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Please mark your calendar for Saturday, August 28—the date of the 2021 Clifton Golf Outing. This CTM tradition has raised over \$60,000 for beneficiaries, including TriHealth Good Sam Cancer Center, Burnet Woods, Clifton Cultural Arts Center, Fairview German Turf Field and the Little Sisters of the Poor on Riddle Road. This year's recipient is CANS (Clifton Area Neighborhood School). Our full event, including dinner on the deck and Friend of Clifton Award presentation, will be held COVID Permitting. We are in need of volunteers to serve on the golf committee. For more info contact John Whedon at thewhedons@gmail.com. —*John Whedon, Chair*



Young Cliftonites, Lucy Whedon and Nora Cowles count the cash raised in the "Beat the Lady Bearcat" contest at the summer of 2019 golf outing. In total the event netted \$10,000 for Little Sisters of the Poor.



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CTM President's Message

Welcome to the Spring 2021 edition of the *Clifton Chronicle*, published by Clifton Town Meeting. CTM is your neighborhood community council, dedicated to serving and representing Clifton's residents. It's my privilege to continue to serve as this year's CTM President, and I and the rest of the CTM Trustees will be doing our best to make Clifton Cincinnati's best place to live, work, and play.

Before looking ahead to 2021, I want to take time to recognize all we accomplished in 2020 and the people who helped make it happen. 2020 was as challenging for CTM as everyone else, but I am very proud of how we quickly adapted to meeting and taking care of Clifton's business virtually. CTM did not miss a single meeting last year, and continually strove to serve our neighborhood. We joined with the Clifton Business Association for the Clifton Cares initiative to both support frontline workers and help our local restaurants survive COVID-related bans. We opened up Clifton Plaza for take-out dining, cleaned up the Telford seating area, replaced worn and dangerous benches along Ludlow, advanced traffic safety initiatives, and completed the signage installation of the go Vibrant walking routes. Although all our trustees worked tirelessly, I want to pay special attention to the trustees whose terms expired last year—Pat Borders, Buddy Goose, Rama Kasturi and Vince Metzger. I greatly enjoyed working with them all and

thank them for all their hard work.

2021 will continue to pose challenges for Clifton. Although there is a light at the end of the COVID-19 tunnel, it's still in the distance. We need to continue to support our local merchants and help them get through this last, critical stage. We have held together well so far, and it would be a tragedy if things fell apart this close to the end. It's much easier to keep an existing district vibrant than to have to try and recreate one. Let's all keep doing our part to make sure Clifton's businesses stay open, Clifton's spaces are well-maintained, and Clifton's residents are healthy so that when the time comes we are ready and able to recover strong and pick up where we left off.

Clifton is your community, and CTM is your community council. We can't accomplish our goals without a strong and robust membership. If you're already a member, thank you. If you're not a member, I urge you to consider joining and getting involved. Our community will become how we behave—if Clifton is full of passionate and engaged individuals who work together to make it better, Clifton will become (even) better. Even the smallest act of engagement and civic participation can compound. If you are interested in becoming a member of CTM or donating time, talent or treasure, we are excited to hear from you.

—*Joe Brunner, CTM President*

Reese Retires from CRC After 12 Years in Clifton Community

Tom Reese started his career with the Cincinnati Recreation Commission by offering guided tours of various recreation centers with Arts for All. His role was creating work opportunities in the inner city through the arts. His talent shined in the art of puppetry. When the program was over, he utilized his creativity part-time at Corryville Recreation Center. What followed was a position as Community Center Director at Pleasant Ridge Recreation Center. How often does one have the opportunity to help coordinate an organization, have staff, and plan programs? Tom Reese worked with teen inclusion program performance while being their coordinator for after school and summer day camp—this while also being an adjunct faculty member at Cincinnati State. In 2008 he was promoted

to Service Area Coordinator at Clifton Recreation Center.

It does not often occur that a CRC Service Area Coordinator spends 12 years at one site, but Tom was exceptional at his job because he cared deeply for the Clifton community and made many connections. As a manager and mentor, he was always teaching the Clifton staff how to excel. Every day was a teachable moment or a "dress rehearsal," as Tom would say, whether in art, customer service or programming.

Reese retired, having led the way joyfully as he served in several recreation centers. The campers, staff and community of Clifton will miss him. We will try hard to lead by the example he left, demonstrating commitment and dedication.

—*Tiffany Thomas, CRC Community Center Director*

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Citizens' Connections

In 1787, as our Founding Fathers debated what kind of government the new United States of America would have, a lady asked Benjamin Franklin: "Well Doctor, what have we got, a republic or a monarchy?"

"A republic," replied Franklin, "if you can keep it."

This quote has been interpreted by many, but for someone not originally from this country, it implies to me that a fundamental element of American government is the successful engagement of its citizens. It's the same for all levels

of government, particularly at the local level, pre-supposing that we have to be aware of what is going on. A good way to stay informed is through participation in Cincinnati City Council meetings and Hamilton County Commissioner meetings.

All Cincinnati City Council Agenda meetings are published at <https://cincinnati.oh.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx> and can be seen online at <https://www.cincinnati-oh.gov/citicable/> or by friending City of Cincinnati Government on Facebook. Online speaker registration can

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—Gerald Checco, CTM Treasurer

Spring Cleaning in Clifton

Clifton: desirable, clean, attractive. But that cleanliness doesn't come magically! A few local volunteers and business owners pick up litter and remove graffiti on a regular basis. One volunteer fills one to two plastic bags daily with litter while walking her dog. Imagine the displeasure of strolling along Ludlow Avenue with a dozen bags full of litter blowing around your ankles, compound-

ing and compounding throughout the months? Keeping it clean is an important part of our collective well-being and the recovery of our businesses.

Following last year's successful spring and fall cleanup events, CTM is again organizing this important community service.

So, please mark your calendars. Clifton Business District Spring Cleanup will be held in the mornings on

April 10 (Saturday) and April 11 (Sunday). Tasks include cleaning out Clifton Plaza planting beds, planting street flower pots, picking up litter, removing graffiti, pressure washing Clifton Plaza terraces and Telford Street bench area, and curb sweeping and debris removal from storm inlets. To sign up for specific tasks, please contact me at ctm.members@gmail.com.—Gerald Checco, CTM Caretaking & Beautification Committee Chair

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Neighborhood Safety Update

Clifton is blessed to have many civic associations, all striving to insure a good quality of life for its residents. Clifton Town Meeting (CTM), Clifton Business Association (CBA), Mt. Storm Advisory Council (MSAC) and the Stewards of Burnet Woods (SBW) all worked this past year in partnership with Cincinnati Police District 5 (CPD5) and its commander, Captain Craig Gregoire, to begin drafting a safety master plan.

The “Broken Windows Theory” states that visible signs of neglect, crime and civil disorder create an urban environment that encourages yet more crime. Unrelenting pickup of litter, graffiti removal and cleaning of our shared spaces were accompanied by two volunteer-based events in spring and fall, which continuously reset the charm of Clifton’s business district.

How can we optimize our safety? The statistics show that 68 percent of crimes are property crimes, followed by auto theft and theft from autos. CPD recommends:

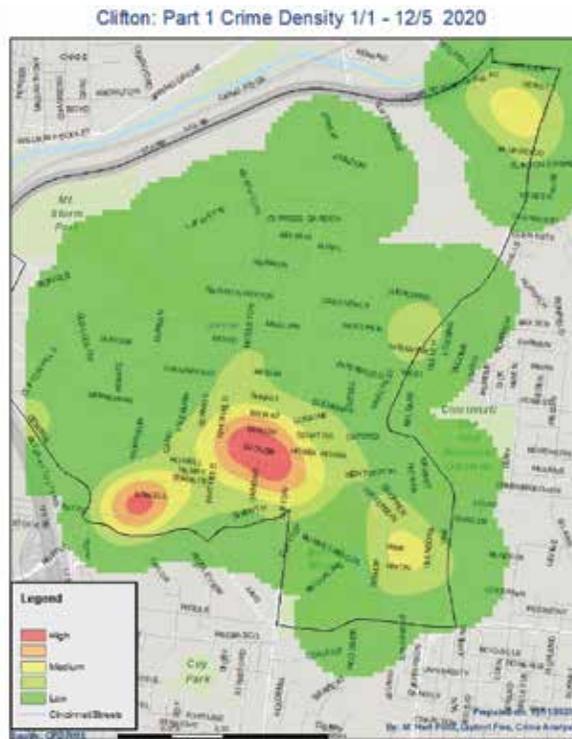
- Secure your home with motion lights, patio and porch lights, and cameras.
- Make sure your doors are locked, including home, cars and outdoor storage sheds.
- Remove valuables visible from windows of homes and cars.
- Don’t leave keys in your cars especially when running idled.
- Photograph valuable items and note serial numbers particularly of outdoor power equipment and electronic items.

Safety by The Numbers

We have a safe neighborhood with about 37 crimes per 1,000 residents. Clifton is 14 percent safer than Cincinnati overall, and in 2020—despite economic uncertainty and the pandemic—crimes in Clifton were 18 percent lower than in 2019, and at the lowest since 2015.

The map at right is a “Heat Map,” showing general Crime Density. It shows areas of crime that are higher than the rest of the neighborhood. In Clifton two areas are of greatest concern: around Ludlow Avenue and on Lowell Avenue.

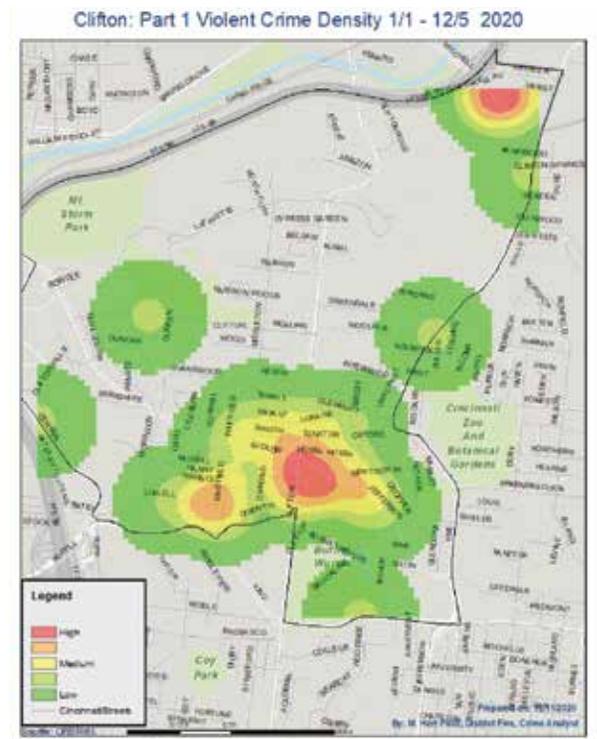
The Violent Crime Heat Map at far right shows incidents concentrated on Ludlow and Lowell. Sexual as-



saults have seen dramatic reduction, 850 percent lower than the peak in 2016. No homicides occurred in Clifton in 2020, the last homicide occurring on July 12, 2019 at 30 Kessler. The suspect in that homicide was arrested.

In 2020, the record shows six pedestrian-involved crashes, one resulted in serious injury, consistent with previous years. Vehicular Crashes happen mostly on our periphery:

- 42 crashes in the 500 – 700 block of Martin Luther King Drive
- 33 crashes in the 1100 – 1200 block of Hopple Street



- 27 crashes in the 1 – 100 block of Mitchell Avenue
- 27 crashes in the 200 – 350 block of Martin Luther King Drive
- 13 crashes in the 200 – 300 block of Ludlow Avenue.

About the research: CPD5 follows the Uniformed Crime Reporting (UCR), a city, county and state law enforcement program with a nationwide view of crime based on the submissions by law enforcement agencies throughout the country.

—Gerald Checco, CTM Clean and Safe Committee, and Captain Craig Gregoire, Cincinnati Police Department

CTM Electronic Meetings – A New Way to Meet-Up

Because of social distancing during the COVID-19 outbreak period, the Clifton Town Meeting is holding monthly public meetings on the Internet. You can tune in and participate on your computer, laptop or smartphone. Meetings are typically held on the first Monday of each month. Watch for the public announcement on the CTM

webpage and use the link provided along with meeting ID and passcode numbers. Meetings begin promptly at 7 p.m., but you can connect as early as 6:30 p.m. to make sure your line is established and you have access. Thanks for participating in your community council’s forum!



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CTM Focusing on Making Clifton Even Safer to Walk and Bike

As residents of Clifton, we take pride in the fact that we can easily walk to our Central Business District (CBD), neighborhood parks and other destinations for entertainment, errands and recreation. But as crash and speeding data validate, Clifton has opportunities to be safer for pedestrians and cyclists. Too many times, we have distracted drivers speeding through our neighborhoods or running red lights. And at too many intersections it's difficult to cross without a crosswalk or some way for traffic to slow down long enough for cars to see you crossing while speeding cars make biking feel unsafe.

The mandate of the CTM Transportation & Public Safety Committee among other things is to improve pedestrian and cycling in Clifton by partnering with residents and the City's Department of Transportation & Engineering (DOT). Our work is continuous—we meet monthly as a committee and have frequent meetings with DOT. In 2020, we made progress in a few areas:

- Implementing rush-hour parking in the CBD, which resulted in 25 percent fewer crashes based on the pilot that DOT ran;
- Added a crosswalk at Ormond and Ludlow Avenues, which enables easier crossing;
- Aligned on a 'road diet' on Ludlow Avenue from the Northside to Whitfield—reducing the number of lanes by one, adding protected bike lanes and crosswalks at key intersections. An Ohio DOT Study projected a 33 percent reduction in accidents when this is implemented. Our

committee is now working with DOT on funding from the state and/or federal government;

- Developed a plan for Clifton Avenue from Woolper to Kenard for immediate intervention, including adding curb warning signs near Lafayette and speed signs throughout, and in the Spring to narrow the lanes from 12-14 feet to 10 feet, which will reduce speeds;
- Submitted Vision Zero plans to DOT for 2021 that included adding a crosswalk at Warren Avenue on Clifton Avenue, stop signs at Lafayette at Middleton, Middleton at Resor, Glenmary at Brookline and McAlpin at Lafayette, painting speed humps where they exist currently and adding painted crosswalks on the west side of Clifton Avenue;
- Spearheaded creation of temporary bike lane on Clifton Avenue from Calhoun to Ludlow Avenue. Energized other impacted stakeholders—CUFNA (Clifton Heights, University Heights, and Fairview Neighborhood Association), UC (University of Cincinnati), HUC (Hebrew Union College), Cincinnati Parks and Tri-Health—to support it. We are working with City Council and DOT to open it with a ribbon cutting in late March 2021.

As we start 2021, I want to thank the 10 Clifton residents who serve on this committee—devoting hours of their time to making our neighborhood better. We continue to welcome input and ideas from residents as we shape our work in the year ahead. —*Mark Jeffreys, CTM Transportation & Public Safety Committee Chair*



Making a Connection

Greg Boyd was born in Macon, Georgia and moved to Cincinnati 18 years ago to help his sister raise her daughter. Three years ago Greg, a dedicated fisherman, heard about a stocked lake near Clifton where you could fish year round and he has since spent some part of almost every day of the year fishing or just taking in the scenery around the lake in Burnet Woods.

Greg can be spotted by the lake in Burnet Woods with his fishing rod and white plastic bucket in hand, rain or shine! His catch routinely include large channel catfish, small mouth bass, carp, blue gills and more, and his Facebook page showcases many of these with his trademark exclamation "Got 'em!" His largest catch to date was, Willie, a 22-lb. one-eyed catfish, who was subsequently caught by a fisherman who did not release him back into the lake.

Greg had previously worked for Kroger and took me up on my suggestion that he apply for a job at Clifton Market when they were looking for help earlier this year. He is now manager of the meat and seafood department at the Clifton Market. Please stop in and say hello to Greg at the Clifton Market or look for him when you walk by the lake in Burnet Woods.

—*Rama Kasturi, CTM Parks Committee*

Clifton Mosque Winter Food Box Giveaway

In an effort to start the new calendar year off in the spirit of giving, the Clifton Mosque forged a campaign to feed 100 families every week in January 2021. They called this initiative the Winter Food Box Giveaway. Each week they prepared food boxes with the help from volunteers from within and outside their community to serve the broader Cincinnati community at large.

The motivation was twofold: First, within the Islamic tradition, there is a high emphasis on good character and charity. Not only are Muslims religiously required to give Zakat (an obligatory charity in which annually they give 2.5 percent of all their wealth to those in need) but also to give

charity regularly outside of this set amount throughout the year for the pleasure of God and the purification of one's heart. Muslims are commanded to honor the poor and to give secretly and publicly. Secondly, the Clifton Mosque recognized an ever-growing need for food security in our beloved city due to the coronavirus pandemic. Clifton Mosque wanted to do their part in helping uplift communities by providing basic needs such as food and personal care products so they met, discussed, set a goal, and took action!

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—*Najla Abdullah/Majed Daboub*

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The breakdown from the City:
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 \$500 Adjust Pull Box to Grade
 \$100 Street Furniture, Remove and Reinstall
 \$500 Remove Existing Sign with Ring Rack
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Springtime Classes and Workshops at CCAC

Do the treetop buds and flowering blooms have you itching to create or learn something new? Never fear: Clifton Cultural Arts Center (CCAC) is here to help! Our full lineup of classes and workshops offer something for learners of all ages and skill levels.

Many of CCAC's visual art, music and wellness classes for both children and adults continue to meet virtually, and

our new CCAC Maker Kit collection has new kit offerings for kids and families to create together. Dance, wellness and visual arts classes continue to meet in-person at CCAC as well, observing CCAC's strict Covid-19 Preparedness Measures and Requirements for Participation.

For full list of springtime class and workshop opportunities, visit cliftonculturalarts.org/classes.

Ephemeral Blooms in Burnet Woods with Rama Kasturi

Date: Saturday, April 25, 2021 Time: 10-11 a.m.
 • Location: Burnet Woods, Brookline Entrance
 • Reservations required.

Join the Lloyd Library and Museum and former CTM Trustee, Dr. Rama Kasturi for a spring excursion in Burnet Woods. Dr. Kasturi will lead the group through the park and its trails identifying blooming flower species and trees and explaining the various healthful benefits of nature. Reservations required for this free event. In compliance with COVID-19 safety practices, space is limited.

Rama Kasturi grew up in India immersed in the Ayurvedic traditions of herbal medicine with a grandfather who compounded natural pharmaceuticals. She has a PhD



"Flowering Bloodroot Flower, Warbler Trail" by Rama Kasturi

in biochemistry, has taught medical pharmacology at the University of Cincinnati, and has expertise in the field of North American botany. A breast cancer survivor who focuses on the healing power of nature, she attributes daily walks with her rescue dogs on the wooded trails of her neighborhood park with helping her regain robust physical, mental and spiritual health. Self-described as an accidental artist, her book *Four Seasons in Burnet Woods* depicts her journey of healing through her nature photography.

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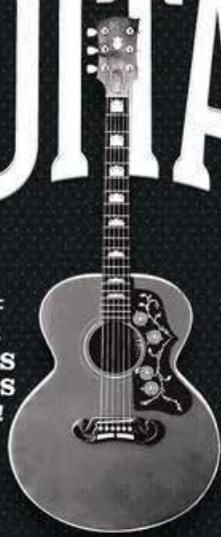
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go Vibrant is about making activity irresistible. With weather now getting warmer, it just got a little more irresistible to get to know Clifton and your neighbors through walking it whether by yourself, with friends or by forming a walking group. You can get started by looking at the master sign at Clifton Plaza or at www.govibrant.org where you can download a PDF of the maps.

—Mark Jeffreys, CTM Parks Committee Chair, is also founder & chairman of the board of go Vibrant

Route 1 Orange 1-mile route, South (about 20 minutes)

This route features three of our painted utility boxes. Look for the Classical Revival home at Lowell and Whitfield, now Clifton House B&B. Pass Good Samaritan Hospital, our community garden, and enjoy the view of Burnet Woods. Finish in the business district where you can enjoy the sidewalk plaques along with two murals that celebrate the history and architecture of the community. Be sure to visit a few shops and grab a bite to eat.

Route 2 Orange 1-mile route, North (about 20 minutes)

Enjoy the aromas of multi-ethnic restaurants, look for the camera's eye utility box, book utility box and the elusive "Where's Waldo?" box. Admire beautiful houses as you approach the old "Boss" Cox home, now the Clifton Library, and take a sidestep to visit Burnet Woods Lake and the famous cement slide.

Route 3 Green 2.2-mile route (about 45 minutes)

Walk down Ludlow Avenue and visit the United Jewish Cemetery across from Dunore Park. Hunt for the lion utility box on McAlpin, and experience the peace of Rawson Woods Bird Preserve. Turn right onto Clifton Avenue and observe the ornate iron gates that once graced the McDonald Mansion.

Route 4 Pink 3.5-mile route (about 70 minutes)

Take Middleton Avenue to the top and walk toward the Temple of Love in Mt. Storm Park (restrooms and water). Turn around and head east on Lafayette. Note the streetscape utility box past the Cincinnati Woman's Club, and then



turn right onto Clifton Avenue. Enjoy a "tune" at the Juke Box just prior to the historic Probasco Fountain, and stroll past the amazing schools and houses of worship along the Avenue. This was a hike—stop in the business district for some refreshment.

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HEALTH

“Do you ever feel SAD at this time of the year? Many people experience SAD (seasonal affective disorder), a type of depression related to the change in seasons and amount of sunlight. The symptoms are low energy, weight change, and sleep difficulty, which can reduce the quality of your life. If this sounds familiar, then go out for a walk, keep a journal, get some vitamin D, or talk to a friend or your doctor. Find more tips on everydayhealth.com.”

RELATIONSHIPS

We've heard that expressing anger is cathartic. Actually, experiments show that those who give full sway to their anger get angrier, not less. So distinguish between suppressed and repressed anger. Suppression is fine if we do it for good reason (e.g. avoid losing a job). Repressing our awareness of anger and its source can lead to trouble. Often, the source of our anger is pain; so identify it, and start healing. (Pg 75. *The Third Person In The Room*. Bea Larsen, 2019)



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Small Businesses Lifeblood of Clifton—Keep It Flowing (Continued from Winter 2020)

Esquire Theater, 320 Ludlow Ave., Diane Janicki

Q: How long has the Esquire been in business?

Since 1911.

Q: What do you like most about doing business in Clifton?

What we love about Clifton is that it is a real Neighborhood. We live in a time when neighborhood theaters are almost extinct, art houses in particular are struggling across the country, especially now. We really take pride in the fact that so many of our patrons can walk to the theater and that we can be a part of a community that supports us.

Q: What do you think sets you apart from big movie chains?

We are both locally owned and operated and have a small staff that works closely together. A couple of us, including myself, have been with the company almost 20 years or more. We offer both foreign and independent films that you cannot find anywhere else in addition to classic and cult films and the occasional blockbuster. Something for everyone! We offer several fine wines and local and domestic beer, as well as a selection of liquor and unique concession items.

Q: How can the community help small businesses such as yours?

In addition to attending films, the community can purchase gift cards (available at the theatre, Kroger, Meijer and online at Gift Card Mall and Amazon.com!) We are selling \$15 Mega Bag to-go popcorn to enjoy at home, and we are also about to open our first-ever online store at shopesquire.com. Other easy ways to support us is to follow us on Social Media, share and like our posts to help spread the word.

Q: What has been the biggest challenge?

Many things have been challenging this year, from making sure our staff is taken care of and comfortable, to get-

ting the word out to our patrons that we have taken every precaution within our means to provide a safe and comfortable cinema experience.

Q: What's the first thing you want to do at your business when this whole pandemic mess is finally over?

Our favorite events include audience participation that creates a shared experience and conversation. Interactive events, sing alongs, Q&As, etc. When the time is right, we are looking forward to returning, to bringing the community back together.



Johnny at the Esquire (photo by Helen Adams)

Paolo, A Modern Jeweler, 278 Ludlow Ave.

Q: How long have you been in business in Clifton?

Twenty-seven wonderful years.

Q: Briefly describe what you offer for sale:

We're a private jeweler by appointment, specializing in custom jewelry design, estate jewelry, repairs and appraisals. We also have a beautiful ready-to-wear jewelry collection.

Q: What do you like most about doing business in Clifton?

The safe/clean location. We love the residents and the neighborhood.

Q: What might surprise customers about your business?

We have a two GIA Graduate gemologists on staff along with two very talented master jewelers.

Q: What do you think sets you apart from competitors?

Paolo offers personalized, private design and shopping experiences in a safe and clean, no-hassle pleasant environment.

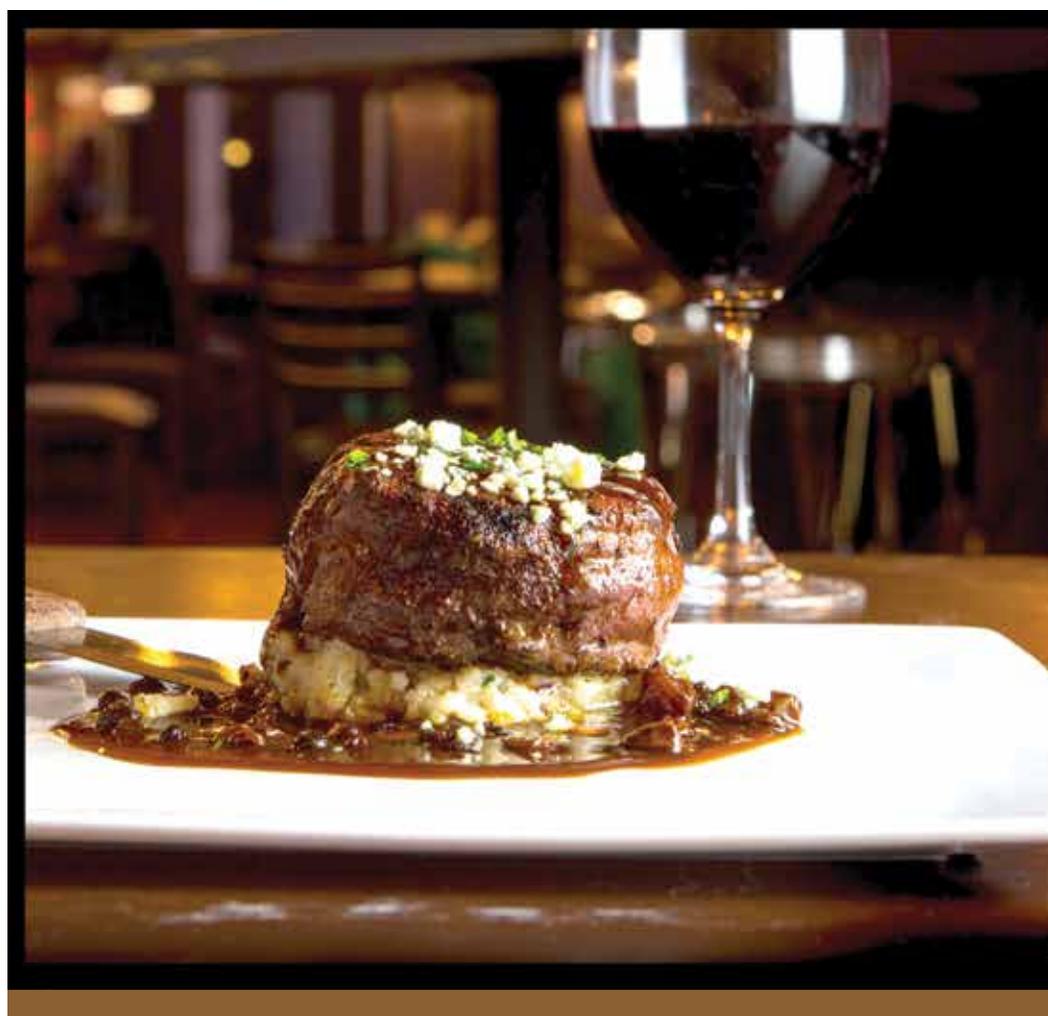
Q: How can the community help small businesses such as yours?

Shop local.

Q: What has been the biggest challenge?

Advertising our great services.

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Small Businesses



Q: What's the first thing you want to do at your business when this whole pandemic mess is over?

Hug my lovely mother.

Graeter's Ice Cream, 332 Ludlow Ave., Tim Philpott, VP of Marketing

Q: How long have you been in business in Clifton?

Our Clifton store opened in the late 1920s.

Q: What do you like most about doing business in Clifton?

What we love most about being a part of the Clifton community is . . . simply the community. We find the guests that visit our Clifton scoop shop to be very supportive of each other, very community minded and engaged. From the day we opened our doors, we've been welcomed as a



John Willemin's favorite flavor of Graeter's ice cream is Brown Butter Bourbon Pecan (photo by Helen Adams)

Q: What do you think sets you apart from larger chains and ice cream makers?

Graeter's is the only ice cream company to use the French Pot Process, a small batch, true craft, artisanal method of production dating back over a century.

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Graeter's Ice Cream is too thick to pump into pint containers like most ice cream makers, so we hand pack it the old-fashioned way! On a typical day, we pack nearly 20,000 pints!

We make more than 1 million gallons of ice cream per

part of the fabric of the community overall.

Q: What might surprise customers about your business (a food or beverage they wouldn't expect you to offer, a service you provide, a specialty, a special item)?

Our Clifton store has a bakery within, that offers specialty donuts and baked goods. We offer frozen drinks and milkshakes.

year, supply more than 6,000 grocery stores nationwide, and employ about 1,000 people during the peak summer season.

We have nearly 60 scoop shops and ship over 300,000 pints a year from our online store!



Q: How can the community help small businesses such as yours?

Continue to support your favorite local restaurants and businesses through online ordering and delivery. Join in on the fun and download the Graeter's app.

Q: What has been the biggest challenge?

Thanks to a prescient tech investment last year and months spent on back-end integration with the POS and payments systems and with the loyalty app, we had a brand new online-ordering system ready to launch just prior to the crisis.

With the new technology, customers can place an order through the app or the website and then either pick it up curbside or have it delivered.

Technology can help us to overcome some of the challenges presented this year, but we will need to think hard about how we continue to be a special part of family celebrations, ongoing.

For now, our mission has changed from celebrating all life events to simply scooping up a little comfort food to help ease the anxieties of dealing with COVID-19.

Q: What's the first thing you want to do at your business when this whole pandemic mess is finally over?

We hope to continue providing families with a place to create cherished memories.

Graeter's is a beloved destination for families and has been with families as they grow from generation to generation.

Our scoop shops are destinations for family-related special occasions, from post-school-play celebrations to the marriage proposals.

—Bob Driehaus

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“Korean Dreams” Exhibition at CCAC

Clifton Cultural Arts Center is thrilled to present, after much pandemic-related postponement, “Korean Dreams”, a project by Nathalie Daoust, on display from February 12 to March 12. Nathalie Daoust is a Canadian photographer, whose work is often concerned with photography’s relationship to fantasy and desire. Photographs within the artist’s oeuvre are characterized by equal parts concealment and revelation, utilizing techniques unique to darkroom photography to both obscure her subject and cement its actuality. “Korean Dreams” consists of a number of monochromatic and almost sepia images, largely figurative but also architectural in subject, that all indicate a narrative that takes place in North Korea, or at least, an outsider’s fantasy therein.

As Samantha Small, an art-writer from New York, describes, “Korean Dreams’ is a complex series that probes the unsettling vacuity of North Korea. Piercing its veil with her lens, these images reveal a country that seems to exist outside of time, as a carefully choreographed mirage. Daoust has spent much of her career exploring the chimeric world of fantasy: the hidden desires and urges that compel people to dream, to dress up, to move beyond the bounds of convention, and to escape from reality. With ‘Korean Dreams’ she is exploring this escapist impulse not as an individual choice,

but as a way of life forced upon an entire nation. Daoust deliberately obscures her photographs during the development stage, as the layers of film are peeled off, the images are stifled until the facts become ‘lost’ in the process and a sense of detachment from reality is revealed. This darkroom method mimics the way information is transferred in North Korea—the photographs, like the North Korean people, are both manipulated until the underlying truth is all but a blur. The resultant pictures speak to North Korean society, of missing information and concealed truth.”



Details on an opening reception and gallery hours are to be determined based on current status of public health crisis. Please stay tuned for future exhibitions coming to CCAC’s gallery and in public by visiting www.cliftonculturalarts.org.

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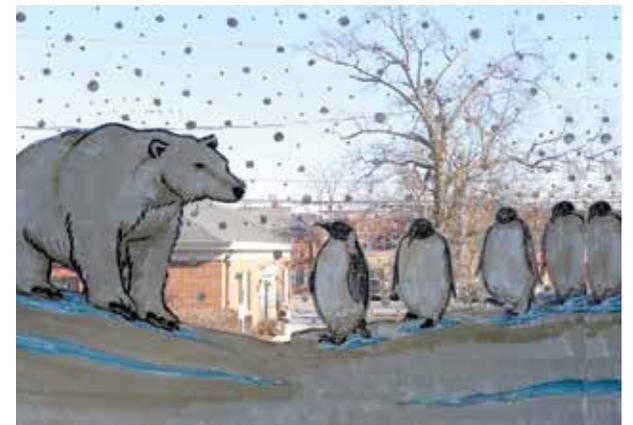


CCAC presents an exciting slate of summer camps, all with stringent health and safety protocols in place to prevent the spread of coronavirus. Visit www.cliftonculturalarts.org/summer-camps for more details!

Read more in the online [Chronicle](#)

Snow at Clifton Dental

It may have not snowed much this winter in Clifton, but there was plenty of snow at Clifton Dental. Bill Humphrey of Temporary Window Signs painted their windows.



Skyline Chili Featured in The Simpsons S32 E8

After numerous fiascoes, Superintendent Chalmers hitches a ride to Cincinnati in a Spaghetti truck and gets dropped off at the Duke Convention Center. Followed by an aerial shot of the Ohio River with a good view of the Freedom Center, Darth Vader building, American Ballpark, P&G and Mount Adams. Then it cuts to a close-up of a flying pig statue that looks like Pete Rose holding a sign that says “Welcome to Cincinnati, Birthplace of Pete Rose’s Gambling Problem.” Off in the distance is the Carew Tower and PNC Towers with the National Underground Railroad Freedom Center. Superintendent Chalmers and Seymour Skinner end up at Skyline in Clifton that starts with a close-up of what looks like a five-way in a round bowl as the camera pans out to reveal the crossroads of Clifton and Ludlow.





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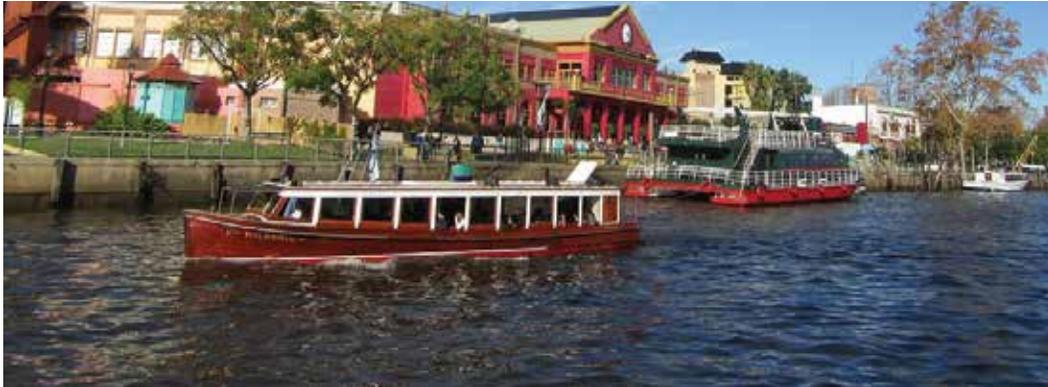
You'll Laugh at the Silly Situations, Quirky Characters, and Wacky Bawdy Humor!

by J.P. White

The Long Journey Home

My name is Lucila Azcona. You may recognize me from Sitwell's Act II where I work as Manager and Barista. I was born in Tigre, a suburb of Buenos Aires near a network of rivers, located as far South from the Equator as Cincinnati is to the North, and 5,000 miles away from my new home. Argentina is well known for Football (Soccer) and the world's best player, Lionel Messi. But many similarities exist between Argentina and America. Our gauchos are as emblematic as your cowboys are here, and our Iguazu Falls can rival Niagara Falls.

In 2016, I decided to visit my friend Florencia Garayoa—the current co-owner of Sitwell's Act II. She was organizing her wedding to Alex Barden (Sitwell's co-owner) for the upcoming summer, so I surprised her by coming up a few months early to help. What



Tigre, a suburb of Buenos Aires

Clifton Plaza Food Court News

Hillary Clifton Plaza Ambassador says, "I'm keeping it safe and clean on Clifton Plaza Food Court even when it's 30°, I know, I'm from Minnesota. Paolo the Modern Jeweler helped me get this gig. Clean air, clean streets, it's all about keeping it clean these days." She has a heater in the utility shed to keep warm as she wipes down the tables and picks up litter. The utility shed is slated to get a new roof cover and may eventually be replaced with a building to double as an equipment space and bar.



started as a three-month visit led to a life-changing decision. Exploring a new country and a new culture, to live with my best friend, and to meet my life-partner, Nick.

When I first arrived I thought my English was good enough to communicate, but quickly I realized otherwise. Using pictures and Google Translator, watching movies first with English subtitles, then without subtitles, and a lot of reading helped. Now something I love most are the conversations I have with Sitwell's customers. They are teachers for me, I learn new words, idioms, expressions and improve pronunciation. I love their stories about Clifton, Cincinnati

and even from around the world.

For a long time, I really missed my hometown, the riverside walks, biking to friends' homes, and especially my grandma's homemade gnocchi. I return home every chance I get, and my parents enjoy visiting me here. My dad gets a brewery tour every visit with Rhinegeist as the ultimate destination. We couldn't see each other in 2020, but I plan to visit them soon.

After four years, I feel Cincinnati is my home. I have found love, a new family, new friends and an amazing job while working with my best friend learning about coffee at Sitwell's. I am thrilled to recapture some of my cultural identity while preparing food with the flavors of home. Some say that our coffee is so strong, it makes bald people grow hair! Come try it!

—Lucila Azcona

If You're Happy and You Know It, Say "Honk"

Little Bob, a 9-month old goose was adopted on April 11, 2020 as a 2-month old gosling by Joe and his dog Hant, now 16 years old. Little Bob was orphaned when his entire family was run over by a reckless and uncaring driver who drove around Joe's car, which was stopped to allow the gosling and his family to cross the road, in Mason, Ohio.

Little Bob has imprinted on Hant, and now thinks he is a dog! Joe told me that Little Bob is also potty trained like his friend Hant and accompanies him everywhere. Hant and Little Bob live with Joe in Clifton.

—Rama Kasturi



Little Bob, Joe and Hant on Ludlow Avenue

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Meet the New Manager of the Clifton Branch Library: Jeanne Strauss-De Groot



Jeanne Strauss-De Groot

The Clifton Branch has a new manager. Jeanne Strauss-De Groot started in her new role in December of last year, however she has been with the Cincinnati & Hamilton County Public Library since 2009. Originally from France, Jeanne studied at the Sorbonne and received her master's degree in library science from Indiana University. She has been a Clifton resident for 10 years, where she lives with her husband and 5-year-old son.

Jeanne is passionate about the Library, and loves the Clifton community and its diversity. "I am so excited to be serving the community that I love and live in. I look forward to all

the opportunities to strengthen the ties and collaborations with other local institutions," she said.

The Clifton staff and community are lucky to have her. Please say hello to Jeanne when you stop into the Library and welcome her.

Looking for something fun and distracting to do while you spend all this time at home? The Cincinnati & Hamilton County Public Library is offering free Take & Make kits. The kits are to-go activity bags that children and teens can have fun with from the safety of their own homes. These free, pre-assembled, take-home programs contain everything you'll need to try out a new project or craft. At the Clifton Branch Library, you may pick up your kit curbside, in a locker, or inside the building, while supplies last. Check our online events calendar or give us a call to see which kits are currently available.

Mr. Eric has missed all the cool storytime kids and families since in-person programs at the Library (and at organizations throughout the city, county . . . and world) have ceased until further notice while we get a handle on the COVID situation. He is happy to inform you, however, that you can tune in weekly to his virtual Movers & Shakers storytimes. You and your child can enjoy stories, songs,

rhymes and fun movement at 10:30 a.m. every Wednesday. We are meeting via Zoom and registration is required.

Please visit www.cincinnati.library.org and click on "Events" and choose "Clifton" to find the link, or go to here: cinlib.org/Cliftonevents. Once registered, you receive an email with a link to the Zoom meeting. We also look forward to some outdoor story times and programs when the weather starts to warm up, either at the branch or with some of our community partners. Hope springs eternal, yes?

The Library is happy to remind you that we are here for YOU! While we are open for customers to come in, browse our shelves for books, music, movies and more, we also provide:

- Curbside or locker pickup for items on our shelves or that are on hold for you.
- Computer and WiFi access (up to two hours per day).
- Free document scanning, email, and faxing services.
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- Free tax forms.
- Answers to reference questions and assistance with access to information and technology to keep you informed and moving forward to becoming a better, more successful version of you.

The Library is open from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Please call us at 513-369-4447 with questions you may have, and to find out the safety protocols we have in place to keep you and our staff safe so we can continue to proudly serve you. Thank you and we look forward to seeing you soon!

—Eric Davis and Jeanne Strauss-De Groot

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Trailside Spring Programs - 2021

First Signs of Spring – Weekly Walks - Recurring

Tuesdays in March

Trailside Nature Center – Burnet Woods

Tuesdays, March 2, 9, 16

1 – 2:30 p.m.

Though there may still be some snow on the ground – and a chill in the air, winter is coming to an end. Join us for a series of weekly walks in Burnet Woods as we hunt for the first signs of spring. The snowdrops will be blooming as the Harbinger of Spring breaks bud – spring is in the air! Online registration for this free event is required. Please register at CincinnatiParks.com. For more information, email Michael.George@cincinnati-oh.gov or call 513-751-3679.

A History of French

French Park

3012 Section Road

Saturday, March 20

10:30 a.m. - noon

Come join us for a great hike through a great park. With a rich history and over 276 acres to explore were sure to find hidden treasures. Along the way we'll find the old spring house, foundations, and structures that hint at a much different past from the now familiar wooded hill-sides. Portions of this hike will be off trail and may be somewhat strenuous. Online registration for this event is required. Please register at CincinnatiParks.com. For more information, please call 751-3679 or email Michael.George@cincinnati-oh.gov

Spring Wildflowers

Trailside Nature Center – Burnet Woods

Saturday, April 3

10:30 a.m. – noon

Let's celebrate spring as we walk the wooded hillsides of Burnet Woods in search of our woodland wildflowers. From their early folklore to some of their more interesting reproductive strategies, we'll learn about the fascinating world of these living jewels. Meet in front of the Trailside Nature Center. Online registration for this event is required. Please register at CincinnatiParks.com. For more information, please call 751-3679 or email Michael.George@cincinnati-oh.gov

Library Nature Encounters

St. Bernard Branch Library, 10 McClelland Ave., St.

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Recurring Wednesday in April and May

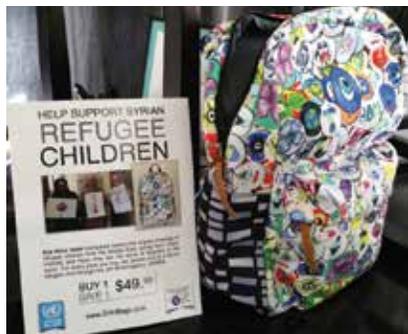
10:30 – 11:30 a.m.

Bring your “wild ones” to the St. Bernard Branch Library for two unique offerings. Story Time with Mr. C. and Nature Encounters with Mr. Mike! Bring the entire family to enjoy books, songs, and nature activities with the Public Library of Cincinnati and Cincinnati Parks. Storytime will be held outside* so please bring a blanket or chair. Masks will be required for grown-ups, and physical distancing will be observed. (*Weather permitting). Registration is not required for this event.

The schedule continues on page 18.

Help Support Syrian Refugee Children

See the Eye Have Hope backpacks at Baladi Syrian Restaurant & Bakery next to Widmer's. For every pack purchased, one is donated to a Syrian refugee child through the UN Relief Agency. <https://www.ehbbags.com/>



Clifton Plaza Food Court's New Tables

Thanks to the generous support of Clifton Community Fund (CCF), our food court at Clifton Plaza now has three new picnic tables to support our businesses. Choose a meal from any of our great cafes and restaurants, pick up your carry-out and dine together in safety at the Plaza where plain aire dining will always be in style! To learn more about CCF and how it supports public improvements in Clifton, visit cliftoncommunityfund.org



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

Chapter IV: Weathering WWII, Digging Up King Nestor

Through fourteen seasons, Marion and Dorothy Rawson accompanied archaeologist Carl W. Blegen on his unrelenting search for the royal seat in Pylos, Greece. His quest burned even brighter in Spring 1939 when, while working with an Athenian team, he uncovered the first Mycenaean inscribed clay tablets. Blegen couldn't know that his next trip to the fruitful digs would be delayed for 13 years. In September 1939, WWII broke out and Greece entered the fray exactly one year later. Fortunately, the basement of the National Bank of Athens proved to be a safe hiding place for the precious tablets, and Nestor's palace also remained safely buried underground. In the long interim, Marion and Blegen occupied themselves with polishing eleven volumes about earlier discoveries, the first publication (Troy I) issued in 1950. Her friend Patricia Boulter attested, "It was she who held the project together . . . a perfectionist and not satisfied unless each object was illustrated as clearly as possible . . . the Troy volumes came to be known and praised as the finest archaeological publications...a model and standard of excellence . . ."

The first decades of the 20th Century had made the whole world war-weary, so a welcome boost came to Cincinnati hearts through baseball in 1939 and 1940. Redlegs fans reveled in back-to-back National Championship wins! Red Barber called the play-by-play in 1939 for a magical, first-ever televised Major League game broadcast, aired by an experimental New York City television station - W2XBS - that became WNBC. Bob Elson joined Red for the Mutual Broadcasting System's (MBS) play-by-play in 1940. And Marion never missed a game.

Once World War II was safely behind them, Blegen returned to Pylos in June 1952, and the Rawson sisters happily joined him in 1953. Discovery of the Palace of Nestor increased the history of the Greek language by a millennium, and the international press followed with interest the ongoing revelations. For 3000 years, the king and his palace had only existed in ancient lore. Homer's Iliad told of Nestor's fleet of 90



black ships sailing to Troy to recapture Menelaus' wife, Helen, from her abductor Paris. The king was said to be one of the few who returned home safely from the mission, described as a wise, eloquent peacemaker who lived to be over 100 years old. It was a life that Blegen established as a fact within the century of 1300 BC.

The Queen's Megaron room reflects the high regard in which "Mrs. Nestor" (as the Greek laborers called her) was held. Eurydice, the "loyal consort" of Nestor, enjoyed quarters including a 20-foot square reception hall, adjoining apartments and corridor, a boudoir, and a "powder room" with underground drain. Three generations of Nestor's large family lived here until the palace was destroyed circa 1200 BC by a tremendous fire, most likely set by invaders from the north.

The Rawson sisters' final trip to Nestor's Palace in 1964 marked a new phase in Marion's devotion to archaeology - work towards publication. With Blegen, Jack L. Davis and Cynthia Shelmerdine, she wrote a beautifully illustrated book: *A Guide to the Palace of Nestor, Mycenaean Sites in Its Environs, and the Chora Museum*. Greatly respected as a "pioneering woman," Marion was rewarded an honorary degree from UC

Photo, left: Carl W. Blegen and Marion Rawson display a Linear B script clay tablet dating from the Mycenaean era 13 BCE. Unfortunately, news of this monumental discovery was eclipsed in international news by Adolf Hitler's 50th birthday celebration and the largest military parade in the history of the Third Reich.



Lyre Player and Dove Fresco - an artists' rendering based on archaeological findings



King Nestor's portrait on Greek black and red figure pottery (circa 520 BC.)

in 1962 where she also taught archaeology. She worked with Blegen on publication of four final volumes, which sadly were completed only after his death in 1971. The Marion Rawson Professorship of Aegean History commemorates her contribu-

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New School Montessori Preschoolers Hone Mighty, Mighty Powers of Observation

As superpowers go, you might think that employing the powers of observation are not as cool as say, swinging from spiderwebs cast from your wrists, but for thousands of years, regular people have been making amazing discoveries by simply observing a change.

Alexander Fleming made a mistake when the bacteria he was growing on a Petri dish got contaminated by what he called "mold juice." He observed that the bacteria didn't grow up close to the "juice." This "contaminant," named penicillin, prevented bacterial growth and has saved millions of people from succumbing to bacterial infections.

New School Montessori children are encouraged to use and hone their powers of observation. Whether looking at nature through binoculars, discerning differences in snowflake patterns, measuring animal size differences, matching colored bird forms to templates or observing how their classmates handle tough situations, students are fine-tuning their mighty, mighty powers of observation!



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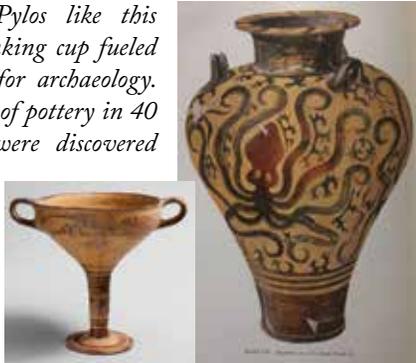
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The Rawson Family –from page 14

Treasures from Pylos like this amphora and drinking cup fueled Marion's passion for archaeology. Over 8,000 pieces of pottery in 40 different shapes were discovered in eight palace pantries, all meticulously catalogued by Marion.



tion to Bronze Age archaeology and the Classics Department continues work in Pylos still today.

Final Chapters in Clifton

To honor the memory of their father Edward Rawson, the southwest corner of their farm's land was deeded to the Cincinnati Park Board to create the Rawson Woods Bird Preserve.

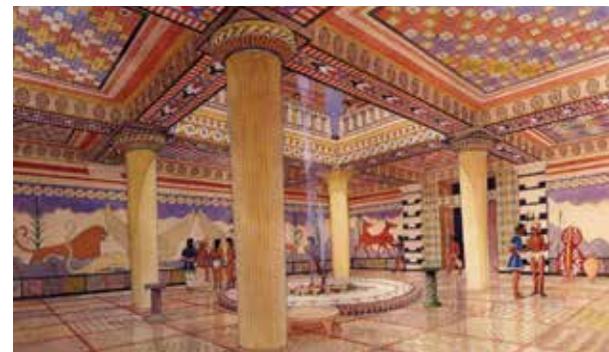
Allotments for homes were deeded to many Rawson nieces within the Rawson Woods Circle subdivision just north of the preserve. The best-known dwelling there is the Boulter House designed by Frank Lloyd Wright, built in 1956 for newlyweds Cedric G. Boulter and Patricia Neil —Marion's best friend.

Marion described their century-old Farmhouse (happily shared with poodle Mon Cher le Bon-Bon, a cook, maid and gardener) as "furnished primarily with love and memories." Classical music broadcast on WGUC became the daily soundtrack of their lives, and in her sunset years, Marion commissioned several avant garde compositions from Cincinnati composers. She outlived her beloved Dorothy by just three years, finally bequeathing her estate in 1980 to the UC Foundation "for educational programs or related housing, for a conference center, for offices for a foundation or administrative headquarters."

The Farmhouse and grounds have changed hands three times since then. The big backyard vegetable garden now holds a dozen single-family homes. The Farmhouse and front pasture were acquired by a developer whose careful restoration work unfortunately remained incomplete. In 2017, Cincinnati Public Schools acquired the Farmhouse and grounds during renovation of the 1906 Clifton School building in preparation for the new Clifton Area Neighborhood School. Marion's wishes for her beloved home—a place for cultural and educational activities—is back on track! —Jan Brown-Checco



Floor Plan of the Palace of Nestor King Nestor's Palace was a magnificent building with nearly 100 rooms including reception halls. Floors were paved with concrete consisting of sand and lime mixed with gravel or broken pottery. The walls of the porches were decorated with geometric patterns and pictorial frescoes of parading figures and animals.



Piet deJong's renderings of the Queen's Throne Room

(Photo online)The Queen's Megaron room reflects the high regard in which "Mrs. Nestor" (as the Greek laborers called her) was held. Eurydice, the "loyal consort" of Nestor, enjoyed quarters including a 20-foot square reception hall, adjoining apartments and corridor, a boudoir, and a "powder room" with underground drain. Three generations of Nestor's large family lived here until the palace was destroyed circa 1200 BC by a tremendous fire, most likely set by invaders from the north.

Update Arts and Cultural Committee of Clifton Town Meeting

Gallery Gifts 2020 brought many masked Clintonites and others into Off Ludlow Gallery as it transformed once again into a gift boutique for the holiday season. With 37 artisans displaying their wares, the boutique provided our community with a variety of gifts to give or to keep.

The Off Ludlow Gallery hopes that readers were able to view "Drip: Telling the Story of Coffee through Coffee", which closed on February 27. This exhibition featured 17 artists that expressed their artistic styles that exemplified coffee's role across a broad range of people, topics and ideas.

"Drawing and Painting" a solo show by Rick Mallette begins with an opening reception on Friday, March 15, from 4-8 p.m. As a visual artist, Mallette uses traditional 2D media (painting and drawing) on walls, paper, canvas, photomurals, postcards and vinyl. Mallette has most recently exhibited his work in New York City, Ironton (Ohio) and locally in Cincinnati. His exhibit will run through April 5.

"What's Left Unsaid: Works by Yvonne van Eidjen and Robert Fry" is scheduled to open on April 16. Yvonne van

Eidjen, originally from the Netherlands, has always been intrigued by how communication takes place, how to read and listen between the lines. Her 2D artwork echoes this sentiment. Robert Fry is a wood sculptor who has devoted almost a 40-year career to the sculptural possibilities of wood using recycled pieces from old buildings, fallen trees, floor joists and sticks. Fry finds comfort in his art. "It's where I can have complete control over what I am doing," he said.

Other committee happenings: thanks to the generosity of Clifton Town Meeting and the Clifton Business Association, Off Ludlow Gallery will soon have hanging signage above the door; at the request of Paola, a Modern Jeweler, the Arts and Cultural committee has removed the brown paper that covered the windows of the old Subway building. Borrowing easels from the Clifton Cultural Arts Center, the windows now display original artwork that became the seven musician-themed murals located on Ludlow Avenue.

—Joyce Rich

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Will You Be or Not Be Cincinnati's Best Shakespearean Actor?

That's the question The Clifton Community Fund will be asking Cincinnati's actors—professional or otherwise—starting Thursday April 1 . . . this is no joke!

In July 2020 the CCF installed and contributed the bronze sculpture of Shakespeare at the corner of Ludlow and Telford. Since that time the citizens of Clifton and Cincinnati have used Will as the backdrop for an endless stream of selfies and postings. Fun but where's the beautiful language coupled with the emotion of great performance? The CCF now realizes that a silent Shakespeare is not what has kept the bard at the forefront for the last 500 years.

To remedy this the CCF is asking Clifton and Cincinnati citizenry for their help. Just shoot a brief (two-minute or less) video of yourself (and your cast if needed!) reciting your favorite Shakespearean couplets. Or, if you're feeling the power of the pen or quill—write your own! Upload your video to our Dropbox folder and we'll post it on the Clifton Community Fund Facebook page [facebook.com/cliftoncommunityfund](https://www.facebook.com/cliftoncommunityfund). The actor with the most "likes"

by June 21 (Summer Solstice) will win a fun gift from The Cincinnati Shakespeare Company! (How about a Shakespearean VM message?)

Complete instructions will be at the bench. We'll even include a waterproof edition of *The Complete Works of Shakespeare!*

Remember this doesn't start officially until April 1. However, there's nothing to keep you from coming off the bench to practice! Check our Facebook page and web site www.cliftoncommunityfund.org/ for upload instructions after April 1.

Help us celebrate art and culture in Clifton!

—Larry Holt



Bern and Bard spend some quiet bench time.

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CCAC Summer Camps are Hotter Than Ever!

Clifton Cultural Arts Center (CCAC) presents an exciting slate of summer camps, all with stringent health and safety protocols in place to prevent the spread of coronavirus. Read on for camp details and dates!

Under the Sea Art Camp (June 21 – 25, 2021): Dive down deep and discover what lives under the sea – and in your imagination! Campers will study marine life through the creation of 3D sculptures, colorful illustrations, and more. Taking inspiration from artist Robert Wyland, campers will also create a collaborative ocean mural throughout the week. Camp also includes plenty of outdoor time to invoke inspiration from nature!

Ukulele for Kids and Teens! (July 5 – 9, 2021) There's a reason ukulele stays so popular – it's easy, fun and friendly for kids to explore the world of music while learning fun songs on the ukulele. After mastering the basics of how to hold and strum a ukulele, students will learn favorite songs such as "Somewhere Over the Rainbow," "Hey Soul Sister" and many more. Bring a ukulele and a folder to organize handouts.

Safari Art Camp (July 12 – 16, 2021): The Serengeti is calling: join us for an African art safari! Immersed in one of the greatest wild places on Earth – and surrounded by a magnificent diversity and abundance of animals – campers will get up close to African wildlife through fundamental visual art skill building activities, two- and three-dimensional hands-on experiences, and plenty of outdoor time to spark stimulation in more familiar surroundings.

Cartoon Camp (July 19 – 23, 2021): You dream it, they'll do it. Doodle, design and draw your own cartoon characters, then make them leap to life on the page! From superheroes and villains to manga, campers will create model sheets, expression storyboards, comic books and more – and have fun exploring the twelve principles of animation, all culminating in a spectacular, all-original art show. Camp also includes plenty of outdoor time to invoke inspiration from nature!



Dragons, Fairies, and Fantasy Art Camp (July 26 – 30, 2021): Fire-breathing dragons, fantastical faeries, and faraway lands await: enter the enchanted world of fantasy art this summer! Taking inspiration from Anne Stokes and Paul Klee, campers will craft colorful illustrations, 3D sculptures, and more as they discover new creatures and friends – both real and make believe!

For additional camp details, and to register, visit www.cliftonculturalarts.org/summer-camps today!



Torn Light has lots of classic handpainted signs by a Detroit artist now decorating the newly arranged space.



A Good Deal

Cards available at Los Potrillos. Buy \$50 get an extra \$10.

On the Avenue



Christi, assistant manager, shows off the United Dairy Farmers Long John donut.

Clifton Market News

Social media accounts are back. Alice is doing a great job getting the word out. When the credit card machine was down she posted on Twitter. Andrew in beverage, said when she posted "NEW! Top Rated, with a perfect score on Beer Advocate, Goose Island Bourbon County Stout is now available on our specialty beers shelf. \$12.99!" it sold out in hours. Customers were opening cases to get to it.

Clifton Market celebrated its 4th birthday January 22. More and more it gains market share and grows. Recently they added more international products and started making sushi again. The deli has a new Cuban sandwich press.

Local Products

- Jose Madrid Salsa! Locally made, by a family owned company, this Salsa comes many different styles and flavors. Check them out and tell us what your favorite flavor is!
- Have you tried Pumfu? This soy free tofu is made with pumpkin seeds! We carry four different flavors including original so you can create your own menu!
- Eggs are a plenty, but great eggs are hard to find. Check out these great tasting eggs from Dale Filbrun's MorningStar Farms! They are organic and local!
- CinSoy is a small batch fermenter of soy sauce and miso. Our products are made using traditional Japanese techniques to draw out maximum umami. We are proud to be made in Ohio using local ingredients.
- At Honey Child we make all of our delicious handcrafted pops with no cane sugar, dairy, or gluten.
- At Breadsmith, we specialize in handcrafted, European-style artisan breads made in the tradition of old world master bakers.
- BonBonerie is now available. The foundation of the BonBonerie is that everything we make must not only be beautiful, but delicious and you can count on original recipes perfectly crafted for your enjoyment.



BonBonerie baked goods now available at Clifton Market

Trailside Spring Programs - 2021

First Signs of Spring – Weekly Walks - Recurring

Tuesdays in March

Trailside Nature Center – Burnet Woods

Tuesdays, March 2, 9, 16

1 – 2:30 p.m.

Though there may still be some snow on the ground – and a chill in the air, winter is coming to an end. Join us for a series of weekly walks in Burnet Woods as we hunt for the first signs of spring. The snowdrops will be blooming as the Harbinger of Spring breaks bud – spring is in the air! Online registration for this free event is required. Please register at CincinnatiParks.com. For more information, email Michael.George@cincinnati-oh.gov or call 513-751-3679.

A History of French

French Park

3012 Section Road

Saturday, March 20

10:30 a.m. - noon

Come join us for a great hike through a great park. With a rich history and over 276 acres to explore were sure to find hidden treasures. Along the way we'll find the old spring house, foundations, and structures that hint at a much different past from the now familiar wooded hillsides. Portions of this hike will be off trail and may be somewhat strenuous. Online registration for this event is required. Please register at CincinnatiParks.com. For more information, please call 751-3679 or email Michael.George@cincinnati-oh.gov

Spring Wildflowers

Trailside Nature Center – Burnet Woods

Saturday, April 3

10:30 a.m. – noon

Let's celebrate spring as we walk the wooded hillsides of Burnet Woods in search of our woodland wildflowers. From their early folklore to some of their more interesting reproductive strategies, we'll learn about the fascinating world of these living jewels. Meet in front of the Trailside Nature Center. Online registration for this event is required. Please register at CincinnatiParks.com. For more information, please call 751-3679 or email Michael.George@cincinnati-oh.gov

Library Nature Encounters

St. Bernard Branch Library, 10 McClelland Ave., St.

Bernard, OH 45217

Recurring Wednesday in April and May

10:30 – 11:30 a.m.

Bring your “wild ones” to the St. Bernard Branch Library for two unique offerings. Story Time with Mr. C. and Nature Encounters with Mr. Mike! Bring the entire family to enjoy books, songs, and nature activities with the Public Library of Cincinnati and Cincinnati Parks. Storytime will be held outside* so please bring a blanket or chair. Masks will be required for grown-ups, and physical distancing will be observed. (*Weather permitting). Registration is not required for this event.

Active Adults – Hike Series

Recurring Mondays in April and May

2:30 – 4 p.m.

Join other active adults for a vigorous hike in some of Cincinnati's most beautiful parks. Hikes are rain or shine, but will be cancelled in case of severe weather. Sturdy footwear recommended. Online registration for this free event is required. Location varies. Please register at CincinnatiParks.com. For meeting locations and more information, email Michael.George@cincinnati-oh.gov or call 513-751-3679.

April 5, 2021 - French Park

April 12, 2021 - Ault Park

April 19, 2021 - Burnet Woods

April 26, 2021 - Stanbery Park

May 3, 2021 - Friendship Park

May 10, 2021 - Buttercup Valley

May 17, 2021 - Eden Park

May 24, 2021 - Armleder Park

Lunch & Learn with Cincy Parks

Recurring Tuesdays from April 6th through May 25th

Noon – 1 p.m.

Learn the fascinating history behind some of Cincinnati's most beloved parks. From forgotten gravesites to international artworks – there's something for everyone. Online registration for this free event is required. Location varies. Please register at CincinnatiParks.com. For meeting locations and more information, email Michael.George@cincinnati-oh.gov or call 513-751-3679.

April 6, 2021 - Friendship Park

April 13, 2021 - Burnet Woods

April 20, 2021 - Washington Park

April 27, 2021 - Eden Park

May 4, 2021 - Smale Park

May 11, 2021 - Friendship Park

May 18, 2021 - Burnet Woods

May 25, 2021 - Eden Park

Mom and Me – Stroller Hikes

Recurring Thursdays from April 1st through May 27th

10 – 11 a.m.

Bring your little ones out on a walk through the parks. Explore nature and learn about trees, flowers, birds and more. The trails are paved and bathrooms are available. Program is for babies 6 months to 24 months old and their adults. Online registration for this free event is required. Location varies. For meeting locations and more information, email Michael.George@cincinnati-oh.gov or call 513-751-3679.

April 1, 2021 - Mt. Airy

April 8, 2021 - Eden Park,

April 15, 2021 - Friendship Park

April 22, 2021 - Ault Park

April 29, 2021 - Mt. Airy

May 6, 2021 - Smale Park

May 13, 2021 - Eden Park

May 20, 2021 - Friendship Park

May 27, 2021 - Ault Park

Weekly Cicada Walks – recurring Fridays in May

Trailside Nature Center – Burnet Woods

Fridays, May 7, 14, 21, 28

Noon - 1:30 p.m.

They're creepy, they're crawly, and after 17 years ... they're back!!! May marks the beginning of their 17 appearance—join us for anyone of these weekly walks as we search out the first signs of their arrival. Join us as we prepare for the great reemergence. You'll learn fascinating facts about these bug-eyed beauties plus tips on what to expect, how to prepare, and how to safeguard your landscape. Explore the fascinating history, biology and edibility of the Periodical Cicada. Online registration for this event is required. For meeting locations and more information, email Michael.George@cincinnati-oh.gov or call 513-751-3679.

Cicada Celebration

Trailside Nature Center – Burnet Woods

Saturday, May 22

10:30 a.m. - noon

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From Cicada Mania website



Book Club Rejects Available for Your Next Event

Typically, the Book Club Rejects are banished to an attic room or a basement to make their rock and roll noises, while their spouses discuss fine literature. However, the pandemic pushed the Book Club Rejects outdoors to the Keith/Sue Allen family backyard on Manor Hill. Not a bad place to be on a pleasant, fall evening . . . unless you are the neighbors! The Book Club Rejects are available to play birthday parties, holiday parties, baptisms, graduations, stadium music festivals, weddings, divorces, pandemics, break ups, make ups, end of the world parties, other parties, any events with free drinks or cookies, reincarnation parties, used car auctions, and pretty much any place/time where things seem too peaceful. They take requests, but they don't play what you request. The Book Club Rejects are (from left to right): David Hastings on Guitar, Joel Allen on Bass, Keith Allen on Vocals, Brian Curwin on Guitar, Mike Gorman on Drums, and Sarai Hedges on everything else (Saxophone, Keyboards, and Vocals).

Shop & Dine Local

- Clifton Barbers have their chairs spread out for safety.
- The Victor Corporation sells fine jewelry above Widmer's.
- University Nails is doing a brisk business.
- Widmer's Dry Cleaning, 20 percent off specials every month, check the website.
- Arlin's Bar & Grill is thinking of having a canned food drive along with Clifton Market.
- Optimus Employment is a new business in the old Richardson Accounting Space.
- Shell Gas Station holding its own.
- Dewey's Pizza has carry out only.
- Jagdeep is holding on.
- Biagio's Bistro is holding its breath.



Taylor Jameson Advanced Academy Joins Head First Salon

Taylor Jameson Advanced Academy has teamed up with Head First Salon to offer a place for licensed hair-stylists to come and further their education. One-on-one classes are offered, or small classes of five people, hand-on or look and learn.

Taylor Jameson Education Academy is taught all over the United States and Canada. The goal is for local hair-dressers to have quality education in Cincinnati. Taylor will also bring guest artists from all over the country to the Clifton location. Taylor J is also taking new clients for hair services. For information on any or all of the above call 513-541-3332.

"Winter-Raking Light" by Donald A. Schuster, 16" x 12", Oil on Canvas, for sale.

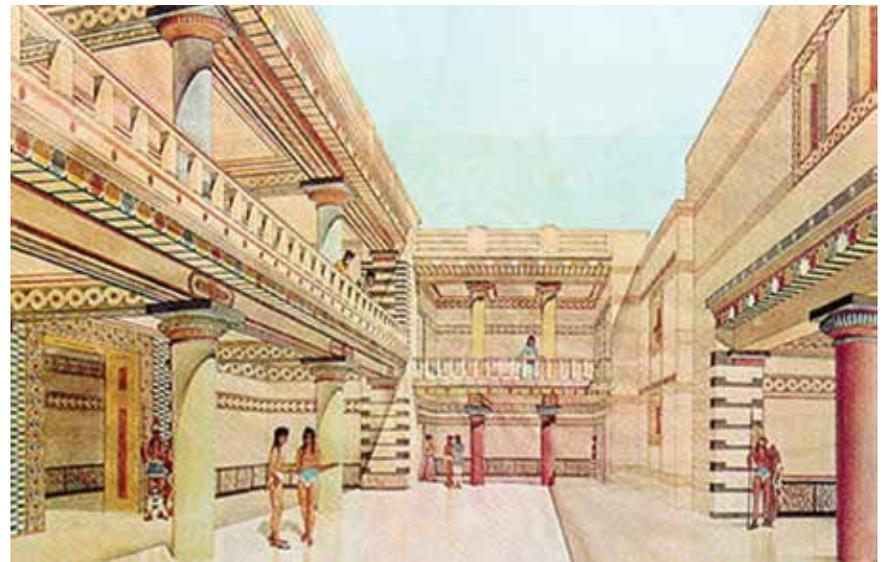


Sidewalk Under Repair

The leak on the sidewalk on Ludlow Avenue by Clifton Market has been fixed. Mr. Singh had it dug up and discovered that the leak was Hunan Bistro's. The City will be covering it with concrete soon.



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The Courtyard of King Nestor's Palace store rooms, workshops (stocking 500 bronze arrowheads), baths, light wells, and a sewage system.

These photos and art are part of a series written and submitted by Jan Brown-Checco for the "Clifton Heritage" feature in the Clifton Chronicle. This feature column is intended to highlight something of historical significance to the Clifton Community. Submissions are welcome.

Moveable, Interactive "Clifton Is Beautiful" Screen Looking for New Digs



Garrett and Jake added their saying to the "Clifton Is Beautiful" screen when it was at Clifton Market during the winter of 2019. The screen is provided by Cincinnati Beautiful Inc., the people who put up the fake facades on empty buildings and place picket fences on empty lots. It's fun and interactive. Please keep it going!

The "Clifton Is Beautiful" screen is on the go, looking for another merchant to sponsor it for a quarter. For six months it was at Baladi's. Contact Tom Lohre for more details thoslohre49@gmail.com.

Comments on "Clifton is Beautiful" because:

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- of Baladi's
- of the beautiful people
- of quantum world
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- of my dad, Mike
- my girl lives here
- my grandma grew up here
- of so much support
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Ludlow Avenue, the Heart of Clifton

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