reception from 6 – 8 p.m.; exhibit runs March 29 – April 14. Free Admission.

April 8: Cincinnati Baila! Dance Academy presents *BAILA!*



Kids Latino Dances – Prepare to be delighted with a taste of everything our Hispanic heritage has to offer! You will see folkloric dancing, merengue, flamenco, and Sonora bronco rhythms. Doors at 1:30pm show at 2pm; tickets are FREE for kids and \$5 for adults

May 4: *Looking Forward* Opening Reception – This exhibition



presents an opportunity to highlight past exhibitions and participation at the Clifton Cultural Arts Center while located at the historic 1906 Clifton School Building, as well as to look to the future of the center's continued role in the community as it transitions to a new space. Opening Reception from 6 – 8 p.m.; exhibit runs May 4 – June 9. Free Admission.

May 5: *Highly Improvable* Comedy Show – Cincinnati's own



improvisational (improv) comedy troupe returns to CCAC for an evening of unscripted fun! Performing a series of improvisational games fueled by audience suggestions, Highly Improvable makes each show uniquely entertaining. Doors at 7 p.m., show at 8 p.m.; tickets are \$7.50/online and \$9/door.

May 16: Sunset Salons: *One Day Adventures* – Summer is coming



and you want to get away, but you only have one day? Local travel experts share insights on the best one-day trips for solo travelers, adventure groups, and families in our region: no overnight bag required. Program from 6 – 8 p.m.; tickets are \$10/online and \$12/door.

Eun Sun Kim to Conduct Verdi Requiem Performance During 2018 May Festival

The Cincinnati May Festival is pleased to announce that conductor Eun Sun Kim will make her exciting Festival debut on May 18, leading the May Festival Chorus and the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra in a performance of Verdi's *Messa da Requiem* at the renovated Cincinnati Music Hall. She replaces the previously announced conductor, James Levine.

The May 18 concert also features soprano Michelle Bradley, mezzo-soprano Ekaterina Semenchuk, and tenor Matthew Polenzani.

Born in Korea, Ms. Kim made her acclaimed U.S. debut in October, leading performances of Verdi's *La Traviata* at the Houston Grand Opera, and she is quickly gaining notoriety around the globe for her great sensitivity and artistry. She will make her debut with the San Francisco Opera during the 2018-19 season and will be the first woman to conduct a concert in the May Festival's 145-year history. Eun Sun Kim studied composition and conducting in Seoul and continued her training in Stuttgart where she graduated with distinction. Immediately after graduation, she was awarded First Prize at the International Jesús López Cobos Opera Conducting Competition.

For additional information about the 2018 May Festival (May 18-26), visit <http://mayfestival.com/>

Eun Sun Kim



Talbert House Honors Three at Annual Luncheon

Nearly 75,000 impacted through direct and prevention services last year

On September 25, Talbert House held its annual luncheon at the Hyatt Regency Downtown Cincinnati, celebrating the achievements of the past year and honoring three who have made an impact on the community and the agency's mission.

The Ernest Talbert Award was presented to Deaconess Associates Inc., a diversified health care holding company managing a portfolio of health services, programs, investments, and community grant initiatives in Greater Cincinnati and across the country. Among its most visible and successful efforts are the Deaconess Health Check clinics, including those in partnership with Talbert House in Walnut



Deaconess Associates

Hills and coming soon in Western Hills. The integration of primary health care with Talbert House's behavioral health services dramatically improves the health of clients by providing immediate access to



Cincinnati Vice Mayor David Mann (standing) attended the event.

care for issues that have often been undressed for long periods of time.

Dr. Lakshmi Sammarco, Hamilton County Coroner, received the Agnes Seaberg Award for being a champion of important initiatives in our community, especially responding to the opiate epidemic. In an effort to reverse the increasing number of deaths due to the disease of addiction, Dr. Sammarco has spoken to hundreds of students about the importance of making good choices for their future. Her passion for children and their safety resulted in a board position with the Council on Child Abuse, a Talbert House affiliate.

Kathy Atkinson, Education Services Director at Mercy Neighborhood Ministries, received the Community Service Award. Her commitment to service is driven by a vision of vital, interactive, dignified, and inclusive communities working together to provide opportunity for all. Kathy has been a champion on issues that have directly impacted Talbert House clients related to quality employment, education, and housing opportunities throughout Walnut Hills and Hamilton County.

"This has been another year filled with challenges and opportunity," said Neil Ti-low, president and CEO. "We have faced an unprecedented opioid epidemic, uncertainty in our clients' ability to access quality healthcare, a rise in youth suicide, and high poverty rates in our community. Our staff, Board, donors, and volunteers have risen to the occasion and challenged us to do more."

Talbert House served over 21,700 clients face to face and another 53,000 in hotline and prevention services during the past year. Review the agency's performance and share in the success of those served in the 2017 Annual Report online at www.talberthouse.org.

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To register, visit <http://www.bit.ly/CampArtAcademy> - please choose carefully. No refunds will be given after the 2nd day of the selected Camp week.

Youth Circus Camp with My Nose Turns Red Youth Circus

My Nose Turns Red offers your child the opportunity to run away and join the circus without leaving home! Learn how to juggle, balance on the rolling globe and learn the basics of creating a clown character. Camps and classes are highly engaging; challenging youth to walk on the wire, balance on the rola bola and build human pyramids. Students play a wide variety of circus games that build teamwork and cooperation, trust and friendship. Boost your children's self-confidence and creativity in a safe and non-competitive environment. My Nose Turns Red programs are led by highly experienced, professional circus coaches and experienced assistant coaches. Gym wheel coaches are certified by Internationaler Rhönradturn-Verband.

Camp Dates:

July 9 – 13, 2018

July 16 – 20, 2018

July 23 – 27, 2018

July 30 – August 3, 2018

To register, please email info@mynoseturnsred.org or call (859) 581-7100.

HHC Brings “Violins of Hope” to Music Hall

On January 23, the Holocaust & Humanity Center (HHC) brought a unique concert experience, *Violins of Hope*, to the Cincinnati community. The community performance featured nine Holocaust era violins, played by Cincinnati's finest musicians at Music Hall in Over-the-Rhine, downtown Cincinnati.

“These violins witnessed the worst of humanity in ghettos and concentration camps, but serve as symbols of hope and resistance; this was a once-in-a-lifetime concert event that proved that hope can be found in the darkest times,” said Sarah Weiss, executive director of HHC. “The powerful and inspiring stories of each violin were carefully woven into the concert.”

For the past two decades, Israeli violin-maker, Amnon Weinstein has been dedicated to restoring violins played by musicians during the Holocaust. With the help of his son, Avshi, these once-silent violins are able to be played again and became known as the *Violins of Hope*. Nine of these special violins traveled thousands of miles and were hand-delivered by Avshi Weinstein for the performance.

“Introducing these violins, their music and their stories to the world is our mission,” says Avshi Weinstein. “My father and I are grateful to Cincinnati, the Holocaust & Humanity Center and all of its partners for making this visit and performance possible.”

Evans Mirageas, Cincinnati Opera artistic director, served as the artistic advisor of *Violins of Hope*. The concert included performances by:

- Members of the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra (CSO), conducted by Louis Langrée
- Members of the Cincinnati Chamber Orchestra, conducted by Eckart Preu.

Solo performances featured:

- CSO cellist Ilya Finkelstein and keyboardist Michael Chertock
- Violinist Giora Schmidt and pianist Elena Kholodova
- Violinists Gershon Gerchikov and Alexandra Kazovsky, members of the acclaimed Ariel Quartet, in residence at the University of Cincinnati-College Conservatory of Music (CCM)
- Baritone Simon Barrad and pianist Kseniia Polstiankina.
- The Ariel Quartet, CCM's string quartet-in-residence, had a special connection with this performance in its shared history

with Holocaust survivor and famed violinist Henry Meyer. Its origins can be traced to the CCM-based LaSalle Quartet that Meyer co-founded. Meyer, a survivor of four camps, lost his entire family in the Holocaust. His story was featured in the *Violins of Hope* concert.



Neville Pinto (UC) and Sarah Weiss HHC executive director with Richard and Gail Friedman (Clifton)



Kathryn Woolley (Clifton)



Nancy and Steve Frank with Marty Greenwell (Clifton)

The Holocaust and Humanity Center (HHC) exists to ensure the lessons of the Holocaust inspire action today. HHC educates about the Holocaust, remembers its victims and acts on its lessons. Through innovative programs and partnerships, HHC challenges injustice, inhumanity and prejudice, and fosters understanding, inclusion and engaged citizenship. HHC impacts over 100,000 individuals each year.

In January 2019, HHC will relocate to Cincinnati's Union Terminal. This unique partnership will be a first of its kind in the United States, putting Cincinnati on the map for bringing the lessons of the Holocaust into the civic conversation.

World Premiere of “Be Here Now” at Playhouse But Hurry—Show Closes March 11

The world premiere of *Be Here Now* by Deborah Zoe Laufer, a play commissioned by the Cincinnati Playhouse in the Park about two lost souls who come together under unusual circumstances in their search for happiness, made its debut in the Shelterhouse Theatre on February 9 and will run until March 11, with support from The Rosenthal Foundation, Season Sponsor of New Work.

Regarding her new production, Laufer says, “In most of my plays, people are searching for something by looking outside of themselves, their families, loved ones and friends. Ultimately, the characters find what they're looking for in each other and the simple acts of being together . . . with the people who really matter to them.”

The play centers on woefully underemployed Bari, who is a humorous misanthrope, and brilliant and loveable Mike,

who manages his own demons and makes art out of garbage.

Bari lives in a small town and aspires to complete her Ph.D. dissertation on nihilism (the belief that nothing matters). Her cheerful workmates try to perk her up but she rejects their offer. Bari decides to take on a new path when she meets Mike, an unexpected suitor. *Be Here Now* asks what we are willing to do for love and happiness and to create meaning in our lives.

Playhouse artistic director Blake Robinson says of Laufer, “I think Deb has an ear for how people really speak. Hers is a fresh and insightful voice.”

Tickets are available at: Box Office (513) 421-3888 or (800) 582-3208 toll-free in Ohio, Kentucky and Indiana; or (513) 345-2248 – TDD access (Telecommunications Device for the Deaf or by visiting the Playhouse website at www.cincyplay.com.

CANS / Clifton Area Neighborhood School Is Ready to Serve 2018-19 PreK–1st Grade Students!

CANS / Clifton Area Neighborhood School is ready to serve PreK – 1st Grade students in 2018-19! PreK Enrollment must be completed in person at Rising Stars Academy on Vine Street, 2120 Vine St. at the Early Childhood Education Office. Kindergarten and 1st Grade enrollment can be completed online* or in person. The link to online registration through the CPS Registration Gateway is <https://cpsregistration.cps-k12.org>

Need help? Please contact Michelle Senger for in-person enrollment and online enrollment support. sengerm@cps-k12.org (513) 363-6581 *When enrolling, families will have to select Rising Stars Academy Vine Street as their school site. To complete the enrollment process online, CPS signed forms are required. Please visit www.canselementary.org/enroll for these forms and more detailed instructions regarding online enrollment.

If your children are not yet old enough for enrollment, you can help CANS Advisory Group plan the future. Record your interests by completing our pre-enrollment form: <https://www.canselementary.org/cans-preenrollment-20182019> We welcome your participation in CANS Open Houses, socials and play dates!

CPS PM Kelley Bagayoko joins CANS Advisory Group

We welcome Kelley Bagayoko, CPS pro-

gram manager, as our new Advisory Group leader. Ms. Bagayoko has served as Assistant Principal to Kilgour School and was a fellow in Ohio's BRIGHT New Leaders for Ohio Schools." She graduated from Tulane University and Ohio State University, has a background in law and served as Chief of Staff to Louisiana State Representative Helena Moreno. Before working in education Ms. Bagayoko worked in law and governmental affairs.

CPS Superintendent Laura Mitchell appointed Ms. Bagayoko and Assistant Superintendent Susan Bunte to guide establishment of CANS. Along with our interim principal Jaren Finney at Rising Stars Academy on Vine, they will advise and support the preparation of the Clifton School facility, and the hiring of teachers and establishment of community partnerships. "CPS is strongly committed to the development of this neighborhood school, as we continue to add grades year by year to serve preschool through 6th grades. We're dedicating resources and staff to grow this new educational entity in partnership with the families and communities it will serve," said Superintendent Mitchell. "I'm looking forward to working with the families of the Clifton, CUF and Spring Grove Village communities as we continue to move forward."

Community Engagement Visioning Report: On October 24, 2017, representatives from CTM, Cincinnati Public Schools, Cincinnati Recreation Department and CANS Advisory Group convened a public forum facilitated by Greg Otis, AIA. More than 50 residents shared ideas, building consensus towards re-establishment of school operations at Clifton School. Key points of recommendations were:

- The Clifton School should be updated to the latest educational standards and maintained as such.

- Plan and design for operation of the Clifton School building should complement rather than duplicate total assets on the CPS hill-top campus at McAlpin and Clifton Avenues. CPS is a critical broker in development of relationships among Clifton Recreation Center, Fairview Clifton German Language School and Clifton Area Neighborhood School for the benefit of the entire community.

- A central means of communication should be created to network all of these geographically related organizations and facilities.

- Investigate other successful educational/recreational collaborations, beginning with a visit to Mt. Washington School and Mt. Washington Recreation Center.

- CPS and the City of Cincinnati should conduct a traffic engineering study and make appropriate changes that will ensure smooth traffic function at all times. Explore staggered start times of CANS and FCGLS, as well as multiple drop-off and pick-up points to reduce concentration of vehicular traffic.

Read more at <https://www.canselementary.org/brainstorm/>

All questions are welcome at cansadvisory@gmail.com

Visit our website for FAQs and much more at <https://www.canselementary.org/faq/>



In December 2017, CANS staged both a Holiday Concert and a Cookie Party



CANS Literary Parade, Halloween 2017, at Rising Stars Academy on Vine



New School Montessori Students Use Ukuleles to Further Their Musical Skills

In addition to leading our orchestra and strings programs, Melissa Robinson, former NKU director of strings, is also leading our elementary music program and has introduced a new instrument to the students - the ukulele. Melissa believes students learn music best with an instrument in their hands, saying, "Everything taught becomes meaningful and real. After just one group lesson, students are able to play a recognizable piece. Because of that, they want to come back for more - and so they learn more."

Some advantages of the ukulele:

- Ukuleles are inexpensive, portable, and pleasant-sounding.
- There is no musical element which cannot be learned on the ukulele. (Students can explore melody, harmony, rhythm, form, dynamics, and tempo.)
- Ukulele also helps with ear-training, note-reading, and theory.
- Students can sing and play at the same time.
- Best of all, ukulele is fun straight out of the gate!



*Melissa challenges and engages the children at all levels with music selections that interests her students. The fourth level students pictured here are playing and singing, *The Lion Sleeps Tonight* by Solomon Linda.*

Click here to see a video link <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p98aV3qaK6w>

2018 Summer Camp Opportunities at the Trailside Nature Center

Maybe it's being awarded the "Best Day Camps" by Cincinnati Family Magazine in 2017 OR it could be our "Best of the City" distinction from Cincinnati Magazine, but we are betting that it is the high praises camp families share with others that helps fill them! Don't miss out! **NEW THIS YEAR AT THE TRAILSIDE NATURE CENTER: My First Nature Camp** (ages 3 - 4 with parent).

Online Registration: www.cincinnati-parks.com.

Nature Preschool I – Creature Features (for children 4 and 5 years old)

10 a.m. – 1 p.m. – June 18 – June 22 (Mon. – Fri.)

Whether it's floppy ears or furry tails, all animals have cool creature features that make them unique! Young children will explore the differences in the animal world through stories, crafts, hikes and hands-on activities.

My First Nature Camp (for parent with child age 3-4)

10 a.m. – noon July 2 (Monday)

Spend a special day exploring the great

outdoors with your own special "nature-nut". My First Nature Camp is nature themed camp designed for a parent and child to explore the natural world together: playing games, hiking, and meeting "wild" animals! A great introduction for younger children that might not yet be ready for a full week of camp.

Nature Preschool II – Amazing Animals (for children 4 and 5 years old)

10 a.m. – 1 p.m. – July 16 – July 20 (Mon. – Fri.)

Fun in the forest designed to appeal to a preschooler's sense of wonder! Each day children will explore the park in search of amazing animals and will discover who's the fastest, slowest, strongest and more.

Urban Safari (for children 6 – 8 years old)

Session I 9:30 a.m. – 3 p.m. – June 11 – June 15 (Mon. – Fri.)

Session II 9:30 a.m. – 3 p.m. – July 30 – August 3 (Mon. – Fri.)

Please choose one session – camp activities and crafts repeats

This exciting camp offers a more in-

depth look at nature as campers explore Burnet Woods in search of the many plants and animals that make their home here. Through the use of experiments, hikes, games, crafts and other hands-on activities, campers will become junior field naturalists as they discover the natural wonders of the world around them.

Non-Golfers!

That's right non-golfers! This year's CTM Clifton Golf outing is slated for 2 p.m. Saturday, August 25. If you love Clifton and you have not yet participated in our event we are calling you out. It's Clifton's best event. It's not about golf but about an afternoon of fun with your Clifton friends. Enjoy dinner on the deck at Avon Fields just after golf. Proceeds this year will go in part to beautify utility boxes in Clifton. See you there!!

Clifton Deer Report – Year 3

Field operations ended this year at 7 a.m. on January 14 when our eighth and last newly sterilized doe awoke and toddled off. This brings the total number of sterilized deer to 59. How close we are to our goal of sterilizing 95 percent of our does will be answered by the field camera population survey now underway.

Of all the moving parts and variables field operations must contend with, weather is the one we are least able to control. While freezing temperatures and snow on the ground did not interfere, a winter ice storm did shut down operations for one night. Precautions like ground tarps and blankets help protect recumbent deer from hypothermia. Hand warmers and space heaters at the outdoor command center helped keep the transport and recovery team volunteers from freezing!

As in past years, U.C. students, Clifton neighbors, and friends contributed hundreds of hours over six weeks setting up and daily baiting darting sites, preparing the field surgical center and command center, leafleting all the homes in the study area, transporting deer from the field to surgery and back, and watching quietly in the cold until treated deer are up and headed back to their friends and family. Five property owners in the study area volunteered their yards for bait stations and deer release sites, and many more donated money.

Volunteer hours not included above are those contributed by two new local veterinarians and our new darter-in-training. The new darter has attended two chemical immobilization schools and interned with White Buffalo capture specialists in field operations here and in Ann Arbor; and the new vets worked in the surgical center with our lead veterinarian from Columbus. A program goal this year and next is to develop a local cadre of expertise to assume responsibility for capture and surgical operations as our contract with White Buffalo winds down, thus dramatically reducing costs and making ongoing use of this method of population control possible.

Last year the Discovery Channel produced a video documenting project field operations. This year, a French film company tagged along, interviewing and filming the White Buffalo team for an environmental documentary. They plan to broadcast the program in Germany and France sometime next year. We have been promised a copy



Doe #27, sterilized in December 2015 and turning 8 years old this Spring, is one of the oldest does in our herd. She spends her days in and around Mt. Storm Park with family members Doe #31 (aged 6.5) and Doe #52 (aged 3.5). (Photo by Sally Skillman)

and will post it, as we have the Discovery Channel program, on our website.

Two of our tagged “borderland” does died recently, apparently by auto strikes. One was on I-75 near the Mitchell Avenue; the other died on the north side of Ludlow Avenue. These are believed to be deer whose territory is centered just outside the study area and who cross busy streets to

spend time inside the area. They seem to live especially dangerous lives.

Readers interested in a discovery resulting from neighbors’ observations reported on the website, are invited to read “Year Three Field Operations Report” posted at www.cliftondeer.org.

—*The CliftonDeer.org Team*

Maverick Chocolate Company Wins Second Good Food Award for the Big Island Hawaii Dark Chocolate

Findlay Market Merchant, Maverick Chocolate Co., was the recipient of their second Good Food Award for their Big Island Hawaii Dark Chocolate Bar. Maverick Chocolate won a Good Food Award in 2015 for the Fahrenheit 513 Dark Chocolate. Maverick Chocolate is one of only two Ohio companies to be honored with a Good Food Award in 2018. Bars are available for sale at Findlay Market and online at MaverickChocolate.com.

The Big Island Hawaii Bar is a 70 percent dark chocolate made with cocoa beans from Mauna Kea Cacao on the Big Island of Hawaii. The only other ingredients are organic cane sugar and organic cocoa butter. The chocolate bar is dairy free and soy free.

Paul Picton, co-founder of Maverick Chocolate, connected with Mauna Kea Cacao while judging chocolate and cocoa beans at the 2017 Big Island Chocolate Festival in Hawaii. Mauna Kea Cacao produced some of the highest scoring beans. Hawaii is the only place in America that grows cocoa beans.

Picton said, “After visiting the farm and

seeing the attention to detail that the owner Susan took towards her farm I decided to try the beans. I was impressed with the complexity of the flavor, unlike anything I’ve tried before. I ordered enough beans to make a batch of 400 bars. Those quickly sold out so we eagerly awaited the next harvest from Mauna Kea Cacao. Maverick Chocolate has collaborated with local Cincinnati companies but this was the first time we have collaborated with a Hawaiian company. We enjoy partnering with other companies because it brings out the best in all of us.”

Findlay Market is proud to be home to Maverick Chocolate. Their commitment to excellence, collaboration and quality ingredients is directly aligned with the goals of the market. Their chocolate is handcrafted in small batches and they make all of their products directly in their storefront.

“The incredible amount of care they take in every aspect of their business is inspiring. . . They deserve this and every single award they have received,” said Kelly Lanser, director of communication for the Corporation for Findlay Market.

Skirball Museum Celebrates Israel's 70th Birthday

The Skirball Museum on the historic Clifton campus of Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion celebrates Israel's 70th birthday with a wide-ranging exhibition of paintings, sculpture, silver-smith work, and photography drawn from the museum's core collections and from the B'nai B'rith Klutznick National Jewish Museum collection, now housed at the Skirball. Also featured will be works from local collections. The exhibition explores early pioneers of Israeli art including Boris Schatz, Ze'ev Raban, and Ephraim Moses Lilien, as well as modern and contemporary masters Reuven Rubin, Avigdor Stematsky, Joseph Zaritsky, Shraga Weil, and Moshe Kupferman.

The exhibition also celebrates two recent gifts to the Skirball's collection. Ancient Scroll painted by Moshe Castel in about 1940 is an important work by an artist who helped to found the New Horizons group in Israel, which had significant impact on the modernization of Israeli art. The gift is made by Polly and Jacob Stein of Cincinnati, in memory of Mrs. Stein's parents, Edith and James L. Magrish.

The exhibition also marks the Cincinnati premier of works from Children of Jerusalem: *Painting Pain Dreaming Peace*, a collection of paintings and collages created by Palestinian and Israeli school children, ages 9 to 12. The gift is made by the Institute for the Study of Religions and Communities in Israel.

"The Skirball is delighted to accept and announce these important gifts to the collection, and to share them with the public for the first time," states Skirball Museum Director Abby Schwartz. "The addition of these works to our collection significantly enhances our holdings in Israeli art and enables us to develop creative programs around them. We are indebted to our generous donors who made these gifts possible."

The history of Israeli visual art really began with the founding of the Bezalel School, founded in 1906 to train Israeli artists and craftsmen. By the 1950s, after World War II and the founding of the state of Israel, two major groups formed in Israel—the New Horizons group, which moved toward abstraction, and the social realists, who addressed national and political issues. Today's Israeli artists are part of a larger global scene that embraces



*Image credit: Moshe Castel
Ancient Scroll, enamel on paper,
ca. 1940. Skirball Museum,
gift of Polly and Jacob Stein in
memory of Edith and James L.
Magrish.*

site-specific installations, conceptual art, and film, as well as more traditional media including photography and painting.

Public programs in conjunction with the exhibition include:

Opening reception

Thursday, March 8 from 5:30 to 8 p.m.

Remarks and recognition of Polly and Jacob Stein for their recent gift of Moshe Castel's Ancient Scroll to the Skirball Museum

Lecture Series: Art in Israel from Boris Schatz to Ilit Azoulay

Join Skirball Museum director Abby Schwartz for this three-part illustrated series celebrating art in Israel from its beginnings to the here and now.

Art in Israel before World War II

Wednesday, April 11 at 7 p.m.

Explore the arts and crafts movement and the development of the Bezalel School and pioneer artists attracted to the land.

Art in Israel after World War II

Wednesday April 18 at 7 p.m.

Consider the impact of World War II and the founding of the State of Israel on artists including Mordechai Ardon and Marcel Janco and the formation of the New Horizons group by Joseph Zaritsky, Avigdor Stematsky, and Moshe Castel, who brought modernism and abstraction to the forefront of Israeli art.

Contemporary Israeli Art

Wednesday, April 25 at 7 p.m.

Abby Schwartz will be joined by artist and educator Rabbi Ofer Sabath Beit-Halachmi for engaging dialogue about the dynamic and provocative modern and contemporary art scene in Israel.

Reservations are recommended. Skirball Museum members are free; non-mem-

bers series fee: \$18, individual lectures \$7 in advance or at the door.

Children of Cincinnati and Children of Jerusalem

Sunday, April 29 at 1:30 pm

Children of all faiths and their families are invited to see and discuss a selection of works from Children of Jerusalem: *Painting Pain Dreaming Peace*, a collection of paintings and collages created by Palestinian and Israeli school children, ages 9 to 12. An art-making activity for the young and young at heart will follow. The program is free, but reservations are required.

From Palate to Palette: The Art of Israeli Cooking

Tuesday, May 15 at 6:30 pm

Participate in an Israeli cooking demonstration and tasting with Rotem Greniman. Rotem is known for her unique and flavorful Middle Eastern-inspired dishes. Expect the unexpected, and bring your appetite. Reservations required. Skirball Museum members free; non-members \$10.

All events are open to the public and take place in Mayerson Hall on the Clifton campus of HUC-JIR, 3101 Clifton Avenue. The Skirball Museum is open Tuesdays and Thursdays from 11 am to 4 pm and Sundays from 1 pm to 5 pm, and by appointment. For information, reservations, or to arrange a tour call (513)487-3098 or jmendelson@huc.edu, or visit online at www.huc.edu/research/museums/skirball-museum. The exhibition is open before and after all programs. Closing day is Sunday, June 3.

Little Sisters of the Poor Winter Ball

The annual event is a formal night of fun for the residents of St. Paul's Home and their families.



Rocking Three Hours, Raising Dollars for the Year

Friends, family, and Residents will be “rocking” Saturday, March 3, 2018 from 1 – 4 p.m. This is the second year for the Little Sisters of the Poor St. Paul's Home Rock-a-Thon fundraiser. After introducing the new event last year and to great success the Home is honored to provide another opportunity for pro-rockers!

“Rockers” raise funds by gaining pledges from their own family and friends to rock in a chair for three hours. Individuals are welcome as well as team rockers of up to three people. One person must be rocking in each chair at all times for the three hours. A prize goes to the best decorated chair as well as the chair that receives the most money in sponsorship.

Mystery Balloons will be available for a donation of \$5. Pick a balloon and take your chances on winning a gift card. Worthmore Chili coney, chips, popcorn and drinks will be available to purchase.

St. Paul's Home is a retirement and nursing home for the elderly poor of Cincinnati. The home is run by the Little Sisters of the Poor who care for the elderly poor across the world. Residents of all race and religion are cared for by the Sisters and staff. The Home relies on donations and fundraisers in order to continue the care for Residents as only around 60% of the money needed comes from various medical sources like Medicaid.

For more information or if you wish to rock for the Residents contact Sarah Steffen at prcincinnati@littlesistersofthepoor.org or call (513)281-8001. Visit the website to learn more about St. Paul's Home, www.littlesistersofthepoorcincinnati.org.

Emerald Gala: Night of a Thousand Stars Friday, May 11, 2018 at Anderson Pavilion



Emerald Gala Events Committee pictured (L-R) Susan Taylor, Mary Steele (Clifton), Mandy Moorman, Abby Gripman, Envision Board Chair Elaina Stuard, Ann Stowe, Laura Steele, Sally Badarak, and Events Chair Nancy Van Epps; not pictured Marianne Krismer, Susan Roschke, Envision Director of Development Hagit Caspi

Envision's Emerald Gala: Night of a Thousand Stars is a commemoration of Envision heroes through the years. We celebrate a 55-year history of Greater Cincinnati teachers, pioneers and individuals who lead and help others lead, meaningful lives in the face of daunting challenges. Envision teachers, who coach children to master vital competencies, are stars.

Visionary pioneers, who triumph over enormous financial and societal barriers to create humanitarian alternatives to institutionalization, are stars. And the individuals themselves, who try and strive and persevere to overcome the limits of their disabilities, are stars.

The evening will feature drinks, dinner by the bite and a silent auction that

Emerald Gala: Night of a Thousand Stars

Friday, May 11, 2018

at Anderson Pavilion

Individual Tickets: \$85

Limited Number of Reserved Tables
for 10: \$750

Proceeds benefit Envision including Envision's CITE program which is a 2017 Duke Energy Children's Museum's Difference Makers finalist



includes Star Doodles, drawings by celebrities, creatives and students. For more information and to purchase tickets, please see envisiongala.org.

Founded in the 1960s by a small group of determined parents with a big idea, Envision has grown to provide a constellation of programs for individuals with developmental disabilities (DD) and their families. We devote ourselves to reducing the barriers to our clients' happiness, success, and full citizenship from childhood through mature adulthood; facilitating the life that they desire. Envision serves over 500 children and adults with cognitive disabilities each year, giving them the skills to thrive at home, in school, and in the community.

Parkinson Support and Wellness Annual Spring Forum, Saturday, April 21

Parkinson Support & Wellness (PSW) is your local, tri-state organization providing wellness support and education to people with Parkinson's Disease and their families and friends.

On Saturday, April 21, 2018, PSW will present our annual educational Spring Forum from 9:30am to 2 pm, with registration and exhibitors beginning at 9 am. The event will take place at the Manor House, 7440 Mason-Montgomery Road in Mason, OH 45040.

Our guest speaker will be Heather Zwickey, PhD, author of the new book *Eating Better for Parkinson's: A Nutritional Starter Guide*. Dr. Zwickey is the Dean of Research and Graduate Studies at the National University of Natural Medicine, as well as the author of the website *Zwickipedia*, which focuses on "Where

Natural Medicine meets Science." She is a leading researcher in the field of Integrative Medicine and has published more than 50 papers, spoken at more than 40 conferences and had several NIH grants.

In addition to Dr. Zwickey, Dr. George Mandybur, neurosurgeon at the Mayfield Brain & Spine Center since 2004, will provide an update on the latest developments in Deep Brain Stimulation for Parkinson's.

To complete the program, we will feature an Advocate from the Parkinson Voice Project, a non-profit organization solely dedicated to preserving the voices of those with PD and related neurological disorders. This therapy has very recently become available in the Cincinnati area. For more information visit www.ParkinsonVoiceProject.org

The Forum will include exercise breaks led by local experts on Parkinson's wellness, as well as exhibitors with information useful to the Parkinson's community. Cost is \$15 and includes a sit down luncheon and morning beverages and snacks. Registration at www.parkinsoncincinnati.org or call 513-558-0113.

Calendar

Send Calendar items to
vblack1@cinci.rr.com

Quarterly

Community Newsletter *Clifton Chronicle*

Deadline for Summer April 17

Monthly

1st Mon. 7 p.m. CTM Meeting. (No July Meeting unless announced and Sept. meeting second Mon.) Meeting location to be on second floor of Clifton Recreation Center (CRC).

2nd Wed. 10:30 a.m. Book Discussion at Library

2nd Sun. from Oct. to May 2 p.m. Family Showtime at CCAC

3rd Mon. 3 p.m. Clifton Business and Professional Association Meeting downstairs at U.S. Bank. All welcome.

3rd Thur. 7 p.m. Bedtime Story Time at Library

Winter Laurel and Hardy Film Club, Masonic Lodge, 218 Ludlow Ave.
chimpltent@live.com

Tongue and Groove updates on TheCliftonHouse Facebook page
Tongue & Groove/Cincinnati

Weekly

Mon. 5:30-8 p.m. Clifton Farmers Market on Ludlow Plaza (Summer)

Tues. 10 a.m. Preschool Story Time at Library

Tues. 6-9 p.m. Game Night at Lydia's on Ludlow

Wed. 7 p.m. CCAC Music in the Woods at Burnet Woods, May 30 through August 8

Thur. 1 p.m. ESOL Conversation Group at Library

Thur. 6-9 p.m. Dogs Night Out at Graeter's Ice Cream

Thurs. 7-9 p.m. Open Mic (writers and poets) at Lydia's on Ludlow

Fri. 6-9 p.m. The Third Voice Live Podcast at Lydia's on Ludlow

Fri. & Sat. 5-8 p.m. Ludlow Wine & Beer, Wine Tastings

Sat. 9 a.m. It's Yoga at Clifton Plaza,

spring, summer and fall, free

Sat. 11-Noon, Make sandwiches and dinner for Lighthouse at Immanuel Church, 3445 Clifton Avenue

Sun. 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Live Jazz Brunch at Lydia's on Ludlow

Daily

Mon. March 1, spring *Chronicle* in mailboxes

Mon. March 7, 7 p.m. CTM board meeting. Second floor or Clifton Rec Center.

March 2-4, Over-the-Rhine Bock Festival

Fri. March 30, Good Friday

Sat. March 31, 10 a.m. Community Easter Egg Hunt at Immanuel Pres-

byterian Church, rain or shine.

Early April, Clifton Heights Music Festival

Sun. April 1, Easter

Mon. Apr. 2, 7 p.m. CTM board meeting, second floor or Clifton Rec Center

Sat., April 7 noon to 5 p.m. Fasching Festival at Fairview School

April 17, Deadline for summer *Chronicle*

Late April early May, Fairview - Clifton School Father Daughter Dance

Mon. May 7, 7 p.m. CTM board meeting, Clifton Rec Center.

1st Sun. May, Flying Pig Marathon

Sun. May 13, CTM House Tour

May 20, *Chronicle* in mailboxes

Clifton's Diverse Architecture Featured in 2018 House Tour

Following tradition, Clifton Town Meeting's premier fundraising event will be held on Mother's Day, Sunday, May 13, 2018 from 1 to 5 p.m. Seven outstanding examples of Clifton's diverse architectural home styles have already been confirmed for this triennial event. As in the past, CTM expects nearly 1,000 visitors to tour the chosen residences.

Entrance tickets for all homes on the tour are \$20 each for a pre-purchased ticket or \$25 each when purchased on May 13. A beautiful house tour booklet with pictures and house biographies will be included with each ticket. Tickets can be purchased online at <http://www.cliftoncommunity.org/clifton-house-tour-2018/> or at selected businesses in the Business District.



CTM's House Tour draws a crowd as the neighborhood displays beautiful homes and springtime flora.

Volunteers are always needed and greatly appreciated by CTM. Upcoming opportunities include the May 13 CTM House Tour and May 28 Memorial Day Parade and Cookout. Visit the CTM website for more opportunities and to sign up. www.cliftoncommunity.org

Late May, Coho Swim practice begins

Late May, Clifton Meadows Opens with an adult event

Wed. May 16– Sunset, Beginning of 30 Days of Ramadan and will continue for 30 days until Sunday, the 25th of June.

Mon. May 28, 10:30 a.m. Memorial Day Parade at McAlpin and Middleton

May 29–June 10, Fringe Festival

Fri. June 1, National Donut Day

Early June, CoHo Tie Dye Day

Early June, Annunciation Summerfair

Mon. June 4, 7 p.m. CTM board meeting, Clifton Rec Center

Thurs. June 14, Ramadan ends

Mon. July 2, No CTM Meeting, unless otherwise decided at June CTM Meeting

Sun. July 15, National Ice Cream Day

Tues. July 24, Deadline for fall *Chronicle*

Mon. Aug. 6, 7 p.m., CTM Meeting, CRC

Sat. Aug. 4, PaddleFest

<http://www.ohioriverpaddlefest.org/>

Sat. Aug. 25, Avon Fields, CTM Golf Outing

End of Aug. Community Art Centers Day at the CCAC, music, ice cream social and a mini-parade

Mon. Sept. 1, fall *Chronicle* in mailboxes

Mon. Sept. 3, Labor Day holiday

Sun. Early Sept. Clifton Meadows pool closes

Sun, Sept. 9, sundown, Rosh Hashanah begins

Mon. Sept. 10, 7 p.m. CTM board meeting. Second floor of CRC.

Tues. Sept. 11, End of Rosh Hashanah

Tues. Sept. 18, sunset, Yom Kippur begins

Wed. Sept. 19, nightfall, Yom Kippur ends

Mid Sept. 7 p.m. – Community Fund Dinner at The Cincinnati Woman's Club (513) 751-4355

Late Sept. Mid-Point Music Festival

Sat. Sept. 23, 5 – 8 p.m. New School Montessori Harvest Moon Festival

Early Oct. Immanuel Presbyterian Church Apple Festival

Mon. Oct. 3, 7 p.m. CTM board meeting, second floor of CRC

Early Oct. CliftonFest begins

Wed. Oct. 12, nightfall, Yom Kippur ends.

Tues. Oct. 24. Deadline for winter *Chronicle*

Wed. Oct. 31, 6-8 p.m. Halloween

Early Nov. 6-9 p.m. Lantern Walk

Mon. Nov. 5, 7 p.m. CTM board meeting, Clifton Rec Center.

Tues. Nov. 6, Election Day

Dec. 1, winter *Chronicle* expected in mailboxes

Now Showing



Rama Kasturi's photo canvases of Burnet Woods are on display at Lydia's on Ludlow through the month of March.

Mon. Dec. 4, 7 p.m. CTM board meeting, CTM Trustee election prior to meeting from 6 to 7 p.m., CRC

Fri. Dec. 8, 6-9 p.m., Holidays on Ludlow, Carriage Rides

Sat. Dec. 9, Dec. 9 6:45 p.m. Chimp Tent holiday program at the Carson Masonic Lodge

Fri. Dec. 22, 5:30 p.m. Family Candlelight Christmas Eve service at Immanuel Presbyterian Church

Sun. Dec. 24, 5 p.m. Family Christmas Eve Services at Calvary Episcopal Church

Sun. Dec. 24, 9 p.m. Christmas Eve Services with choir at Calvary Episcopal Church.

Sun. 24, 5:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Service with Children, 7:30 p.m.

Communion Service, 11 p.m. Candlelight Service, Clifton United Methodist Church (www.cliftonumc.com)

Mon. Dec. 25, 9 a.m. Christmas Service.

Mon. Jan. 7, 7 p.m. CTM board meeting. Clifton Rec Center.

Thurs. Jan. 24, Deadline for spring *Chronicle*

Late Jan., Annunciation School will celebrate National Catholic Schools Week

Mon. Feb. 4, 7 p.m. CTM board meeting, Clifton Rec Center



Community invited!

Memorial Day Parade begins at McAlpin and Middleton—Monday, May 28, 10:30 a.m.

Grill-out follows at Mt. Storm.

Watch for fliers about the event.

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Hide Your Stuff

In an effort to reduce thefts from cars, the Cincinnati Police Department is asking that you remove all valuables from your vehicle or secure them out of sight in the glove compartment, console or trunk and lock the car.

Nextdoor Clifton

<http://www.clifton.nextdoor.com>

Nextdoor Clifton is a private website created by you and your neighbors, and supported by our company, Nextdoor, Inc. Nextdoor is a private social network for your neighborhood. It's the easiest way for you and your neighbors—and only you and your neighbors—to talk online.



MoBo Bicycle Cooperative

Mission of MoBo:

The MoBo Bicycle Cooperative is a non-profit volunteer-run cooperative dedicated to making cycling accessible and practical to everyone in the greater Cincinnati area. We build community by providing a welcoming and communal workspace, knowledgeable staff, and the tools and parts for cyclists of all ages and skill levels to repair, maintain and acquire bicycles.

1415 Knowlton St.
45223

<http://mobobicyclecoop.org/>



Gaslight Repair

Cincinnati Gaslight
(859) 727-1331

Report All Crimes

It takes about three minutes to report a crime. You give your name, address, tel #, estimate of damage, insurance company, plate #, year of vehicle, etc.

Crime Reporting (513) 352-2960

Youth Crisis Center

An emergency shelter and hotline service that provides crisis intervention and a haven for young people when their living situation is disrupted or endangered, the Lighthouse Youth Crisis Center is the only facility in the Cincinnati area where unaccompanied boys and girls ages 10-17 and homeless 18-year-olds who are full-time students can seek shelter and safety. The Youth Crisis Center is a 20-bed emergency facility open 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. The Youth Crisis Center also operates a 24-hour youth crisis line at 3330 Jefferson Ave., 45220

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Lydia Stec, Lydia's on Ludlow

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Food Pantry

Call Janet at 751-8771 or email her at stgeorgepantry@zoomtown.com.

CTM Golf Outing

Saturday, August 25, 2018
event details to be announced. Email CTMGolfOuting@cliftoncommunity.org for more information or participation in this event.

CliftonFest 2018

Early October

Clifton Area Neighborhood School (CANS) is a new neighborhood school in the Cincinnati Public School System that will unite families in the Clifton, CUF and Spring Grove Village. Classes began with PreKindergarten and Kindergarten students in August 2017, hosted at the Rising Stars Academy on Vine Street while the permanent location is being prepared at the former Clifton School on Clifton Avenue. To contact the CANS Advisory Group: CANSAdvisory@gmail.com



The Uptown Consortium is a nonprofit organization made up of Uptown's five largest employers: Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center, Cincinnati Zoo & Botanical Garden, the Health Alliance of Greater Cincinnati, TriHealth Inc. and the University of Cincinnati. Uptown generally includes the neighborhoods of Avondale, Clifton, Clifton Heights, Coryville, Fairview, Mt. Auburn and University Heights. Together, the center city and Uptown compose the core of the region.

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Recreation Center

Located next to the Cultural Arts Center.
All City membership cards are honored at any CRC center: Junior/Teen \$10, Adult \$25, Senior \$10.

<http://www.cincinnati-oh.gov>
Phone: (513) 961-5681
320 McAlpin Ave., 45220



Clifton Town Meeting Web Site
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Contact them at: contactctm@cliftoncommunity.org

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Call (513) 591-6000 for answers to all your City of Cincinnati questions.

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The CBPA meets the 3rd Monday at 3 p.m. (U.S. Bank lower level) 425 Ludlow Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio 45220

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Child Study Group

Moms' group since 1938

Clifton Child Study Group has been bringing Clifton-area mothers together to socialize and discuss ideas since the 1930s.

Meetings are at 7 p.m. the second Tuesday of the month, September-May.
New members always welcome!
Contact Mindi Rich at cliftonmoms@gmail.com

Shop Ludlow web site:

<http://www.shoponludlow.com/>

Community Fund

This endowed fund is managed by the Greater Cincinnati Foundation.

The yearly profit from the fund is available for the beautification, preservation, and cultural enhancement of the Clifton community.

We urge all lovers of Clifton to contribute to this endowment so it can become even more effective. Every penny counts, so write your check today payable to the Greater Cincinnati Foundation/Clifton Fund and send to:
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