



Quarterly Newsletter of the Clifton Town Meeting  
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# Clifton Businesses - A Universe in 5 Blocks





## Clifton Town Meeting - Your Community Council

Established in 1961, CTM is Clifton's official community council recognized by the City of Cincinnati. Our object is to preserve and develop the community, recognizing that Clifton is one of Cincinnati's first suburbs, possessing traditional charm and a unique creative character. CTM provides a platform for ideas, concerns and opinions.

### President's Message

#### Transitioning Leadership

Community leadership is like a relay race. Leaders work for the community for a while, then pass the baton to a new set of volunteers. As in sports, so in community leadership, transitioning is the most critical part of the race. Remember Olympic races where the best team lost because of a bad handoff? Succession of leadership is essential for a healthy community and should be understood when trustees are elected. We all are temporary caretakers who, ideally, labor constructively through our respective terms, and are replaced in the near future. A natural tendency for those who have completed leadership responsibilities is to think that incoming leaders won't have the experience or skills necessary to lead effectively. It's also natural for new leaders to believe they'll be an improvement over previous management. The fact is- especially for organizations run by volunteers- everyone should be trusted to do the best they can, new volunteers embraced and given all the tools they'll need to succeed. Each era brings a unique set of challenges. Over the last 4 years, this board has been constantly "in the trenches", responding to a pandemic and its economic consequences that included a wide range of challenges. We have become very protective of our business district which struggled at times but has maintained success, thanks to community support and wise ownership. A spirit of cooperation has developed among businesses and our community organizations. CTM received the "Leadership in Crisis" award from the city for its response to COVID, a "Beautification Award" for consistent caretaking and involvement of volunteers in our shared quality of life, including removal of hundreds of graffiti tags and thousands of pieces of litter cleared away. "Clifton Connect" now welcomes new immigrant neighbors to this most diverse neighborhood in Cincinnati. The Chronicle- a self-supporting project- has been elevated to be what leaders from other neighborhoods call "Cincinnati's best community newsletter." Revival of our Memorial Day Parade and Picnic, and collaboration with Clifton Business Association to upgrade and program our shared property- Clifton Plaza- has benefitted the entire community, thanks to successful applications for city grants. Clifton Town Meeting officers are term-limited, and in January I'll pass the baton without reservations, ready to provide the "new runner" with support and all information necessary for their own successful race. Let's all continue to support the incoming leadership and cheer them on!

- Gérald Checco (President)

### 2024 CTM Board of Trustees

The CTM Board of Trustees becomes active on January 1, 2024, and includes: Jan Brown Checco, Gérald Checco, Barry Gee, Nick Gregg, FD Harper, Leah Kottyan, Josh Lee, Nestor Melnyk, Tim Noonan, Justin Ogilby, Jayme Ritter, Genet Singh, Rachel Wells, and John Whedon. Two open seats remain, to be filled by the board.

### Keep in Touch with CTM!

For announcements and links to virtual meetings, visit our website at <http://www.clifton-community.org>. When you move, please send an update to your mailing address to [ctm.chronicle@gmail.com](mailto:ctm.chronicle@gmail.com). And also let us know if you'd prefer to receive your Chronicle as an e-newsletter.

### CTM Committees, Chairs & Liaisons '23

(new assignments are made in January 2024)

Executive—President Gérald Checco  
Public Safety— Tim Noonan  
Arts & Culture—Mike Roller, Joyce Rich  
Caretaking & Beautification—Jayme Ritter  
Chronicle—Jan Brown Checco  
Clifton Community LLC—Gérald Checco, Tim Noonan  
Communications —Rachel Wells  
Events—Barry Gee  
Finance—Treasurer Tim Noonan  
Governance—Mary Pat Lienhart  
Housing & Zoning—Nestor Melnyk, Jayme Ritter  
Membership/Nominating—Gérald Checco  
Parks— Mary Pat Lienhart, Mansee Chauhan  
Transportation — Justin Ogilby, Mary Pat Lienhart

### CTM Liaison Roles '23

Uptown Consortium—Gérald Checco, Nestor Melnyk, Mansee Chauhan  
Invest In Neighborhoods—Gérald Checco  
TriHealth/UC Health—Justin Ogilby  
Clifton Community Fund—Tim Noonan  
Clifton Business Association—Jan Brown Checco, Genet Singh  
Neighborhoods of Uptown—Rachel Wells

Our community council depends on the support of volunteers like you! Please contact us if you'd like to help on an event or serve on one of our committees:  
[ctmpresident@cliftoncommunity.org](mailto:ctmpresident@cliftoncommunity.org)

### The Clifton Chronicle

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<https://www.cliftoncommunity.org/clifton-town-meeting/clifton-chronicle/>

### The Clifton Chronicle thanks...

Jan Brown Checco, Chair 2021-23, Josie Angel, Gerald Checco, Steve Schuckman, Mary Steele, John Whedon, Jeff Wilson, the CTM Executive Committee, our advertisers and writers!

The publication of the Chronicle will be paused while we engage a new editorial and design team.

Please stay tuned through social media where your creative input will continue to be important. We'll publish images, poems, announcements, and short stories on the Clifton Chronicle Facebook page.

## You are Essential! Become a Member of Clifton Town Meeting! Here's how:

Clifton Town Meeting (CTM) is your community council, advocating on behalf of the Clifton community. We sponsor many activities and festivals throughout the year, but to continue this important community work, we need YOUR INPUT. Membership is open to all neighborhood residents, property owners and businesses, age 18 or older. **Membership dues cover 12 months, are our second largest means of support, and are tax deductible.** CTM also accepts donations, so please consider this as you sign-up or renew at <http://www.cliftoncommunity.org/membership/>

Sign up online, scan the QR code or send this form with a check or money order payable to: **Clifton Town Meeting, P.O. Box 20042, Cincinnati, Ohio 45220-0042.**



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Phone(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Email(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
Committees and Activities that interest you: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Membership Categories:

___ Single (1 vote).....\$20	___ Senior citizen, 65+ (1 vote).....\$10
___ Household (2 votes).....\$20	___ Senior household, 65+ (2 votes)....\$14
___ Full-time college student (1 vote) \$10	___ Life membership (2 votes).....\$180
___ Business (no votes).....\$40	___ Donation of \$ _____

Thanks for  
writing legibly!



## Changes Coming to the Chronicle

— by Jan Checco, Chair, Chronicle Committee 2021-23

With sincere appreciation for this community, it's time for me to announce my retirement from leadership of CTM's quarterly newsletter. In January 2024 I'll hand off committee chair responsibilities, timely since advertising contracts are typically renewed in December, and with the Winter '23 issue, we've fulfilled all commitments to our treasured advertisers.

The shift in personnel will possibly create a pause in the publication schedule, but please sit tight- our advertisers and writers will certainly be re-engaged when new plans are in place. I will help to establish whatever kind of newsletter the community wants while fulfilling my 3-year term as a trustee in 2024. In the meantime, we'll bridge the gap by offering to post all of the best content on the reactivated **Clifton Chronicle Facebook page**.

This newsletter is only possible because of great teamwork. Content and advertising are stronger

than ever, participation is wide, story quality is high, and we're told on a regular basis that the Chronicle is the best community newsletter in Cincinnati.

We've helped two other neighborhoods improve their own publications. For me, all has been a rewarding, creative exercise. A variety of skills and substantial time commitment are needed to lead the production of such a newsletter. If you think you might know someone who would enjoy this position, please refer them to us with an email to [ctm.chronicle@gmail.com](mailto:ctm.chronicle@gmail.com). And thanks!



## 2023 Uptown Cincinnati Community Survey



### Uptown Consortium Inc. Launches Community Survey

Uptown Consortium, Inc. (UCI) is turning its sights to 2024 and beyond. Our **online community survey** will gather important feedback from residents, workers, students, and visitors, learning more about attitudes and perceptions of Uptown Cincinnati. The survey results will define priorities and opportunities, enabling collaborative growth.

The **10-question survey** takes approximately five minutes to complete and is open until December 31, 2023. It's anonymous unless participants want to enter a raffle for a basket of gift cards from Uptown businesses, valued at \$500. Enter the raffle at the bottom of the survey and please share the **survey link** with anyone interested in providing feedback.

UCI worked with students in the **Lindner First-Year Experience** program at the **University of**

### Cincinnati's Carl H. Lindner College of Business

to develop the survey. As part of Project Impact, students use their newly acquired business skills to help organizations achieve goals and improve their communities. It's a prime example of how UCI partners with our member anchor organizations- UC, Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center, UC Health, and the Cincinnati Zoo & Botanical Garden- to fulfill our mission of creating an innovative, inclusive urban district. Students who live, work, and attend school in Uptown can help to develop questions that will make this a better place, attracting the next generation of talent. "Their input helps us to draw top talent into the region, while also allowing Uptown to serve present residents and visitors," said Brooke Rapp, UCI's Director of Community Development & External Relations.



## Holidays on Ludlow Saturday, Dec. 2

Shop in our lovely Gaslight businesses, join in the evening celebration on Clifton Plaza from 6 - 8 pm.

Lighting of our community tree is at 6:15 pm!

Please - add your handmade ornaments!

Come, let us enjoy Santa, Music, Beverages, and a Petting Zoo!



### REGISTER YOUR HOME SURVEILLANCE CAMERA WITH CPD

When a crime or traffic crash happens in your neighborhood, CPD's Online Camera Registration Program lets our investigators know who may have caught the incident on camera.

Registering your camera system does not mean you are obligated to provide any footage to CPD.

Scan the QR Code to register your home surveillance camera.

\*CPD will not have direct access to your camera system. You will be contacted by police personnel if they need footage.

ONLINE CAMERA REGISTRATION



### Be an Excellent Neighbor this Winter!

- Light your porch and property at night.
- Keep storm drains cleared of leaves and ice.
- Shovel your walk and remember to use pet-friendly de-icing products.
- Birds – they'll still need water and food!





### Clifton Golf Outing at Avon Fields

Over one hundred golfers gathered on August 26 at Avon Fields for the eleventh annual Clifton Golf Outing. The event has raised over \$125,000 for local beneficiaries including Good Sam Cancer Center, Little Sisters of the Poor, Fairview German and CANS Elementary schools, Clifton Cultural Arts Center, the University of Cincinnati Women's Golf Team, and Burnet Woods. Clifton Golf Outing chose this year to donate \$20,000 to Cincinnati Parks for programming, accessible features, and capital improvements within Burnet Woods. The University of Cincinnati Women's Golf Team and their new head coach, Aimee Ponte, came out to support the cause. These fine student athletes participated in several traditional contests, including the popular "Beat the Lady Bearcat." Clifton resident Adam Fosnaugh had a natural eagle, holing out in two on a number three par four hole. At the post-

golf dinner, Clifton Golf Outing took a moment to recognize Duke Energy's "Friend of Clifton" Award recipients- Clifton elementary school principals Savannah Rabal (Fairview Clifton German Language School) and James Zoller (CANS). This annual award recognizes those who have given much to the Clifton community.

Clifton Golf Outing would like to thank all of our golfers and our sponsors including Woody Sander Ford, the Uptown Hampton Inn, Wiedemann Beer, Gaslight Property, Aaron Weiner of Coldwell Banker, Mac's Pizza Pub, the Mac Shack, Koch Refrigeration, Clifton Dental, Dewey's Pizza, Superior Credit Union, Sustainable Smiles, Clifton SAY Soccer, MSA Design, Messer Construction, Druffel Landscaping, RBC Construction, and Robert DiTomass/Barbara Druffel of Comey and Shepherd. Thanks to all who participated! See you next year!

### Veronica Wilson, Clifton's Precious Postal Person

— by Jeff Wilson



The best postal clerk ever worked right here in Clifton! Veronica Wilson's retirement day was on August 28, and neighbors gathered at our P.O. to express gratitude for how important she has been to our quality of life. The job of a postal clerk demands attention to a thousand critical details, but Veronica always made it look easy. Bear in mind the volume of overseas packages she's handled, thanks to our large international community. Think, too, about the deluge of mail she's handled every Christmas, dispatching even the most complicated orders with aplomb. Veronica, thank you for helping us send our mail, for being a great neighbor, and for making us laugh while at it. Happy retirement, you're the best.

Happy Holiday  
& Thank You

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CHRISTMAS AT ALIVE & WELL

OPTIONAL HOLIDAY PACKAGE \$200  
INCLUDES: ONE 7' TREE, ONE LIVE WREATH,  
COMMEMORATIVE ORNAMENT AND TWO SEASONAL DRINKS

**Alive & Well**- purveyors of new and unexpected merriment- announce the **"Telford Tenenbaums Christmas Tree Sale"** at their local tavern located at 3410 Telford Street. As the frosty fingers of winter approach, secure a splendid evergreen to grace your home on **November 24 – 26, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.** Our trees - plucked from local sustainable groves- are guaranteed to be of prime quality and unwavering freshness, suited for both small studio apartments and the grandest of castles. Our able team is at your service with complimentary wagons and sleds, should your tree choose to go home on foot. Prices range from \$45-\$150. Seize your veritable emblem of Christmas while savoring elixirs and seasonal cocktails, both warm and cold, and bask in a joyous holiday ambiance. For further enlightenment, summon Andrew Salzbrun via [andrew@hickorywald.com](mailto:andrew@hickorywald.com)

### Off Ludlow Gallery



**Gallery Gifts V opens on November 17**, presenting artworks for holiday gift-giving. Local artists price their creations between \$25-\$200. Please see our

Off Ludlow Gallery Facebook page for opening days and times, or call 513-201-7153, or email [offludlowgallery@gmail.com](mailto:offludlowgallery@gmail.com). Located at 3408 Ormond Avenue in Clifton.



### Beauty Bar is Coming to Ludlow Avenue's east end!

Paolo is thrilled to announce that a family friend- owner/founder Kaitlyn Sferrazza- and her team will bring their exceptional talent and style to a brand-new Beauty Bar, located in the space formerly occupied by the Subway sandwich shop.

### ...and Another New Salon is Coming to 368 Ludlow Avenue's west end!

At the corner of Middleton and next door to WholeBowl, **M&M** beauty salon will open. To connect with the new owners, call 513-693-0109.



Clay Alliance Holiday Fair — December 2 at Clifton Recreation Center

Area ceramic artists are in full swing making work for the Clay Alliance Holiday Fair. This year's date is **Saturday, December 2 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.**, once again at the **Clifton Recreation Center** at 320 McAlpin Avenue. There is plenty of free parking on site. Don't miss out on this one-day event and an opportunity to support talented local artists while filling out your holiday gift list with unique handmade ceramics, tableware for your dining room and kitchen, ceramic sculpture, jewelry, and whimsical items for the home and garden.

Participant Noah Desh makes small-batch pottery from smooth, highly sanded porcelain, including cups, bowls, mugs, and special kitchen items like garlic roasters. Marty White creates wonderfully fanciful fairy houses and the creatures that inhabit them. Lisa Hueil Conner takes inspiration from the garden. These are just a few artists whose work will

be available for purchase.

The Clay Alliance has raised the profile of clay in our community for over 25 years. With more than 130 members, Cincinnati's strong tradition of clay has been enriched by our range of artists. Events like Empty Bowls (which benefits the Kids' Café) and our network of local pottery studios provide creative opportunities for people of all ages and backgrounds. See you at the Clay Alliance Holiday Fair!



City Hall Corner -  
City Councilman Mark Jeffreys



**This Statistic - and the Future of Our City 53%.** That's the percentage of Cincinnati Public School (CPS) children who are 'chronically absent,' defined as students who miss 18 days or more of school. You don't have to be a teacher to understand the impact of missing almost a month of school in a year. Whether you live in Clifton, Westwood, Bond Hill, or Mt Lookout, we all must care about the future of Cincinnati in a world where this problem persists. Our city can only thrive when we lift up this 53% of our city's children, ensuring the opportunity to achieve their best potential.

I believe in the maxim "A problem well defined is a problem half solved." In this case, part of the problem is that work addressing this issue is often done in silos. It's an urgent issue that must be tackled holistically in a coordinated, deliberate way by multiple stakeholders. It starts with a better definition of the root causes of the problem: lack of reliable transportation, homelessness, the need to care for a younger child, the absence of a support network, etc. We know this much: the root causes are not just in the purview of CPS to resolve. We need CPS, the City, non-profit leadership, community leaders, and others at the table to not only clearly define it but to also create action-specific solutions.

This is undoubtedly one of the more complex, vexing problems we have as a city, with no easy solutions, and certainly no short-term solutions. But we can't sit back and ignore it. That's why in the months ahead I will be working with CPS leadership to form a team including multiple stakeholders to pilot solutions that can be scaled across the city. If we don't address this challenge, the future of our city will be bleak. We need quality input from everyone to make meaningful progress, now.



As always, please reach out to me at any time with comments or concerns at [Mark.Jeffreys@cincinnati-oh.gov](mailto:Mark.Jeffreys@cincinnati-oh.gov). I appreciate the opportunity to hear from residents and to serve the people of Cincinnati.



150th Anniversary of  
Burnet Woods Park

Did you know that 2024 will mark the 150th anniversary of Burnet Woods Park? The Burnet Woods Park Advisory Council (BPAC) invites anyone interested in organizing celebration activities to reach out for the start-up of the planning process. Cincinnati Parks is already working on the 2024 calendar, including Spring Fest, Wednesdays in the Woods, and Fall Fest. BPAC would like to organize a day for historical reenactors in Burnet Woods, scheduled for next fall. Interested in helping? Would you like to be Jacob Burnet for a day? Plan more live music at the Bandstand, or on Diggs Plaza? Any birders up for planning an event celebrating Audubon's smallest Important Bird Area in Ohio? Disc golfers, want to organize a tournament? Bring your ideas- BPAC will meet on Wednesday, January 3, 2024, at the Clifton Library from 4- 5 p.m. (A Zoom link is available if you send us your email address.) Email Lisa Haglund with your ideas or for more information at [lisahaglund61@gmail.com](mailto:lisahaglund61@gmail.com). Let's get ready to celebrate our venerable Burnet Woods!



**BACKWARDS  
AND FORWARDS**

**FACING ANTISEMITISM  
THROUGH  
LOOKING BACK**

Hebrew Union College

In Cincinnati, at least one antisemitic incident occurs each week. Nationally the problem is even worse: in 2022 the Anti-Defamation League reported an increase in incidents of harassment by 29%, a 51% increase in antisemitic vandalism, and a total of 111 antisemitic physical assaults- an increase of 26%. This was all before the war in Israel broke out. Since then, antisemitic incidents have risen even further. Asked about this trend, Rabbi Ari Jun, director of Cincinnati's Jewish Community Relations Council, noted: "Sadly, there is no sign that the pace is likely to slow in the foreseeable future..."

You can learn more about the history of antisemitism and its effect on the world. Join us at the Klau Library on December 12 at 12:30 p.m. for an illuminating panel titled "Backwards and Forwards: Facing Antisemitism through Looking Back." Bring your questions and participate in this important conversation to better understand the current rise in animosity, how we got here, and where to go toward a brighter future. Register for this free event at [huc.edu/libraryseries](https://huc.edu/libraryseries)



# NEIGHBORHOOD SAFETY —

The Chronicle has always sought to magnify Clifton's best news, but we're living in challenging times. Communities like ours across the country are beset with problems- vandalism, petty and violent crime, addiction, and mental illnesses. The social services we count on for help and guidance have become more valuable than ever as we respond in cooperation with law enforcement. A community council comprised of elected volunteers is limited in its ability to solve such serious problems, but Clifton Town Meeting continues to respond to these challenges in coalition with our respected local organizations, business owners, and residents. An ad hoc committee — Burnet Commons — was established during CTM's September meeting to address the problem of unhoused individuals who sleep in and/or linger through the day at Burnet Woods. Conversations have included some of those individuals as well as outreach workers who offer practical advice and means of support. A report from that committee's leadership is published on the following page. Social service professionals have advised us in the recent past to discourage the giving of money to panhandlers, suggesting that those funds are better donated to organizations like United Way and Strategies to End Homelessness. One aggressive panhandler's behavior has led to arrests and restraining orders after multiple reported assaults on six Cliftonites. A man who brandished a gun (ultimately discovered to be a toy) was met by a SWAT team at one store. An individual who violently threatened volunteers near Trailside Nature Center was apprehended and arrested when police confirmed that there were multiple warrants out for his arrest. A Jefferson Avenue apartment resident was mugged and robbed after he invited individuals who frequent Burnet Woods into his home for comfort. A young man was kidnapped on Ormond in the early morning hours on a Saturday and was beaten and driven around by his captors who forced him to withdraw cash from ATM machines. The sale of drugs in and around the Metro bus stop near the Shell gas station continues and presents an ongoing threat to those needing to ride the bus to school and work. These are just a few of the problems we've addressed. Unfortunate but true, there are troublemakers moving around in Clifton. Countless car windows have been smashed. Six local shops had their large windows broken, followed by thefts. Some of these crimes have been captured on the security cameras that support our businesses. We have communicated these incidents to District 5 police, followed by mixed results. We've sought to hire police foot patrols for Ludlow Avenue (now requiring two officers and a cruiser per shift), but no officers signed up last summer to serve. We've requested that help again and will also start it early next Spring. Everyone agrees that this is not what we expect or welcome in cherished, walkable Clifton, home to so many elders, students, and families. We'll continue to be responsive on behalf of everyone who lives and works here. Collective will is required to solve these problems in a practical, phased-in manner. Fact-based communication without polemics is essential for the creation of effective relationships and strategies. Thoughtful use of social media is imperative, as well-informed leadership. Let's continue to convene important reports and discussions, followed by working together to reestablish optimal living conditions for all.

## CBA Report

— by Mike Anagnostou, President, Clifton Business Association

Since Spring, our business district has seen an increase in aggressive, threatening behaviors as the result of mental illness and addiction. Panhandlers ask for money sometimes to buy food, but also to buy illicit drugs and alcohol. Others hang out in Burnet Woods and roam the business district. We know many of these people by name, and we know about criminal records. Over the past months, I have met with Clifton residents, patrons, and business owners who have shared their personal experiences, all of which have been passed on to the police. One experience of Carrie Driehaus and Jenny O'Donnell illustrates just how unpredictable and dangerous an encounter can be. I spoke with Carrie (whom I know personally as a customer and as a 17-year resident of Clifton) after she sent an e-mail to me and others recounting what happened. We had a long discussion, and I asked her for permission to share her story, which I quote here from her original e-mail. "I have heard from a lot of neighborhood friends about aggressive panhandling and I've experienced it myself. I've recently been more concerned about my safety and the safety of my 9, 9, and 13-year-olds when we're in the neighborhood. A guy screaming at the Shell station, a man blocking me from leaving Bruegger's and asking for money, knocking on my car window, and also a man talking to himself (loudly) about heroin outside Bruegger's." But, on October 5th I had arranged for a group of 8 volunteers from DHL to come and help my organization, Queen City Pollinator Project (QCPP), with amending the soil in the pots at Burnet Woods in front of Trailside Nature Center and replacing some of the dead plants to get the planters ready for the spring. Jenny O'Donnell and I are co-founders of QCPP and we were together working on the planters before the DHL employees arrived. A man walked past us, talking to himself. He went to the lake and started screaming at some people who were fishing there. Many f-bombs and I couldn't tell what else. He then stormed off and came my way. I was squatting at a planter, pulling out weeds and he just started screaming at me. He said he was going to kill me, tear me to pieces, rip me apart. He put his fist up and said, 'Just give me a reason!' As I backed up and tried to calm him, he started lunging at me saying he was going to kill me. At this point, he started going after Jenny, repeating the same things he said to me. Saying he'd kill her, lunging at her with his fist raised and saying he'd tear her apart. I was able to get my phone out and call the police, which he saw. He stormed off and

went to the shelter in lower Burnet Woods. Luckily, we could see his feet sticking out where he was sitting so we could see that he was still there. The police asked if we were in imminent danger and I said yes. Jenny and I immediately worked to keep park visitors from going down into the area near the shelter, including grandparents with a toddler who wanted to slide and then go to the swings, and many joggers and walkers. "The police took an hour to arrive, despite my second call a half hour in. We were concerned for public safety and worried he would go after someone else. When the police arrived, we requested mental health care but they arrested him because he had three outstanding warrants for assault. The police officer said that based on his previous assault history, we were very lucky. I said they were very lucky, too, that Jenny and I stayed around to protect the community and keep them from going near this man until the officers arrived." (end quote) Carrie told me that Jenny O'Donnell is a mental health professional who is a therapist and gentle by nature, and she too was shaken by this encounter. Carrie and Jenny are compassionate, conscientious people who demonstrated enormous courage and presence of mind by staying at the scene to warn others about this man, at risk to their own safety. They embodied the qualities of empathy and concern that I have seen demonstrated for years by the residents and businesses of Clifton. Just as any of us would make a wellness check on a neighbor with health problems or living alone, whom we miss seeing, or might do an intervention for someone who is suffering from addiction, so we should do the same with those residing on the streets or in our parks. Right now, city officials, homeless advocates, police, health officials, social workers, the Park Board, and the court system all appear to be standing in a circle, waiting for one or the other to take the lead. Meanwhile, it is unconscionable for us as a city and society to stand by as people live in a cycle of mental illness, addiction, and incarceration, threatening harm to themselves or others. We all remember Officer Sonny Kim who died responding to a call about a person with a history of psychosis who became violent. Things should not get to that point. We need proactive wellness checks and interventions by teams of police officers and social workers trained to engage with the very type of person who threatened Carrie and Jenny. I don't presume to know how to achieve this. I only know that these neighbors are thankfully safe today, mostly due to chance.



# IT'S EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY



Use this QR code to access the donation portal, and thanks!

## about Your Safety and Our Businesses!

### Clifton, we need your help!

You may have noticed an additional presence of peacekeepers in our business district. In order to continue this support to our businesses which costs \$600 for every 2-man/4-hour shift, we're seeking the support of neighbors to cover 30 weeks of additional security. Your gift to CTM is tax deductible and donations will break down to this schedule of coverage:

One Hour costs	\$150
Full Shift (4 hours) costs	\$600
One Week of service costs	\$2400



**Any amount you contribute helps us to keep the peace on Ludlow Avenue for neighbors, customers and businesses.**

Go to <https://www.cliftoncommunity.org/products-page/> and scroll down to **Clifton Cares 2023 Safety Fund**. Or scan the QR code above at right. Thanks for helping!

## Burnet Commons - Building Community

— by Lauren B. Worley

Block is leading "Burnet Commons," a CTM ad hoc committee created to address specific concerns about encampments of unhoused individuals in Burnet Woods, beginning a community conversation about inclusion. The group was organized by a unanimous board vote at the September CTM meeting after many Clifton residents spoke about questionable uses of Burnet Woods, safety and security, and social support. Burnet Commons is committed to ensuring that our conversations and our policies about unhoused individuals reflect empathy.

Burnet Commons has discussed key issues facing unhoused people, including access to food, shelter, and other services. The group has organized a community cookout in partnership with the Coalition for Community Safety, Greater Cincinnati Behavioral Health, and Caracole to connect with unhoused neighbors on a personal level and to connect people with existing resources, including shelter.

The issues of homelessness, affordable housing, police response times, aggressive panhandling, and pedestrian safety, among others, are complex.

Resources are available to Cliftonites to support our neighbors, prioritize inclusivity, and help everyone in Clifton to thrive. Please reach out to the Burnet Commons group via email at [BurnetCommons@gmail.com](mailto:BurnetCommons@gmail.com) or via Instagram: [@BurnetCommons](https://www.instagram.com/BurnetCommons).

**Strategies to End Homelessness** provides the Central Access Helpline to help anyone experiencing homelessness or at risk of homelessness in Greater Cincinnati. For 363 days a year, CAP works to identify the help callers need. Call CAP at (513) 381-SAFE.

**Street Reach** is a new app provided by Strategies to End Homelessness. If you or someone you meet needs housing resources, the app has a simple intake form. From there, a trained Street Outreach Worker is sent to that location, helping individuals to start on their journey off the street, into emergency shelter, and back to stable housing. Download the app from the Google or Apple stores.

## Our Local Resources for Help

**Suicide Prevention Lifeline** 1-800-273-TALK (8255) or 1-800-SUICIDE (273-8255)

**The NAMI HelpLine** 1-800-950-6264 Monday-Friday, 10 a.m. -10 p.m. EST  
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# OUR CLIFTON BUSINESSES –

## The Oldest Profession in the World

Did you know that Clifton's business district includes a shop that practices one of the oldest professions in the world? (No, we're not talking about that one!) It's our barbers (from Latin for "beard"), a vocation that existed as early as ancient Greece, where men were expected to be well-groomed. From the 1890s to the mid-1900s, barbershops spread all over America, and men visited them almost daily. Clifton Barbers will tell you- nothing embodies being a man more than being at the barbershop! Clifton Barbers have an exceptional and magnetic flair. Andy, Cody, Brandon, Andy 2, Amaan, Dave, and Donny met in barber school and had such a good time together, that they decided to open their own shop ASAP. When a long-time Clifton hairdresser retired, the opportunity came and they've experienced a smashing success ever since. Descending in 2017 with their scissors, tattoos, and motorcycles, they began offering complete barbering services, including the impressive "Straight Razor Face Shave." Like the best of shops, it's a place that combines relaxed socializing with fastidious customer care.

"It is clear that when you look better because you're well-groomed, you feel better," says Andy, convinced that "feel better" is the main reason men come in from all over the region, as far as Dayton, for this unique experience. After 7 years here, Andy has seen kid customers grow into young adults and is happy to have contributed to their life experiences.

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Business address: Next to Clifton Plaza at 337 Ludlow Avenue

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## Proud Rooster and Bob Doll

People who return to visit Clifton after being away for years remark how nothing changes here. I agree with them: Clifton never changes. I agree mostly because they seek reassurance that, in a chaotic world, some good things remain. Clifton is still here. Their memories of here are comfort food like warm Schnecken from Virginia Bakery on a cold winter day. But the Schnecken of memory isn't here because Virginia Bakery isn't here anymore. Neither is Stier's Pharmacy, or the Busy Bee, or Jaeger's Meat Market. Ludlow Wines is still here but not where it used to be. Keller's is now Clifton Market. Things change. But Bobby Doll and The Proud Rooster hasn't changed. It's hard to describe to someone who's never been there before how utterly unchanged the Proud Rooster is. The booths, the counter, the grill are all original from the '50s. Bobby is original. He started working there when he was 15 and 64 years later, he's still there. Yes, Bob is 79. Except for a brief four years in the Army, he's never worked anywhere else doing anything else. Oh, the original cash register is still there, tall, steely, and silent. A squat plastic digital successor sits beside it now, beeping and collecting the cash. And only cash. No credit cards or debit cards are accepted. The only real change is in the change drawer. And the food hasn't changed either. Eggs, bacon, sausage, pancakes, fried potatoes, Goetta, burgers, and that famous fried chicken. Bob is known as the Chicken Man. I'll let you in on a little secret about that chicken later. A while ago, Bobby and his longtime line cook and helper parted ways. When Bob told me he was having a hard time finding a replacement, I impulsively volunteered to help. I grew up in my family's diner which was just like The Proud Rooster. Bobby reminds me of my Dad. Even his build- lean, athletic- is similar to what my Dad's was. Bobby played basketball when he was younger. And he's never smoked. Not even in the '60s when practically everyone smoked like chimneys. So, when Bobby has become ill, he's always quickly bounced back. And he works me under the counter. Guys way younger can't keep up with him. He coached basketball for the young boys' and girls' teams at his parish St. Dominic's. The walls of the dining room are lined with plaques and trophies and team photos with handwritten notes of appreciation from the players in the margins. Everything about the place and Bobby is old school. Bobby doesn't talk much to you unless it's about sports or because he likes



you. I'm beside him at the grill and he points to an old lady or man walking down the street and he tells me how long he's known them and a story about them. The picture window transforms into a real-life scene of the play OUR TOWN with Bobby as the Stage Manager. He shows me how to make the Goetta on the grill and then shows me a photograph of his younger self playing basketball or in his army days. The best stories about Bobby, though, are what I've heard from others. One Clifton family had a son who was blind. He would make his way down to the Rooster. Bobby would feed him lunch and look after him until his older brother would come to get him. Gordon Cain, the "mayor" of Clifton, would tell Bobby to feed anyone who couldn't pay and he would settle their tab at the end of the month. Middle-aged men tell me about when they worked for Bobby as high schoolers. The FOP, church, and civic groups that Bobby knows would place a catering order for his fried chicken and homemade creamy cole slaw. I have found notecards from them on top of his refrigerator or stuck away in a crevice. People thank him for all he's done, tell him how highly they think of him, how delicious his chicken is. And that chicken! That wonderful chicken! He taught me how to make it. The secret is simple. He gets it in fresh. It's never frozen. He gives each piece a milk bath and then flours it and fries it immediately. That's it. It's not the pre-battered frozen chicken you get at fast food chains. And I'll tell you another secret- he doesn't like making it! Yes, that's right. The Chicken Man doesn't like making his chicken. Can you blame him? Dipping, flouring, and deep frying two hundred pieces of fried chicken at a time is as monotonous as it sounds. Do that for 64 years. When I work for him he always has me fill the fried chicken orders. I've only done it for just this past year, so it's still thrilling and exciting for me. The food is good classic comfort food. Nothing fancy. It hasn't changed, ever. Like the heavy diner plates it's served on or the hard Formica booths you sit in. I answer the phone: "Do you serve grits?" Nope, never have, never will. "Can I get chicken and waffles?" We don't do that trendy stuff here. The one exception is decaffeinated coffee. We're still waiting to see how that goes. So, a whole lot has changed in Clifton. But walk into The Proud Rooster and you walk into the Clifton of old. The Clifton that's comfortable and untrendy where they know how you like your eggs cooked. And there's Bobby behind the counter at the grill, waving to people passing by the window, talking about Sunday's game, passing plates of hot food to his waitresses. Bobby never changes.

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## Personal Symmetrics Adds New Team Member

Personal Symmetrics, a post-mastectomy and lumpectomy boutique in Cincinnati with the goal of helping women feel confident and comfortable after breast cancer surgery, welcomed ABC-certified post-mastectomy fitter Kathleen Kauffman in January 2023. A native of Loveland, Kathleen has worked in the medical field for nine years and is a graduate of the University of Cincinnati where she studied to become a multi-skilled health technician, earning her medical assistant certification.

Kauffman joined Clinical Director Tammy Franklin at Personal Symmetrics to guide women through the fitting process with consideration of the many options for their prostheses and undergarments in a warm and friendly setting. They specialize in custom breast forms. This past June, Kathleen and Tammy attended the derby-themed Hats Off to Our Survivors celebration hosted by Pink Ribbon Good. Personal Symmetrics served as one of the sponsors of the event. "We're humbled to serve the survivor community," Kauffman said. "It was an uplifting, inspirational, and beautiful event, a coming-together to share love, hope, and healing." In September, Kauffman was present at the 2023 Kentucky Dragon Boat Festival benefitting Paddling for Cancer and the Kentucky Thorough-Breasts, non-profit organizations that seek to defeat cancer and spread cancer awareness through paddling sports. Kauffman showcased local resources for post-mastectomy and lumpectomy patients. "We can never do enough to bring awareness to breast cancer and how women can successfully survive it," she said. To learn more, visit

[personalsymmetrics.com](https://personalsymmetrics.com).



## Ludlow Wines...Better Known as Mike's — by Larry Holt

You may think Mike Anagnostou of Ludlow Wines has been here since the invention of wine. Although Ludlow Wines is the oldest Clifton wine store (still operating since 1963), Mike has only been there since 2008. In 1963, Bill Miller owned it with his mom Millie who lived behind the shop with her sister Ursula at the 339 Ludlow location. It was a pony keg that existed where Clifton Barbers and Lentz's are now. In 2008 Mike was selling wine for a distributor and Ludlow Wines, then owned by David Kieft. David wanted to sell the business. Mike made him an offer, and the rest is history. That's when the famous (or infamous) Friday & Saturday wine tastings started. These are not stuffy, snobby affairs! After the tastings, the "tasters" needed a place to dine, which led to the even more infamous potluck dinners. It was good business for Mike since attendees would bring a bottle from the store to the dinner. More people in Clifton may have formed friendships on those weekends than at any other Clifton activity! These were themed dinners. The most memorable was "Guilty Pleasures" — a night when all would bring the item they were most ashamed of eating. Secret White Castle lovers



came out of the woodwork, not to mention Milk Duds, Kraft Mac & Cheese and Tater Tots fans. When we celebrated Mike's 50th birthday, we gave him a card and asked him to read aloud the note inside. It was the "good parts" from 50 Shades of Grey! Results of the community that gathers at the shop include seven weddings, four engagements, and two couples who met there and eventually married. Although the COVID lockdown was a challenge, Mike says home deliveries kept him going. However, his biggest challenge came when Keller's IGA closed and his business fell off 35%! They hung on and now business is back to previous levels. Mike is grateful for his customers' support. Sixty years ago, the store's phone number was PL1-3727. Add 513 and you can still call Mike at that number to order a case from where the original neon Ludlow Wines sign (1963) still lights the window. Are you a multi-tasker? Stop in at Mike's to get your paperwork notarized, then have a drink with your friendly wine-selling notary whose fee is the purchase of a beer, or wine, or just \$2 if you don't drink.



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## A History — Adrian Durban Florist — by Patrick Bois, local history researcher

The florists of the Durban family have a long and storied presence in Clifton. In the 1890s, George Durban, a first-generation Cincinnati, was the gardener for the Rawson family's estate on Clifton Avenue. In time, he saved enough to build his own home and greenhouses around the corner and down the hill at 535 McAlpin Avenue. In October 1904, he and his wife Mary made their first flower sale. Just a stone's throw away was the greenhouse of another prominent Clifton florist, Gustav Adrian, who'd been in business for some years.



Through the early 1900s, George Durban and his two sons, George Jr. and Joseph, opened other florist shops – one in Northside near Hamilton and Chase avenues, and a second in Walnut Hills at Woodburn and McMillan. George retired in

1926, leaving Joseph to operate the greenhouse on McAlpin while George Jr. was the proprietor of the Northside store.

Back then, the Durban florist shop that sits so prominently today in Clifton's business district was a grocery store owned by Adolph Meyer – you can still see the initials "AM" prominently featured on the corner, and the name "Meyer" vertically on the western edge of the building. By the 1930s, that shop had become a pharmacy- Dow Drug Store. Just down the street at 270 Ludlow Avenue, the Adrian family ran their own flower shop, first by Gustav and then later by his wife Cora after her husband died in 1935. Joseph Durban was good friends with the Adrians, and in 1955, Cora sold her

business to him and his son Robert. Robert, with his brothers Charles and Tom, became the third generation of Durban to run the family business. The Dow Drug Store went out of business, so the following year, the Adrians' store relocated to the present-day location of Adrian Durban at the corner of Clifton and Ludlow. It retained the name Adrian Florist and was supplied by the Durban's greenhouse, still located on McAlpin Avenue. In the mid-1980s, Robert's wife Eileen and their children Kerry and Beth took charge, the fourth generation of Durban florists. They renamed the store Adrian Durban Florist to "reflect the union of its floral business and greenhouses" and were the ones to give the store its distinctive purple facade. In 1999, they relocated the greenhouse from McAlpin Avenue to its present-day location in Blue Ash.

The Durban family continues to operate the business with contributions from the fifth generation of Durban florists. Eileen Durban, now 94 years old, continues to work and has provided flowers for thousands of Cincinnati weddings. The Durban's presently operate shops in Clifton and Blue Ash but have had locations throughout Cincinnati over the years including in Northside, Symmes, and Walnut Hills. A Clifton street running off of McAlpin Avenue bears the family name – Durban Drive – and is located where George Durban built his first greenhouse.



## Howell Avenue Pet Hospital

Clifton's a neighborhood full of dogwalkers, and happily, there are many destinations where we are welcome with well-behaved pets in tow. The most essential of these is only minutes away behind a charming front garden and ramp sidewalk at 317 Howell Avenue. Your pets know it well! In 2012, Dr. Terri McCarty and her husband Craig brought a much-needed healthcare service to us and our furry family members – a beautiful, modern, state-of-the-art veterinary hospital. Originally located where we now find Petey's Pet Stop (which was established just in time to cover all grooming needs by Dr. Terri's sister Beth and partner Linda, and is now in the able hands of Jackie and Ryan), the veterinary hospital has evolved over time with renovations to the building, and upgrades in equipment and technology. Dr. McCarty said, "Since attending UC in the eighties, I have loved everything about Clifton, especially the sense of quirky community. We are so grateful for the support we have received from our Clifton neighbors; this has played a huge part in creating our unique practice that we plan to maintain for many years to come." Providing the very best of care through happy times, difficult times, and occasionally some very sad times, Dr. Terri and her staff are a mainstay for Clifton's canine and feline wellbeing.

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**Thrall Street’s History**  
— *by B. Halliday Speeg*

Tucked in between Resor and Bryant avenues, Thrall Street was named after Cliftonite William Rockwell Thrall whose life reads like a 19th-century James Bond novel, full of exhausting military and political ventures. William Thrall was born in Chillicothe in 1829 and attended the College of Physicians and Surgeons of New York City. In 1855 he left medicine to serve in the Crimean War for which few Americans enlisted. Thrall was decorated with The Order of St. Stanislaw by Emperor Alexander II.



In 1859 Dr. Thrall married Hannah Galliger and had four daughters- Mabel, Jeanne, Elsie and Josie. The family moved to Omaha where Thrall served in the Nebraska Territorial Legislature. During the Civil War, Dr. Thrall was appointed Surgeon in the Ohio Infantry. He was

captured by Confederates and released in 1863. In 1870 Dr. Thrall was Private Secretary to Ohio Governor Rutherford B. Hayes and was later U.S. Marshall of Ohio under President Grant.

In 1875 Marshall/Dr. Thrall's family moved to Cincinnati, living at 359 Resor Avenue from 1879 to 1900. Their social scene included watermelon parties, barge parties and a wedding in 1897 for daughter Jeanne at their Resor residence. There was a Latonia racehorse named The Thrall. We can thank Dr. Thrall, in part, for electricity in Clifton as President of The Ohio Valley Street Lighting Company In 1884, and later proposing to supply Clifton with the best system of electric lights.

In 1898 Cincinnati engineers planned a new street (to be named Middleton) running from Ludlow Avenue to McAlpin (formerly Central Avenue.) The street was drawn to run through Dr. Thrall's house on a corner. Outraged, Thrall retained a lawyer and won to keep his house. But you'll notice that Middleton Avenue runs a bit too close on the west side of the house. By his death in 1916, Dr. Thrall was well-known by the community. Thrall Street, named for him, had existed since 1890. Dr. Thrall was described as an affable member of society, six feet tall and 'straight as an arrow'. Dr. Thrall, his wife Hannah and most of his family are buried in Spring Grove Cemetery. Their home on Resor Avenue remains just a little too close to Middleton Avenue.



**3507 Clifton Avenue — Another Clifton Home for Generations**  
— *by Geoff Gelke, The History Buffs*

This grand manor emerged from the ground during Clifton's third layer of development in the 1880s -1890s. Farmers had settled in Clifton prior to the 1840s, then were displaced by the baronial development of the 1840s-1880s. This more central pasture area of Clifton was largely developed by Theodore Cook, creating more affordable subdivisions for upcoming families wishing to move away from the city's basin into a more comfortable and fashionable Clifton life, now that streetcars were starting to run uptown in 1889. In 1885 Cincinnati's famous architect, James McLaughlin designed a



Queen Ann-style home for Cook at 3507 Clifton Avenue, impressive by its opulent fortress appearance and stylish carriage house and stables. Ironically, McLaughlin himself lived in the plainest of vernacular houses at 227 McGregor Avenue in Mt. Auburn. ("The cobbler's children never have shoes.") The

first owners- Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Worcester- purchased the grand new home in 1891 to manifest Worcester's success as a merchant (Bromwell Brush and Wire Goods Co.) They lived here only until 1894 when the house was abruptly listed and sold to Louisa Windisch, three years a widow of John Windisch of the Windisch-Mullhauser Brewery fortune. Two families, Windisch and Mullhauser, owned a huge facility at Liberty and Central Parkway (then a canal). That magnificent building was razed to build the TQL Stadium, and only the brewery's stables survive on the left side of Chatfield College across the parkway. Louisa Windisch and her daughter Norma made their move from Fourteenth Street to higher ground in the upscale Clifton home. She invited her uncle Charles F. Windisch (Norma's appointed guardian) to move to the red brick Queen Ann home immediately south at the corner of Clifton and Bryant avenues (a lot now occupied by an apartment building.) His brother William Windisch lived just a block away at 210

**Style & Scandal at 3502 Telford Street**  
— *by Geoff Gelke, The History Buffs*

During a stroll, take notice of this grand Romanesque home and its many splendid architectural details. All homes have a story, and I would like to tell you "hers." Stone contractor, John Adolph Eberhardt (1844-1928) supplied granite paving blocks for city streets, ubiquitous throughout Cincinnati. He became friends with Boss Cox, a neighbor residing over on Brookline, and was able to prosper when bidding for the provision of street pavers- maybe too prosperous! Heralding his business success, in 1895 he engaged the services of notable architect/ builder Louis Belmont to erect this fine Clifton home. Mr. Eberhardt moved in with his schoolteacher wife, Fannie, and their five children Anna, Martha, Walter, Elsa, and Rehtin, presenting an idyllic portrait of Clifton family life. By the way, Louis Belmont would go on to create in 1900 the grand Neo-Classic mansion just up the street at 348 Bryant along with Desjardins & Hayward, architects, for the famous Dr. Rivogli. Then on to College Hill in 1906 to create "Laurel Court," the famous Thomson mansion. Next, on to The Grand Opera House on Vine Street, followed by many other elegant residences in Clifton and Walnut Hills. All was

Glenmary Avenue, next door to the home of Henry Mullhauser, the brewery's president. Louisa and Norma kept high profiles in society columns, their house known as "The Windisch House" even after her second marriage in 1905 to Robert Patton of Patton Awning Company. The festive wedding in the mansion's parlor, followed by a long honeymoon in Europe, required three columns in The Enquirer. Daughter Norma married the same year, also in the parlor with a lavish reception and more press attention. Mr. Patton brought two additional children



to the marriage, having divorced in 1891. The prospect of sharing the large home seemed to be both practical and ideal, and so it was, until 1933 when Mr. Patton suddenly died at home. Mr. Alvin

Bodemer (Merchants Paper Co.) and wife Ema take up occupancy at No. 3507 about this time, along with widowed Louisa. Mr. Bodemer died in 1936, so Louisa and Ema remained cohabitants until 1938 when Louisa finally passed, leaving her friend Ema as sole inhabitant, but not for long. Ema turned the castle into an upscale boarding house, locking certain doors to accommodate three other women who were associate professors at the University of Cincinnati. In 1942 a new dynasty- the Heucks – arrived, lasting until present times. Hubert and Martha Heuck (Heuck Opera House) graciously raised their family. Father Hubert was a strong community figure who created a kitchen gadget company born of his mother's turkey lacer invention in 1922, later expanding into a full line of products with their carriage house serving as the business's workshop until it was reduced by fire in 1956. Heuck House now celebrates its 132nd birthday in fine shape, ready for new stewards to take it into its third century.



well back at the Eberhardt home until 1910 when things took a U-turn. It seems that Mr. Eberhardt had been colluding for years with three other paving contractors in a

price-fixing scheme. When some identical bids came in, it raised the ire of a whistle-blower at City Hall who informed The Cincinnati Post which followed by boldly exposing the crime for weeks, calling it the "paving ring scandal." Regardless, Mr. Eberhardt and his cronies would eventually see the charges dismissed, possibly helped again by Boss Cox. This scandal must have been devastating for wife Fannie who died here in 1910. Mr. Eberhardt sold the home, packed up his children, and headed for a new life in New Jersey, not to be heard of again until 1928 when his remains were sent back for interment in Walnut Hills Cemetery alongside those of Fannie. The idyllic family dream lasted only 15 years, but the grand old home still stands proudly, her 128-year-old turret pointing gloriously upward!



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Leave the Business School lobby/atrium at the upper level and walk up the wide pedestrian Main Street past the **Mantei Center** Engineering Building on the right with its barrel-shaped roof, prominent venting towers and masonry columns at the top of the structure. At **(2) the Recreation Center** complex turn left, walking past the swimming pool viewed from windows along the north side of the complex, and then turn right to enter a covered space beneath the recreation center.

Continuing on, return to the wide pedestrian Main Street and climb steps to enter the lower level of **(3) the Tangeman Center**. At the center of the building look up in the atrium to view the original Tangeman Tower wrapped by new construction. Turn around to leave the way you came, descending steps to the walkway along the south side of the Recreation Center which is also the north end of Nippert Stadium. Climb the steps and walk along the side of **(4) the Richard Lindner Center** and then enter through the main doors at the south end of this kidney-shaped building with its triangular windows. Inside is an impressive atrium with red stairways.

Leave via the main entrance, walk south to Corry Boulevard. Turn right to enter the plaza in front of Cincinnati Conservatory of Music (CCM). Note the former swimming pool building on the right, now **(5) the Dieterle Vocal Arts Center** with its rich architectural details.

At the CCM Plaza, turn left and climb the steps on the left edge of the plaza to the front of **(6) Memorial Hall**. Note the **intricate architectural detailing** at the base of the building depicting scenes from WW I, grotesque faces at the doorways and gargoyles above. Now descend the steps you just climbed and go through the glass double doorways. Emerge from CCM and walk straight ahead into a small garden with a fountain- a pleasant place to sit. On exiting the garden continue south curving around the outside of **(7) CCM** and enter at the first set of doors. Walk straight down the hall to a two-story lobby, walk down the steps and then outside to a hidden garden, sheltered by a tall brick wall. Exit the garden and turn right along the back of the Corbett Theater. Cross the service road and ascend the staircase to the left which will bring you up to the **Teachers College Campus**. Turn left and enter the front of **(8) Blegen Library**. The lobby contains a large globe, a wonderful decorative light fixture with crows, and displays from archeological expeditions. On exiting, turn right and straight ahead enter **(9) the Dyer Complex**. Just inside this building, turn to the right and walk down the long hallway. At the two-story lobby, go down the steps and out the front door into a lovely green space. Notice the carved owls on the building on the right.

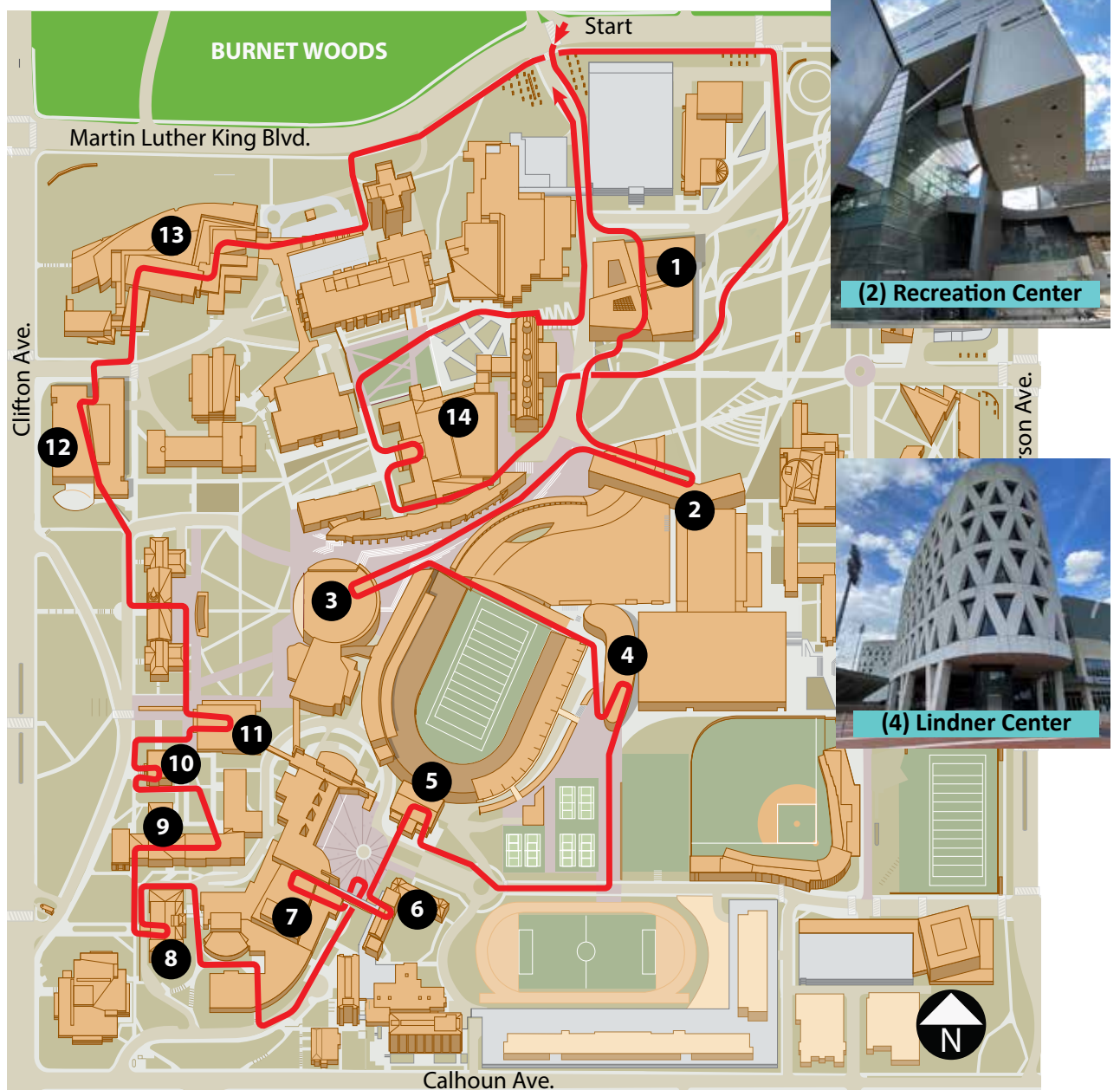
As you walk north, turn left and then right at **(10) Van Wormer Hall**. Ascend the steps of this classical building to admire the glass dome of the rotunda. Exit the building and turn right and then right again. Across the walkway is **(11) the University Pavilion** containing the **Visitor Center**. Walk inside the building to view the atrium, then exit the building turning right to enter **Bearcat Commons**, a large green space. Looking back at Tangeman Center, you can see how new construction has wrapped around and incorporated the older building. At the center of the west edge of the Commons, turn left and go up the steps and out through the archway to Campus Way where the building's portal is guarded by stone lions. You're at an exceptional hilltop panorama on the edge of campus, looking west.

Continuing on, turn right/north) and walk a short distance to a bridge, cross it to enter the upper level of **(12) the new Clifton Court Building**. Walk down through the soaring atrium to the lower level. Exiting here, cross the street to enter the college of **(13) Design, Architecture, Art and Planning (DAAP)**. Walk down the hallway and turn right into the main atrium where displays of student work and an art gallery are located. Note life-like sculptures of two students sitting up near the ceiling as you move towards the east exit. The stairway outside of DAAP leads you to ML King Drive.

Walk east along ML King passing your starting point, past the newly remodeled **Law School**, then reenter the campus at the **Campus Green**. Walk the tree-covered winding pathways past the statue of Taft at the Law School to the south end of the green. Here turn right past the business school and turn left. You're again at the Main Street walkway in front of the Mantei engineering building. Turn right, and walk up a secluded garden path which is just to the right of the curved Steger Center. Ascending this terraced garden path you'll find a broad landing. Turn right and walk up steps to the **Schnieder Quadrangle**.

**Enter (14) Baldwin Hall** where Neil Armstrong taught. Look right to see the wood-paneled lobby. Upon exiting the building, turn right and walk north into the Zimmer Roof Garden. Cross the garden and at the east end of the garden descend the metal staircase that leads down to **Library Square**, another pleasant green space. Cross the square and descend steps or take the switchback terraces leading back to Woodside Drive. Turn left to return to your starting place just across from Burnet Woods.

- by **Steven L. Schuckman**





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### Some fun facts:

**Sunspots** appear as darker spots on the sun's surface. They are darker in color because they are slightly cooler where the intense strength of the magnetic field keeps some of the heat inside the sun from reaching the surface.



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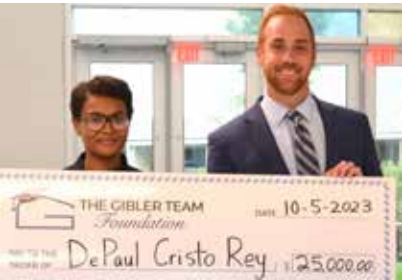
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DePaul Cristo Rey Wins Grant

The Gibler Team Foundation has awarded a \$25,000 grant to support DePaul Cristo Rey High School (DPCR) students. Foundation President and Executive Director Walt Gibler presented the gift to DPCR President Siobhan Taylor on October 5. The grant has been earmarked to support student scholarships, mental health programs, and uniform needs. Every DPCR student receives financial aid, so the school relies on the generosity of the corporate and local community to help fund the college-prep academic and Corporate Work Study programs that prepare DPCR students to graduate high school and successfully move onto college. The school, which opened in 2011, has had nine graduating classes – all have achieved 100 percent college acceptance. The mission of the Gibler Foundation is to empower children who have faced adversity and hardship by providing them with access to educational opportunities through scholarships and support. They strive to break the cycle of disadvantage, and to enable children to reach their full potential.

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Spotted Lanternfly - A Pest Coming to Our Neighborhood!

The Spotted Lanternfly is a non-native insect that’s been seen in College Hill and Mt. Airy, and is likely due to arrive in Clifton by Spring. It’s important to learn what it looks like, what it attacks, and the importance of reporting its presence.



Eggs in mudlike mass (and an adult at rest)

Eggs can be scrapped off surfaces by putting them into a plastic ziplock bag

filled with hand sanitizer. Zip the bag and dispose of in the trashcan. Spotted lanternflies can be spread long distances by people who move infested material or items containing egg masses. This is one more reason to NOT MOVE FIREWOOD! The eggs can be found on all kinds of surfaces, including railings, trees, vehicles. We need to beware of their three stages.



Nymphs: The immature insects go through 3 changes, but all have black and white spots. They can be destroyed by smashing, though are often seen high in trees.



Adults at rest: They look much different at rest than when flying.



Adults when flying

There are many good references on the internet to help us. Here is one: <https://>

[www.aphis.usda.gov/publications/plant\\_health/card-smash-spotted-lanternflies.508.pdf](https://www.aphis.usda.gov/publications/plant_health/card-smash-spotted-lanternflies.508.pdf)

First detected in Pennsylvania in September 2014, Spotted Lanternfly feeds on a wide range of fruit, ornamental, and woody trees with the Tree-of-Heaven being a preferred host. To learn more about how to identify this invasive tree: <https://www.nature.org/en-us/about-us/where-we-work/united-states/indiana/stories-in-indiana/journey-with-nature--tree-of-heaven>



Tree-of-Heaven leaves

If you own a Tree-of-Heaven, please consider

destroying it and removing all the new trees that will regrow. The entire root system should be removed. If you decide to use a pesticide to help, please consult a qualified arborist or government website. Here is one: <https://extension.psu.edu/tree-of-heaven#:~:text=>

Inspect your trees and plants for signs of this pest, particularly at dusk and at night when they tend to gather in large groups on the trunks or stems of plants. Symptoms and signs include 1) plants that ooze or weep and have a fermented odor; 2) buildup of sticky fluid (honeydew) on plants and on the ground underneath infested plants; 3) sooty mold on infested plants. Ohio’s grape and apple crops are at risk, as well as hops, walnuts and hardwood trees.

What to do if you see the spotted lantern fly? Report the finding! Include a photo in your report if you can and send to one of these: [go.osu.edu/GLEDN](mailto:go.osu.edu/GLEDN) [plantpest@agri.ohio.gov](mailto:plantpest@agri.ohio.gov) [614-728-6400](tel:614-728-6400)

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First Flowers > Forever Fascination — by Steve Druffel

Sixty or so years ago, I asked my mom if I could have a small patch of ground in the backyard for my very own garden. The next day, we walked toward the end of the backyard where a chain link fence separated our yard from our neighbor’s yard. As I recall, she pointed to a small patch of dirt and said that spot would be an excellent beginner’s garden. She explained that every spring, flowers blossomed there; but, in order for them to do well, they needed to be watered and weeded on an as-needed basis. I assured her I was up to the task. That afternoon I took a stack of bricks from the garage and used them to line the perimeter of my garden, and then lightly turned over the soil. All I had to do now was to be patient. Finally, after what seemed like months, tiny green shoots began to poke their way through the soil. As the weather warmed, the plants seemed to grow faster by the day. I watered and weeded until finally, blossoms seemed to burst forth from every stem. As the blossoms grew, ants suddenly appeared, crawling across every blossom. I didn’t know if I should regard them as friend or foe. I considered blasting them off my flowers with the hose; but, for some unknown reason, I decided to let nature take its course. Over the next few days, the peony blossoms exploded in pinks, whites and soft purples. The following day I came downstairs and saw my flowers as the centerpiece on our dining room table. “Hold out your hands, young man,” my mom demanded. The demand perplexed me; was she accusing me of something? As I held out my hands, she smiled and said, “I’m just checking to see if you have a green thumb.”



Gardening has been a part of my life ever since. While gardening, I feel like I’m communing with the Earth, playing a small part in the cycle of life. Gardening never ceases to amaze and delight me. How can a snapdragon’s seed, about the size of a period on a page, produce a near-perfect replica time after time? How can a monarch butterfly, traveling from distances unknown, locate my milkweed plant? Even as I put my garden down for its winter nap, I am planning for its spring rebirth. I’m in my seventies now, and I want to continue gardening until my time is up. But as the Earth continues to warm, I wonder if I will be able to manage in a warmer world. A sister of mine, who shares my passion for gardening, lives in Texas and seems to have lived under a heat dome this entire summer. She said recently that, with the exception of an hour or two in the very early morning, gardening has become unbearable. I want the world I grew up in. I want my children and grandchildren to have the opportunity to garden in a healthy and sustainable planet.

Stephen Druffel is a life-long Clifton resident, his involvement in Clifton organizations featuring prominently in his life. He taught at the Fairview-Clifton School, coached boy’s and men’s soccer in the Clifton S.Y.A. program and served as a CTM trustee.



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— by Eric Davis

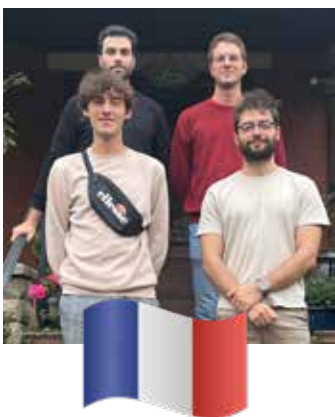
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Clifton Connect welcomes UC MEng Aerospace Engineering students from Evering-Aero-System Operations in Bordeaux, France: Benjamin Lachaude, Robinson Grenier, Mathieu Labrit, and Jules Colombel. Dites leur bonjour, tout le monde!



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Clifton Cultural Arts Center’s  
New Home

— by Mark McKillip

Great progress is being made on the construction of CCAC’s new 18,000-square-foot home at 3412 Clifton Avenue — the first purpose-built community arts center in Cincinnati. As a founder of CCAC, long-time Board member, and now serving as the pro bono Owner’s Representative for this project, the following is my construction update as of late October 2023. Many neighbors have commented on the beautiful rendering of the building’s façade. By mid-November – weather permitting - the outside of the building should look relatively complete. This includes masonry (red bricks and brown stone), curtainwall, the glass, and windows. Also finished around that time will be the rooftop handrails, paved patio, and green roof sections, which are less visible from the street below. The parking lot improvements are scheduled for completion by mid-December, at which time all 54 parking spaces will be available for shared use between Dewey’s Pizza and CCAC. The parking lot perimeter will be landscaped, and attractive fencing will define the edges of Clifton United Methodist Church’s property, the Skyline’s parking lot, and residences along Hosea Avenue. Progress will continue on the interiors, to be completed in phases on a floor-by-floor basis, and scheduled for completion by Christmas, followed by punch list work, furniture delivery, and regulatory inspections in January with “Substantial Completion” slated for no later than January 31, 2024. CCAC’s staff plans to invite a few classes or smaller programs into the space in February as a “soft opening,” welcoming the community at large to a Grand Opening Celebration in early March. A private reception on Friday, March 8 will receive guests like CCAC’s first Executive Director, Ruth Dickey. A public Open House on Saturday, March 9 will allow everyone to explore every corner of the building and sample a few classes. Work remains on schedule and within budget, thanks to an incredible team. Let’s all thank: Emersion Design/Architect and Skanska USA/Construction Manager; Genesis Design, Inc./ Civil Engineer for the building site and parking lot improvements; Pinnacle Engineering/Structural Engineer; IMEG (formerly PEDCO)/Mechanical, Electrical, Plumbing and Fire Protection Engineer; BCL IT Consulting/Telecommunications, Security and Audio/Visual; and HMBA/Theater equipment consultant. We gratefully acknowledge our neighbors, Dewey’s Pizza, Skyline Chili, and the Clifton United Methodist Church for their cooperation and assistance during the entire process.

We still have some way to go to reach our fundraising goal to completely fund Clifton’s new home for the arts. The Carol Ann & Ralph V. Haile, Jr. Foundation has issued a challenge and will match up to \$100,000 in contributions made before January.

When planning for your end-of-year giving, please consider making an additional gift to CCAC’s capital campaign. Visit [cliftonculturalarts.org](http://cliftonculturalarts.org) to make a gift and to stay up to date on the completion of construction.

Who is Lizzie Nourse? Part 2

— by Sandra Geiser, art historian and former curator of the Niehoff Nourse Archive, Cincinnati Art Museum

On March 9, 2024, the Clifton Cultural Arts Center will open its new building at 3412 Clifton Avenue, featuring **The Elizabeth Nourse Gallery**. Let’s ask a 15-year-old Lizzie to introduce herself:

**Elizabeth/Lizzie Nourse:** *Dear Readers, People sometimes ask about my name ‘Lizzie’ Nourse. Well, let me explain through some sketches of my family.*

*I feel like our history is somewhat scary! ‘Paterfamilias’ Caleb Nourse came from a well-known New England family as described by my sister Louise: “The Nourse Family is descended from Rebecca Nurse...who hanged as a witch in Salem, Massachusetts in 1692 ... We still pronounce our surname as Nurse - ‘de Nourse,’ - who were Huguenots driven out of France in the 16th century.” ‘Mater,’ was familiar with fear. Orphaned in 1823 due to an epidemic in Philadelphia, she was adopted at age seven by our uncle, Samuel Rogers, who came down the Ohio River and visited the Baum-Longworth House on Pike Street. Later my mother and father would meet there and in 1833 get married in the garden. Since my mother was baptized Elizabeth LeBreton Rogers, I became Lizzie to keep us straight.*

*Adelaide - ‘Addie’ - is my twin sister and best friend! Louise is six years older than we are, and was 1873 Valedictorian of Woodward High School. My favorite hideaways in Corryville and Clifton are the stables and blacksmith shop, Mr. Bomhoff’s Dairy, the monkey cage in the new zoo, and Burnet Woods. On special evenings when we have extra money, we love to go to The Lookout House near Mt. Auburn’s Inclined Plane with Mr. Caesar (our singing landlord), to band concerts, or to Shakespearean plays.*

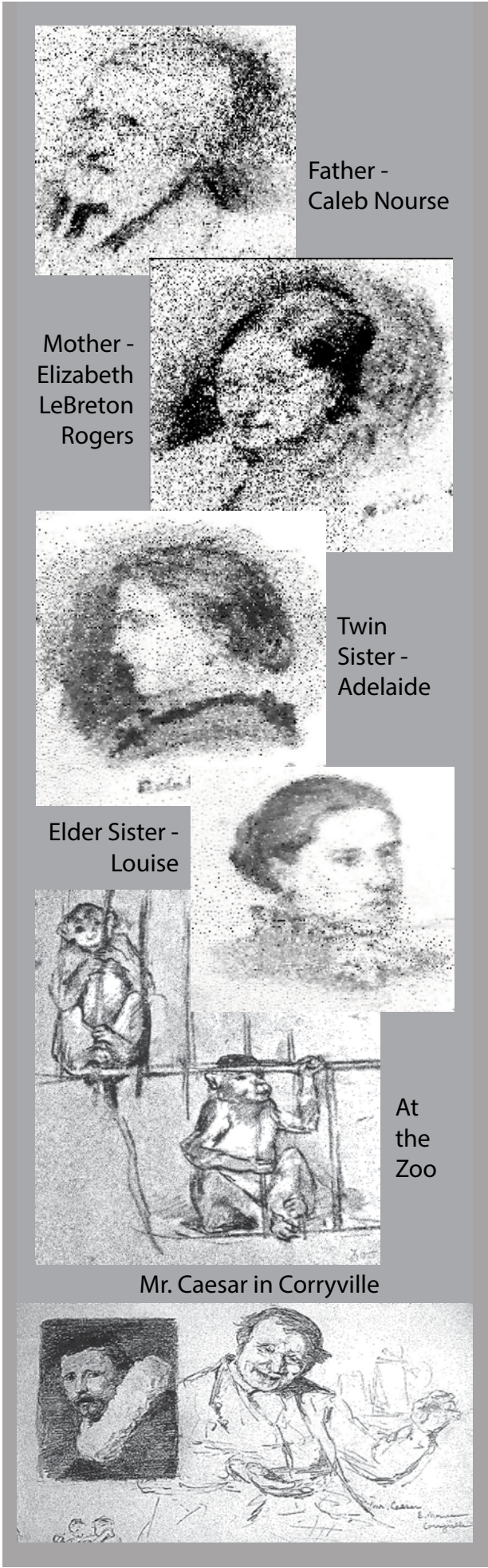
— Sincerely Yours, **Lizzie**

**Elizabeth Nourse’s sketches are courtesy of the Cincinnati Art Museum.**

Fig. 1 1874/ Mater/Paterfamilias/Adelaide/ Louise/E. Nourse. Sketchbook 1, ink on paper verso of front cover

Fig. 2 Zoo. Sketchbook 2, Sketch 5

Fig. 3 Mr. Caesar/E. Nourse/Corryville. Sketchbook 2, Sketch 33



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