

The 2020 - 21 Clifton Team Caretaking & Beautification

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CTM President's Message

Life seems like barely-controlled chaos these days! COVID-19's impact on our lives is undeniable. Jobs, money, health, relationships and lives in general have been challenged, many have suffered painful losses. New variants of the virus threaten extension of these problems. Our need to exercise caution and practice social distancing have led CTM to hold only virtual online interactions since April 2020, and the lack of face-to-face meetings has made our work and our pleasure to cooperate more difficult. We find that volunteers with availability can be hard to come by and most of our social events have been impossible to produce. Public participation in our monthly Board meetings has decreased. But, we're glad to offer this quarterly newsletter to share your stories and thoughts, publish ads that support our local businesses, and inform you about the things we still are able to do. As you read this Fall issue, you'll find many things to anticipate with enthusiasm!

Come to a CTM online Zoom meeting! We meet at 7 pm on the first Monday of every month and **invitations/links are published on our CTM website at www.cliftoncommunity.org** You can listen, bring questions and/or concerns, suggest solutions and resources as you come to understand present issues, needs and activities. For instance, volunteer to help at Clifton's annual Fall Clean-up Day in early October, or join a committee that matches your skills and interests. We need YOU!

CTM's annual Board of Trustee Elections are just around the corner (December 6). All members of CTM are eligible for nomination. Contact us at contactctm@cliftoncommunity.org to learn how to join your community council and then how to add your name to the slate of candidates. The middle column of this page lists our current Board members, Committees and Chairpersons. Maybe you know some of these people – they will welcome your questions about serving on the Board for 3, 2 or 1-year terms. Participation in civic life and the practice of democracy at the local level are fundamental building blocks in the foundation of a socially healthy community. **Clifton is blessed with talented, committed volunteers, and we'd love to have you join us!**

Clifton is your community, CTM is your community council. We can't accomplish our goals without a strong and robust Board and Membership. If you're already a member, thank you. If you're not a member, please fill out the form at right and send it today with your contribution - which, in fact, allows us to publish this newsletter for you! We need your time, talent and treasure to achieve our goals, the first of which continues to be our community's recovery from the changes that COVID 19 has brought upon us all.

We look forward to connecting with you!
- Joe Brunner, President, Clifton Town Meeting.



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Thanks for writing legibly!

Welcome Shawn Dent, Clifton's New District 5 Neighborhood Liaison Officer

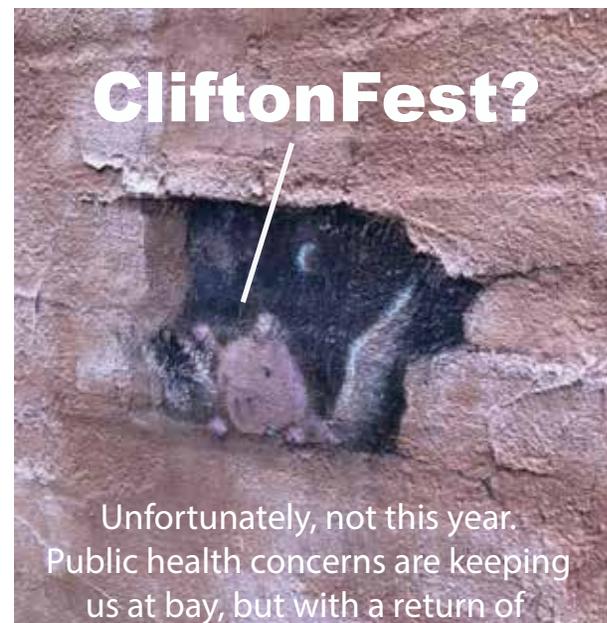


Officer Shawn Dent began his new assignment on July 12, 2021, and is responsible for Clifton, CUF and Winton Hills. He sees the role of Community Liaison Officer like that of a family doctor who

knows you well and is able to call on specialists when additional resources are needed. The health of the community depends a lot on the active role residents play in managing their own space. As with health, it's best to proactively address small problems before they become big ones. Officer Dent is not new to District 5 and has been on patrol calls all over our area for the last 9 years, becoming familiar with Clifton since 2012. Previously residing in New Orleans for 15 years (a city consistently on the list of the most dangerous places in the US), Dent moved to Cincinnati 13 years ago and became a police officer in District 2. All of this was preceded by four years of service in the military during Desert Storm and Desert Shield.

He believes in developing long-term relationships with people in a neighborhood which improves his ability to effectively address problems. The 11-square-mile area he is covering is admittedly large, and he's mindful of the vast spectrum of issues, comparatively, for Clifton as compared to some others. We can contact Officer Dent with our concerns at his email:

Shawn.Dent@cincinnati-oh.gov



Unfortunately, not this year. Public health concerns are keeping us at bay, but with a return of sponsors and volunteers in 2022, we hope to produce this great event again, for the joy of all!

But meanwhile...

On September 25, you can expect some consolation in the art and music event "Upside/Outside" presented by Upside Cafe and some good friends.

The Clifton Fall Neighborhood Cleanup Needs YOU!

The CTM Beautification and Caretaking Committee's semi-annual neighborhood cleanup will be held on Saturday, October 9 from 9 am- noon. We'll do litter pickup, trash can maintenance, graffiti removal, pressure washing of benches and sidewalks, horticultural upkeep and clear street storm drains. We'll also improve the ground plantings at the Telford benches and prepare the Merchant Lot walls for a new mural. Building upon Clifton's successful track record of community-organized cleanups, Keep Cincinnati Beautiful has issued a challenge to all Cincinnati neighborhoods- and to all candidates for city office- to plan and participate in clean-up

events that resemble Clifton's. Our previous cleanup events have been very successful, thanks to 50 + helpful volunteers (some of them are on our Fall cover!) These have become cheerful routines, real community-building celebrations that allow us to share our care for the neighborhood and for each other. To volunteer, please contact the CTM Beautification & Caretaking Committee at ctm.volunteer@gmail.com



- by Gerald Checco, Chair, Caretaking and Beautification Committee



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Join Us in Clifton Town Meeting!

The COVID experience has reminded us of the benefit of "living more locally." Clifton is a great place to live and work. Help to keep it that way (and make it even better!) by joining Clifton Town Meeting, your recognized community council and representative of YOUR voice. CTM offers connection to planning and production of local events and volunteer activities, all offering a great way to connect with neighbors. Have thoughts about what's most important to our community and how to best focus our collective time, resources and energies? Join CTM, add your voice and insure that Clifton remains one of the Cincinnati's brightest lights!

The CTM Board of Trustees Needs YOU!

This is the season of nominations and candidacies, and at the local level we ask you to consider supporting your community by serving as a Trustee. There will be openings for 3, 2 and 1 year terms, and Trustees are asked to take responsibility for leadership of a committee and attendance at our monthly Board meetings. Check the list of Committees and present Chairpersons on the facing page. Get in touch with these volunteers to learn more about the work underway that benefits everyone living and visiting in Clifton. We look forward to working with YOU!

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Clifton's Greater Safety for Pedestrians and Cyclists *by Mark Jeffreys*

Cliftonites take pride in our neighborhood's 'mobility-friendliness' - how it is easy to walk to parks, restaurants, a grocery store, a movie... But we've been reminded too recently that our streets - not unlike others in our city- have increasingly become "speedways" designed to get cars quickly from Point A to Point B. At the same time, they are becoming increasingly risky for pedestrians and cyclists. We've had three recent accidents: a 7-year-old girl was killed crossing Vine Street just steps from Woolper, a cyclist hit at Clifton and Woolper late last year, and in July a pedestrian was struck by a truck at Clifton Avenue and Glenmary Avenue.

Designing streets where people can safely walk, gather, play, converse, bike, shop, dine - this should be our North Star. Street calming in Clifton has no shortage of opportunities, and while our team of 10 volunteers on the CTM Transportation & Public Safety Committee is dedicated to working on these issues, we also need your help to identify the "problem areas." We meet monthly and forward your concerns to the city's attention while maintaining a strong partnership with the dedicated staff at the Cincinnati Department of Transportation & Engineering (DOTE). The past few months have brought positive change and more is expected ahead, but there's a lot of work to be done, and that requires everyone's help.

What's Been Accomplished: In the past year, we've:

- Implemented 24-hour parking on Ludlow Avenue in our central Business District. The pilot program was intended to reduce accidents by 25% by slowing down traffic. The actual crash data post-pilot showed a real 23% decline in crashes.

- A new crosswalk with signage at the intersection of Ormond and Ludlow Avenues makes an easier and safer crossing, although we continue to seek ways to slow down cars.

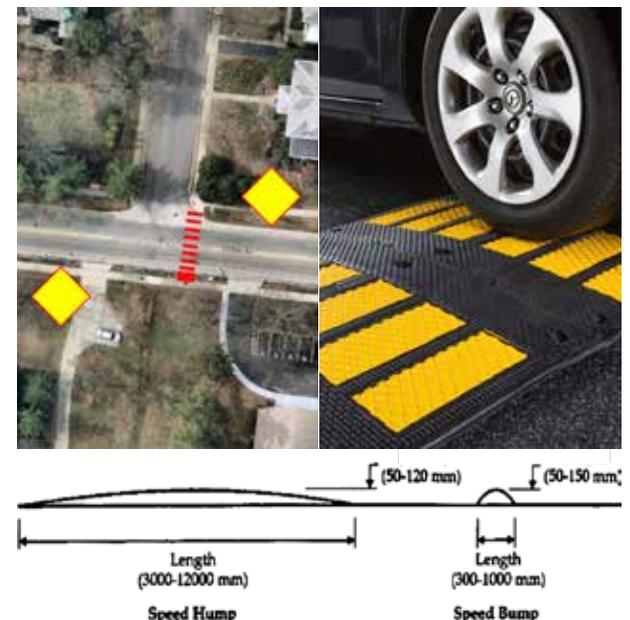
- A Speed Radar Detector that CTM has purchased thru a Cincinnati Neighborhood Support Program (NSP) grant, to gather data on speeds and also be a means to slow traffic. Kevin Marsh's leadership has brought this feature to our streets which will be rotated to different streets throughout Clifton in the next few months. Data will be shared with DOTE to support ongoing pedestrian safety initiatives as well as with the Cincinnati Police Department for help with enforcement of existing speed limits.

- Piloted a temporary Bike Lane on Clifton Avenue, with the objective not only to enable safer cycling but also to reduce vehicular speeds. Initial data shows a 43% reduction in the number of cars going more than 40 mph and a 28% reduction in cars speeding overall. Many respondents to a survey showed that they felt the temporary bike lane has increased safety along Clifton Avenue, and of those, a majority would like to see the bike lane become permanent. Next steps will be determined in coming months.

What's Coming Next:

- A zebra-striped crosswalk and "speed humps" at the intersection of Warren and Clifton Avenues. Speed humps have cut outs in them, allowing emergency vehicles to get through quickly, but will cause cars to slow down to 15-20 mph. Thanks to Whitney Whitis for her work on this issue, this will be the first speed hump within city limits and will be in place by the end of the year. She said,

"Clifton Avenue has been a speedway for some time without an easy way to get across. This will be a welcome change - one of many - that are needed to slow down cars and enable neighbors to safely cross the street."



- Flashing 4-Way Stop Signs at the intersection of Resor & Middleton Avenues. Used frequently by school children and presently a 2-way stop, DOTE approved making this a 4-way stop, paying for 2 additional stop signs. A group of neighbors led by Tim Maxey crowdsourced additional funding to add flashing solar lights to the new stop signs. He said, "Almost daily I see people speeding through this intersection, swerving into the oncoming lane around people crossing in the crosswalk. Making this a 4-way stop will greatly improve the safety of children and adults who walk here daily. Data

Get on the Bus, Clifton!

In May of 2020 the first ever county-wide transit levy passed, and Cincinnati METRO is dramatically increasing service, much of which immediately benefits Clifton residents and visitors. Getting to and from Clifton is now easier than ever. Let's take stock of the changes and speak like a seasoned bus rider!

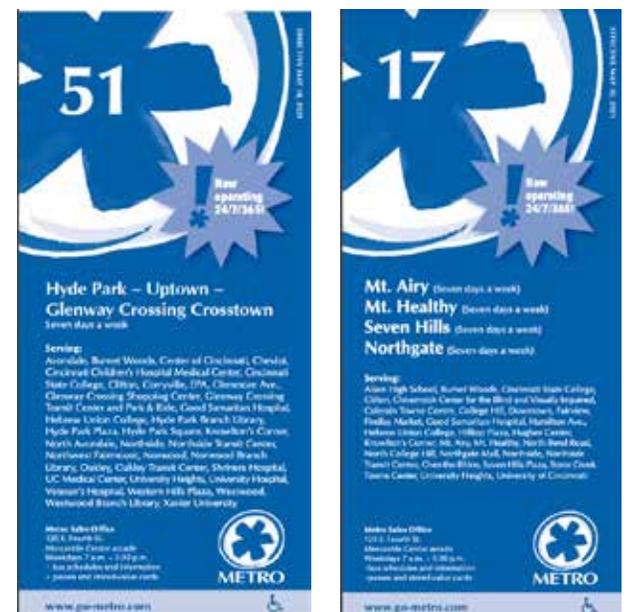
- The 17- one of the METRO's most popular routes- now has more frequent Sunday service and runs 24/7! It's our north/south transportation, traveling "Inbound" through the heart of our Ludlow Avenue business district, turning to head south on Clifton Avenue into the downtown Central Business District. When "outbound," the 17 travels out to Mt. Airy and Mt. Healthy, traversing Clifton with stops on Clifton and Ludlow Avenues.
- The 51 travels east-west, serving the Clifton business district at the same stops as the 17, but instead of heading downtown, it turns east or west at MLK Drive and goes to Westwood, Northside, Clifton, Avondale, Evanston, Norwood, Hyde Park, and Oakley. The 51 maintains its frequent service (15 minute intervals between stops), adds Sunday service and now runs 24 hours a day!
- Both the 51 and the 17 connect you to transit

centers which gather together stops for many lines. Northside's is the newest, connecting seven routes and is accessible by foot, bus and bike (try the Red Bike stations in Clifton and also at the Northside Transit Center.) Out east, the new Oakley Transit Center (near Target) connects you to four more routes.

- The 19 line travels south from Colerain Town Center and runs by the Clifton Library on Jefferson Avenue before heading downtown. The 78 (now running 24-hours) runs north/south and serves the east edges of Clifton along Vine Street, running by both the VA and the Zoo.

Check out the go-metro.com Transit/EZFARE app on your phone—it's the easiest way to buy and present fares when you ride and track buses in real time. You can ride everywhere in the County for just \$2.00! And all buses have bike racks now! Watch for more to come with "Reinventing Metro" including Bus Rapid Transit, more crosstown service and newer buses, many of which now have wi-fi. It's a great time to discover how connected you can be while using public transit!

- by Brendon Cull, CTM Board and Southwest Ohio Regional Transit Authority Board (SORTA)



shows that flashing stop signs reduce accidents by more than 50% and motorists are 10 times more likely to respect stop signs and crosswalks.” These, and repainted zebra-striped crossings, will be in place by the end of the year.

- A vertical ‘Island’ at Glenmary and Brookline Avenues and elimination of the left turn lane at this intersection. Designed to address speeding especially coming westbound from Vine Street, the city is exploring what this would be (bricks, greenery, etc.) and would be realized in the 2021-22 calendar.

- A ‘Road Diet’ on Ludlow Avenue from Central Parkway to Cornell Avenue. The current state of 4 traveling lanes and 2 parking lanes would be changed to 3 traveling lanes and 2 parking lanes, introducing a center turn lane or grassy median when no driveways are involved. Also proposed are protected bike lanes on both sides of Ludlow, enabling Clifton cyclists to bike all the way downtown on a protected bike lane once the Central Parkway Bike Lane is completed. Crosswalks with safety features are projected at Morrison Avenue and Clifton Hills Drive. After extensive community engagement, DOTE is requesting funding from the State of Ohio which we are told will likely not become available before 2025-27. The Ohio Dept of Transportation (ODOT) projects this improvement will reduce accidents by 38%.

Not Approved, But in the Works:

There are several other improvements we’re working on with DOTE including:

- Exploration of a roundabout at Woolper/McAlpin/Clifton Avenues, or some other way to

slow down traffic at that problematic intersection.

- Making the bike lane on Clifton Avenue permanent and integrating it more holistically.
- Slowing traffic on Lafayette Avenue as motorists drive from Clifton Avenue to Mt Storm Park.
- Addressing the dangerous intersection at Middleton and McAlpin Avenues beyond the scheduled repainting of crosswalks, which is considered to not make it as safe as it should be.
- Congested and stopped in northbound traffic lanes on Middleton Avenue at the time of afternoon student dismissal from Fairview Clifton German Language School.
- Speeding north and southbound traffic on Middleton between McAlpin Avenue and Ludlow Avenue.

We thank all our neighbors for their continued partnership in working towards a vision of safe streets for all, making Clifton a place of connection and well-being, whether we’re traveling on two feet, four feet, two or four wheels.

School’s Out: A solution to a frequent traffic pattern problem

CTM facilitated a conversation between Fairview Clifton German Language School and neighbors who have been concerned about traffic congestion on Middleton and McAlpin Avenues in the afternoon on school days. The pick-up of students by cars has resulted in a line-up of idling cars from 3-3:45 pm that disrupts northbound traffic and has frequently blocked intersections.

A very amicable and solutions-focused meeting led to a new plan of practice that will be communicated throughout the community and particularly to the families of students:

- Kids who are “walkers” will leave out of the doors that lead into the fenced Kindergarten playground area. Additional security will be assigned to the rear of the building and Wood Avenue to assist walkers and parents.
- Parents are asked to line their cars up (or park) on Middleton on the north side of McAlpin (see the green line on the aerial plan below) instead of the south side (red line on the aerial plan). The street is wider on the north side, and it doesn’t cause a safety issue like on the south side. There are many parking spaces on the north side allowing parents to walk to the school to pick up kids or, parents can stay in line in their cars, and wait there to turn left onto McAlpin and drive to the pick-up spot.
- A police officer will be present at the beginning of the year to assist the line of cars waiting to make a left turn onto eastbound McAlpin as the line moves.

Some drivers will probably still park in the Clifton Rec Center lot or at the St. Johns Unitarian lot, and possibly also on Wood as accustomed. Wood Street residents are asking parents who park on their street to please not block driveways or park in front of fire hydrants.



HEALTH

Water is essential for life. It makes up 75% of our body. Yet, we sometimes take it for granted because it is everywhere and ever-present.

Lao Tzu said, “Nothing is softer or more flexible than water, yet nothing can resist it.” Medical News Today reports that water helps our bodies by:

- lubricating the joints • regulating body temperature • assisting the digestive system • maintaining blood pressure

You can increase your water intake by setting a daily goal and establishing a simple routine for yourself. “So drink up! Cheers to water!”

RELATIONSHIPS

The importance of touch is well established. Everyone needs to be touched. Infants need it to thrive and now studies are proving the same is true for adults. Experiencing touch can lower blood pressure, reduce stress hormones, and improve immune function. So, for those with the good fortune to have a loving partner or close friend at their fingertips: massage their feet. (Pg 258. The Third Person In The Room, Bea Larsen, 2019).



“The Mayor Lives in Clifton”

It’s what we’ll be saying on November 3, 2021. The municipal election is upon us and what is noticeable are the candidates for Mayor and for City Council who are our neighbors. It would be possible to provide the long list of other Cliftonites who are top government administrators and leaders of educational and cultural institutions, but just now we’ll stick to talking about a few candidates and save the rest for future stories!

Why have these engaged individuals chosen Clifton for their homes? They represent a broad spectrum of ideas. Is it the proximity to institutions of higher learning, the high concentration of faith congregations that focus on improving people’s lives? Is it Clifton’s historical depth, charming architecture and the short commute from Cincinnati’s first suburb to downtown that make it so appealing? Whatever the reasons, Clifton has become a vortex of community engagement and public service. The weighty responsibilities shouldered by some of our residents defines us as a center of thought and action. Here are the candidates:

Brian Garry is a lifelong Cincinnati and a 30-year Cliftonite who has enjoyed raising his family here. Brian took some of his first steps in our City Hall when his mom worked as Chief of Staff for Charles “Charlie” Phelps Taft. Brian owns Green City EcoStruction, a solar and green technology firm. He strives for cooperative development and innovative solutions that will benefit everyone involved. He chairs Just Slow Down Cincinnati which addresses pedestrian safety, an issue especially important to Brian after losing his brother and father, both killed by cars. He organized and saved the OTR Senior Center and founded Neighborhoods United which works to provide mentors and job opportunities for youth.

Steve Goodin was appointed to City Council

by Judge “Ted” Winkler as a replacement for Councilman Jeff Pastor after his suspension from an elected position. A Republican who is endorsed by the Charter Committee, Steve may be new to Council, but he’s not new to City matters, having represented the City’s pension fund and some City development issues. He’s a veteran of the U.S. Army Reserves and served active duty as a JAG lawyer in 2007 and 2008. He is a partner at Graydon Law Firm, specializing in courtroom litigation. His major concerns for our city deal with the fiscal impact of remote working, enhancement of pedestrian safety and the fostering of safe and vibrant neighborhoods.

Mark Jeffreys is a Democratic-endorsed candidate and son of an immigrant. Mark worked a union laborer job to pay for college. Procter and Gamble brought him to Cincinnati 20 years ago and he now owns his own company, 4Sight. He and his family have lived in Clifton for over 13 years. As a CTM Trustee, he chairs both the Parks Committee and Transportation & Public Safety Committee. This service to his neighbors keeps him in the thick of problem-solving, working on a road diet for Ludlow Avenue, the business district’s 24 hours/7 days parking change, a temporary bike lane on Clifton Avenue and a variety of pedestrian safety measures throughout Clifton.

David Mann has served twice as Cincinnati’s mayor and is a lifelong Democrat, though he has also often been endorsed by the Charter Committee because of his focus on Good Government. A former Navy Officer and a Harvard graduate, he has a law practice with his son Michael. David was elected to the US Congress in the House of Representatives. His priorities are to end corruption by Council members, to bridge the gap of social and racial disparities, reduction of crime and overall recovery from the effects of the pandemic. He and Betsy (his wife of 50 years) have three grown

children and have lived in Clifton for over 40 years. David Mann is a candidate in the final round of the Mayoral election, having finished in the top two in the May 4 Primary.

Aftab Pureval is the son of immigrant parents, born and raised in Southwest Ohio. He worked as a Special Assistant U.S. Attorney for the Department of Justice in Hamilton County before becoming a lawyer at Procter and Gamble. A newcomer in local politics, Aftab ran for the Hamilton County Clerk of Court seat and was the first Democrat elected to this position in over a century. His focus will be on economic recovery from COVID-19, improvement of public safety, increases in affordable housing and sustained basic services. He has lived in Clifton for 2 years with his wife, Whitney, who is a physician. Aftab Pureval is a candidate in the final round of the Mayoral election, having finished in the top two in the May 4 Primary.

– by Gerald Checco



David Mann



Aftab Pureval



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“Hike for Health” in Spring Grove Cemetery

Spring Grove Cemetery is a spectacular environment in every season, courtesy of our world-renowned horticulture team. When the original 220 acres were dedicated on August 28, 1845, the founders proclaimed their hope that this natural setting would be conducive to consolation, commemoration and education. Today our total acreage has grown to 750 acres with over 300 acres not yet developed. You may already know about our impeccably landscaped grounds, but did you know that there are over 44 miles of roadways here?

Our “Walk for Health” pamphlet defines three separate walking routes with different levels— Beginner, Intermediate and Expert - spanning one, two or three-and-a-half miles. Each course is detailed on a printed map and marked with signage along the route. You’ll see some of our famous landmarks along your walks. The “Walk for Health” maps are available in the Customer Service Center, located just inside the cemetery’s main entrance off Spring Grove Avenue.

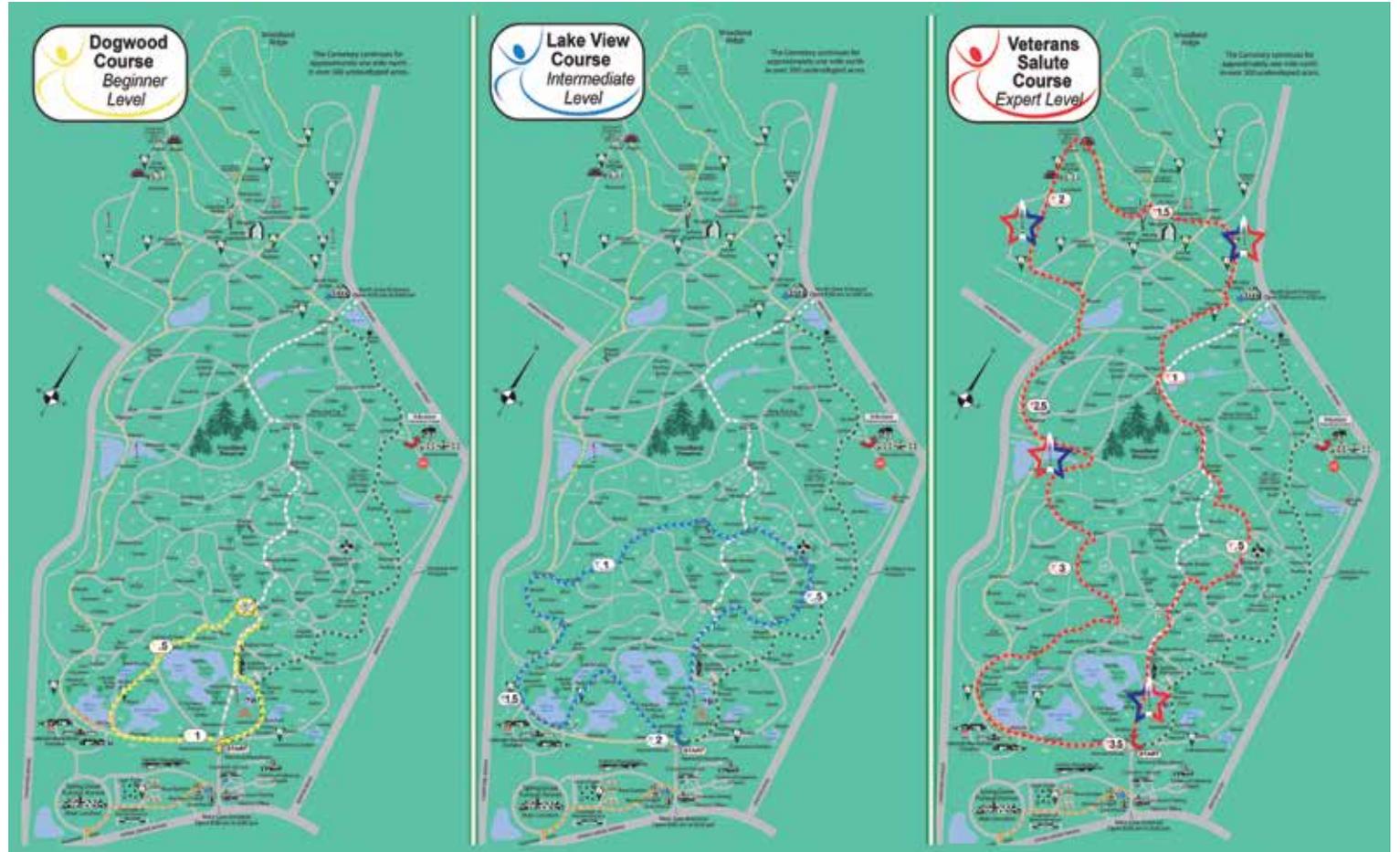
You may decide to create your own favorite walking path as you ramble our narrow roads, very few of which are straight. The original meandering

design by Adolph Strauch is very intentional and continues to be replicated in the newest sections of the cemetery. Winding roads remind us that, though we do not know what lies ahead, we can keep on moving forward. We like to remind our guests to be conscious of their surroundings while walking in the cemetery. There are always caretaker vehicles moving through the grounds as well as thousands of guests who visit us annually by car. Please step aside as vehicles approach and thanks for participating in our

mission to preserve a reflective, comforting environment for all.

-by Spring Grove Cemetery and Arboretum

To see a map online: for a 1, 2 or 3.5 mile hike, go to: https://assets.takeshape.io/af54a46e-9d1d-4a13-84ea-ea820654ba30/dev/ce530fea-d028-4f13-bebb-073b07f8be31/Preferred%20K%20Route_TWO.pdf



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New! The Taproom on Ludlow

Imagine a bar that offers a huge selection of Cincinnati's best beers on tap where you can walk in with a basket of nachos and cheese served hot from the Latin American restaurant next door. That's the vision that Max Monks is about to make real at Taproom on Ludlow, a brand new bar he is creating right next to Habanero. Monks has been part of the Clifton community for 22 years as owner of Habanero, the restaurant staple that serves Latin American fare. The new bar will tap 28 beers at a time, all brewed within 60 miles of the taproom by excellent craft brewers throughout Greater Cincinnati. He'll also have six craft cocktails and wine by the glass. "I'm trying to create an environment that is warm, welcoming and neighborly. I'm excited to create another venue that will build on that community spirit," Monks said. Sixteen Lots Brewery in Mason will be featured prominently since Monks is a partner with that craft brewer. It's affiliated with Mad Monk's Pizza in Mason, Monk's other restaurant. Habanero will be changing, too. To accommodate the Taproom, Habanero will add bar-friendly food like loaded nachos and tortas that customers can bring to the taproom through a new indoor passageway between the two buildings. The taproom will include a small stage for live music. "The idea is to present young and upcoming artists to give them a venue," Monks said. In his vision the Taproom's connections will extend beyond Habanero. He plans to cross-promote with Ludlow Garage and its bigger musical acts and to capitalize on the expansion of Metro's Route 17 buses, which now run 24 hours a day. "The idea is to draw more people to the Ludlow business district by providing a venue that will appeal to



everybody," he said, including Cliftonites who want to grab a beer in the neighborhood, people on their way to Over the Rhine or those on their way to a UC game, an FCC game, a Ludlow Garage concert or a movie at the Esquire. The 2,600-square-foot space, which formerly housed Grill of India, will seat 78. Monks hopes to open the Taproom around Thanksgiving, pending the pace of renovations. It will include free parking in the parking lot next to Habanero.

-by Bob Driehaus



Improv Cincinnati now brings laughter to students and audiences full time.

Jon Ulrich and Collin Thornton found their happy place when they created Improv Cincinnati in a shared space on Ludlow. Now, they're sharing the laughs full time. Improv Cincinnati has taken over the Clifton Performance Theater basement space at 404 Ludlow Avenue for improv performances and classes. Carol Brammer, executive director of Clifton Performance Theater, signed the lease over to Improv co-founders Jon and Colin after they proved they had a sustainable business model over four years. CPT moved to Liberty Heights Theater in Northside – one of Cincinnati's original silent film and Vaudeville theaters located at 3938 Spring Grove Avenue. Improv Cincinnati offered free performances throughout the summer Saturday nights on Clifton Plaza. It offers classes for adults – and kids 12 and up who take them with a parent – and team-building workshops for businesses and other organizations. "Improv is about listening, accepting and building on each other's ideas. It's been so pivotal for my own personal growth, and it's a joy to help students go through that process," Jon said. He says that most students come in terrified that they'll be thrown into rapid-fire scenes they don't have the experience to complete. But Improv Cincinnati eases students into performances step by step. "It's way more fun and easy than most people expect. Students regularly give us feedback about how their lives are changing, which is great. That's a joy," he said. Ulrich and Thornton look forward to returning to live performances in the theater soon.

-by Bob Driehaus

For more information, visit the website at: improvcincinnati.com

To contact Clifton Performance Theatre: CPTCincy@gmail.com

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Ohio Outdoor Sculpture Project

The Ohio Outdoor Sculpture project is a unique online database that archives our state's collection of public sculptural artworks. Volunteers and interns are continuously working statewide to update information and add new works. The project grew out of the federal Save Outdoor Sculpture! (SOS!) initiative in the early 1990s, through which volunteers across the country collected archival and conservation information about public outdoor sculptures. In Ohio, The Sculpture Center in Cleveland has continued that work and today the database contains about 1,800 items. This month, we're adding 5 works from Clifton!

The OOS project is the only project of its kind to continue the work of the federal SOS! initiative. If you're interested in exploring the database, please visit <http://oos.sculpturecenter.org>. I hope you'll enjoy discovering all the great works of art our community and state have to offer! If you know of works to be added, please email oos@sculpturecenter.org.

-by Arpi Anderson

Arpi Anderson is a graduate student at Kent State University and a summer intern with the OOS project. Most of her work focused on Brown, Clermont, Clinton, and Fayette Counties from which she's added over 75 works to the database. As a long-time resident of Clifton she recognized that the Hamilton County record needed updating.

Muse of Clifton (2002) by Matt Kotlarczyk
<http://oos.sculpturecenter.org/items/show/1987>

Probasco Fountain (1887) by Samuel Hannaford
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H.H. Richardson Monument (1972) by Stephen Carter
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Shakespeare Bench (2003) by Gary Lee Price
<http://oos.sculpturecenter.org/items/show/1986>

Clifton Community Fund Fundraiser - September 18

The Clifton Community Fund (CCF) thinks it's time to party again! We missed getting together with you in 2020 for our Annual Dinner and Auction and we feel ready—more than ready—to see you all again and enjoy each other's company. However, we have modified the format that takes health and safety considerations into account.

The event will be held September 18, 2021, from 5:30-8:00, in the idyllic setting of Joyce and Jeff Rich's historic home. Staged outdoors on their patio and grounds, you will be able to enjoy small bites, wine, and musical entertainment while viewing information about this classic 1957 mid-century modern home built on the grounds of the former estate of Samuel Taft. The exquisite landscaping in this stunning venue was designed by DeVore's Land & Water Gardens using remnants of the Taft's architectural elements.

The CCF Annual Event has always included an auction, and this year will be no different. However, the CCF Board felt strongly that we should not ask our always-generous local business owners for donations after a difficult year. Instead, Board members have

stepped up to create special items for auction, including "Bookclub in a Bag," led by an English professor; an afternoon picnic including a ride in a vintage car; and a weeklong stay in a fisherman's cottage in Cornwall, UK. This gives us a chance to add a personal touch and give back to the community at a time when we all can use that!

The timing will be perfect for unveiling the CCF Project for 2022: our plans for Clifton's beautiful new pedestal clock that honors our Covid-19 essential workers. Placed at the corner of Ludlow and Clifton near the historic firehouse, it's something that generations of Cliftonites and Cincinnatians can set

their watches by. Our partners include Verdin Clocks, the Clifton Business Association (CBA) and the City of Cincinnati. The image here is an idea of what can be, but is not final. Larger scope than our typical projects, we'll welcome your contributions to this new firehouse clock.

To purchase tickets to the September 18 Fundraiser- or donate directly to the CCF- please visit our website at www.cliftoncommunityfund.org. Tickets are limited so make your reservation now!



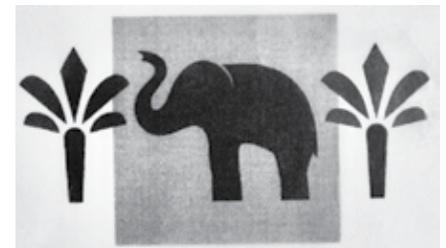
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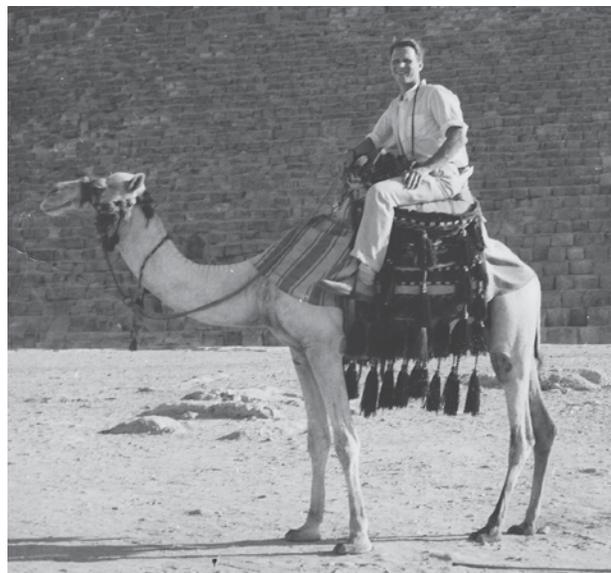
Before Rick, There was Ted - by Elisabeth Bumiller

Millions of Americans know Rick Steves, the exuberant travel writer and host of a PBS travel series who got his start with his first guidebook in 1979. But before there was Rick Steves there was my father, Ted Bumiller, a world traveler, adventure filmmaker and Clifton resident all his life. In June 1955 my father left Cincinnati at the age of 30 for an around-the-world trip by jeep, the first of what would become 17 travelogues over nearly 50 years. Like Steves, he adored his work, and was editing his last film, "A Journey into China," when he collapsed from a stroke while dancing at a party. People said afterward he knew how to die.

But really, my father knew how to live. Here are some photos from an extraordinary life.



My father, trained as an architect, traveled 61,000 miles-- 45,000 by land and 16,000 more by freighter with the jeep at sea-- for a trip that took close to a year. Along the way, he climbed the Matterhorn, discovered Roman amphorae in the Mediterranean and had a calamitous breakdown with his jeep in the Australian desert.



The trip took him to 30 countries in all. The result was "By Jeep Around the World," a film he showed around the United States to travel clubs, explorer groups, schools, Kiwanis clubs and more. It also played at the movie theatre in Hyde Park.



After the jeep trip, the films-- and four daughters -- arrived steadily. My father went overseas every other summer, sometimes with us in tow, to shoot. He'd spend the next summer in our house on Resor Avenue editing all the footage. There was "A Summer in Italy," "By Raft and Ship Down the Amazon" and "Discover Japan," among so many others. In 1988, when I was living in New Delhi, he made "Eternal India." Here he is filming in a village there.



Some people in Clifton may remember my father for the hundreds of tulips he planted each year in front of the house on Resor. After he died in 2004, my sisters and I decided to keep up the tradition. So every fall we travel to Cincinnati from around the country for "Tulip Weekend." We visit our stepmother, Ruth Ann Bumiller, and plant more than 1,500 bulbs. We're sure our father approves. *Above right, left to right: Elisabeth Bumiller, Trine Bumiller and Karen Johnson. Elken Maxwell, who lives in Australia, usually doesn't make the trip.*



"Here's to Ted" - Ruth Ann Bumiller

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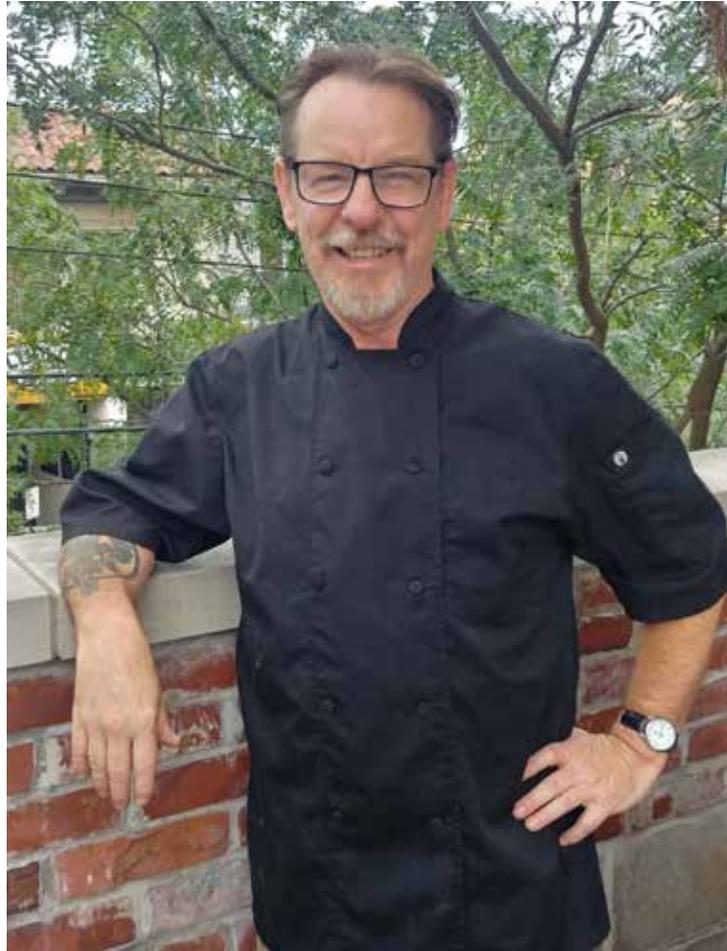
Gaslight Bar & Grill in 2021

It's one of the liveliest spots in the neighborhood, located on a prominent corner facing Ludlow Avenue with an inviting rooftop bar/dining area. But like every business in the restaurant/hospitality industry, Gaslight Bar & Grill suffered a significant loss of revenue in 2020. The situation, however, is improving for Chef/General Manager Kevin Worthington and his team. "We're coming out of survival mode," he said in late summer 2021. And quite an ordeal it was. Although the restaurant closed for one day (March 16) in 2020 and for a few days earlier this year due to inadequate staffing, it relied heavily on carry-out and delivery orders during the worst of COVID-19, especially in the colder months when rooftop eating wasn't available. Tactics such as offering free local delivery and providing meals for nearby health-care workers (Clifton Cares) helped save the day. Once vaccines became available, demand skyrocketed but workers were reluctant to take restaurant jobs. Gaslight had to close lunch service for a while in Spring '21. But by August 2021 Gaslight B & G was back to its pre-COVID schedule, open for lunch and dinner six days a week, closed on Sundays. The popular rooftop space, comfortable seating and a nice bar downstairs along with a consistent menu with reliable favorites have kept the place humming. Chef Worthington is a longtime Cliftonite and restaurant veteran, hired by owners Dave and Claudia Taylor when they opened

Gaslight in December 2018. They recruited him from Ruth's in Northside after Worthington had decades of experience in Clifton eateries such as Cactus Pear and departed favorites Busy Bee and Ulysses. Going forward, he said patrons can expect new menu options through seasonal changes and weekly specials, and likely an expansion and redesign of the rooftop area, providing better cover against the elements and addition of more tables. Worthington said the

most popular menu items by far are its burgers – regular and vegetarian – and the fish and chips. I'll add a plug for a couple of my favorites: exemplary fried oysters and a melt-in-your-mouth bread pudding. The bartenders make a fine Manhattan, too, if you're in the mood.

-by Pama Mitchell



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Smart Daily Choices - Long Term Benefits

Why make healthy choices? Our usual answers aren't always the best ones: "You'll live longer! You'll age better!" Maybe all true, but distractions and temptations wear us down when our long-term goals and values are not reflected in our short-term efforts. Once we get discouraged (maybe we've made a less healthy choice?), an "all or nothing" mindset can make us give up our healthier pursuits.

Instead, try matching short term goals with short term rewards. Pivot away from the "ugh" feeling that precedes "Gotta exercise, it's good for me."



Instead admit that we, in fact, feel energized by moderate to vigorous activities, and that we then get to check something good off the well-being to-do list.

Sweets and treats tempt more than spinach and kale? If we explore enough food to know that there is deliciousness in healthy food options, you'll find it's possible to crave things that are actually good for your body, and also tasty!

Emotional wellbeing and spiritual growth start with daily choices. I don't force myself to

completely abstain from "mental junk food" (Candy Crush, you have a call on Line One!) But I do remind myself each day that books and podcasts will fuel and uplift my mind. Experiment this week by engaging yourself with self-talk that gently affirms the short-term rewards you reap after completing "good-for-you" behaviors.

Are you in?

- by Paul Wesselmann
UnleashRipples.com

Good Examples are Just as Catching as Bad!

I'm not a Pollyanna kind of guy but over the past years I've seen great examples of how peer pressure can be a good thing rather than bad. Beth and I are frequent visitors to Falmouth- a small town in New England. Its main street is not too different from Ludlow in the heart of The Gaslight district. However, whenever we drive into town (thanks to Covid we made the 14-hour drive 3 times last year!) we're reminded that we're not in Cincinnati anymore - or almost anywhere else... maybe in the world.

On Main Street, the first thing you notice is that another driver is waving you through the left turn you're trying to make. Then you almost rear end the person in the car in front of you because they

have stopped to let someone cross the street! There are very different rules there but there are no signs that tell you what to do - just the examples of the other drivers and pedestrians. Five minutes after a 14-hour drive, we're tired and cranky - but, we're waving people through left turns, across streets and out of parking lots. (We don't want anyone to think we're not from here!) Those of you who have been in a car with me know that I always wonder why the guy in front of me isn't moving IMMEDIATELY after the light turns green. Or I'm trying to guess who's going to be turning left so I don't get stuck. In Falmouth, I've got all the time in the world because I know someone is going to give me a break. There's tons of traffic? I've got time. The guy in front of me is

turning left? I know the driver coming toward us will wave him through so I'm relaxed. There's a truck unloading in front of Ace Hardware (yes, they have one, too)? I can wait a minute as we each take out turn in the single lane around the truck...and wave to the truck driver!

And you know what? I'm relieved. Because I'm doing what everyone else is doing. No one told me to. There are no rules posted, I'm just a follower. We've seen lots of bad behavior being imitated these days. But nice behavior is just as catching. I've seen it with my own cynical eyes!

-By Larry Holt



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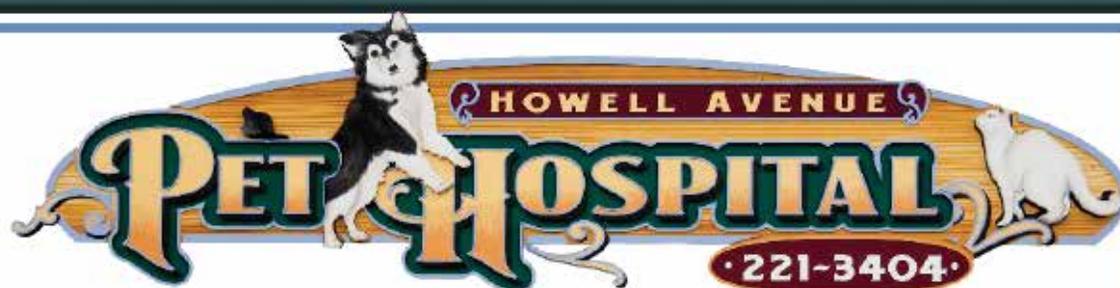
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Immanuel Presbyterian Church Updates

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New Leadership at Annunciation Church



"Beauty, Truth and Goodness" – these are the Transcendentals of the Catholic faith, advanced in the 13th century as a foundation for Catholic education. Father Ethan Moore, the new Pastor at Annunciation Church, spoke about how striving to realize

these concepts served an important purpose over the past year, "filling a void, as we face outward, especially in support of our community's students." Fr. Moore's assignment is not only as a spiritual leader at Annunciation Church beginning on May 1, 2021. He has been ministering to the Clifton area in general since July 1, 2020, when he and his colleague Fr. Christopher Komoroski (Parochial Vicar) became responsible for a walkable network of worship locations they've named "Uptown Catholic." Included with Annunciation are St. Monica/St. George in CUF, UC Campus Ministry, Corryville Catholic School and Holy Name Church on Auburn Avenue. Key to covering pastoral responsibilities for so many congregations and schools is the great leadership in place at those locations. Especially important "as we recover from universal trauma of the COVID 19 virus" are the school principals at Annunciation, Celia Deters, and Lauren Clements at Corryville. "We're excited to welcome Sarah Rose Bort as our new director of Family Faith Empowerment, a helper to re-invigorate family life and support parents as stake holders." The students at UC have their own particular needs and have "enjoyed a little bit of Normal" at several PLPs - Parking Lot Parties- that offer music, simple fare and faith discussions. One party invited dressing up for a sit-down dinner, serenaded by a professional violinist. These community gatherings seek to re-establish "roots" and relationships where attendees can give and receive love. "A new banner hanging outside of St. Monica/St. George sums it up: 'Love Lives Here,'" says Fr. Ethan who encourages folks to stop by for a visit. "I want nothing more than to be your neighborhood priest. My office hours are 8 am – 8 pm, come on over or send an email to set something up at frethan.moorestm-stg.org."

-by Jan Brown Checco

Masses at the Churches:
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Annunciation Church, 3547 Clifton Avenue
Saturday 5 pm • Sunday 9 am

Holy Name Church, 2421 Auburn Avenue
Sunday 11:30 am

St. George Food Pantry, we'll again be preparing gifts for kids and teens to make Christmas a little brighter. In 2022, we'll expand our partnership with St. George with more opportunities to serve those most in need. PB&J Musical Encounter, November 20, 10:00 am- is designed specifically for kids. Join us for this energy-filled introduction to classical music delivered by the Linton Music company. For more information: <https://lintonmusic.org/pbj-faq/> Christmas Fest, December 10, 5:00-8:00 pm- Save the date! Bring your friends and family to celebrate

with music, food, conversation, and a nativity with live animals.

An Open Invitation: Join us for conversation and fellowship on Sundays in the Sanctuary, Wednesdays for online Bible Study, Tuesdays for Pub Theology and throughout the school year with our college group, UKIRK Cincinnati. Visit our website www.immanuelpresby.org for more information and ways to get involved, or call 513-751-0312 and ask for Pastor Brad Sheppard.



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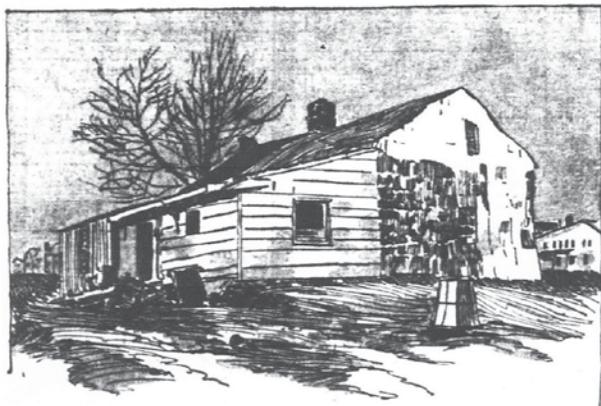


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Clifton's First Home - by Geoff Gelke and Bonnie Speeg

A CLIFTON LANDMARK.



It's commonly thought that the Robert Buchanan summer home (3874 Clifton Avenue) and the William Resor home (254 Greendale Avenue) were Clifton's first homes, both built in 1843. But let's reconsider- they are Clifton's oldest "standing houses." Recent research reveals at least one log home dating back to the year 1797, making it possibly our "first actual home."

An 1899 Cincinnati Enquirer article entitled: "A Clifton Landmark" shows a pen and ink sketch of a clapboard-over-log structure about to be torn down, attributed to Andrew Cox who, with his wife, built their house in 1797. It stood opposite Burnet Woods on Clifton Avenue about where the Shell gas station stands today. It's not such a stretch of the imagination, considering that Israel Ludlow, our first surveyor, built a Block House in the Cumminsville area in 1790 for the safety of settlers from Indians. A historic monument marks the location on the corner of Knowlton and Mad Anthony Streets. Another early structure that substantiates settlement here was a grist mill built in 1791 on Spring Grove Avenue on the Mill Creek. The mill was later purchased by Wm. Irwin who lent his name to Irwin Mill Road which later was renamed Clifton Avenue. Irwin Mill served the area's new farmers and was a springboard for new settlement into the Clifton area.

Andrew Cox, who we now suspect to be one of our first residents, was born in Hampshire County, Virginia, in 1761. He was an Indian fighter in Western Pennsylvania during the Revolutionary War, earning himself a Revolutionary War Pension and Land Warrant. First arriving in Kentucky in 1790, he soon crossed the river into Hamilton County, Ohio, and settled in what then was known as Mill Creek Township. In 1797 he and his wife Rebecca built a log house where they raised their five children in the rolling Clifton hills before his passing in 1850. The elder Coxes found their final resting place in the Wesleyan Cemetery on Spring Grove Avenue, which fortunately was established just 7 years before they needed it. Clifton historians have shown little interest in our early "dirt farmers," celebrating instead stately mansions that sprouted in the 1840's. Small homesteads were built over without ceremony. C'est la vie.

More Hours = More Fun at the Clifton Branch Library

We look forward to sharing this beautiful autumn with you and seeing you at the Clifton Branch! We have expanded our hours and are now happy to serve you 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Monday and Tuesday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday, and 1-5 p.m. Sunday. The hold lockers are still available both during and after branch hours. To learn more about them, go to cincinnati.library.org/services/holds-lockers/. We also are happy to have our Meeting Room and three Study Rooms available to reserve for quiet work or small meetings. Click on this link for more information and be sure to read the Policy and Guidelines page for the Meeting Room: cincinnati.library.org/services/meeting-study-rooms/.

Stop in to tour the Haunted Clifton Library during the October 29-31 weekend. Explore the mansion, pick up a scavenger hunt sheet and see if you can figure out all the clues to win a prize and a treat...if you dare! Mr. Eric is so happy to be able to have in-person, outdoor storytimes for kids and their caregivers on the beautiful front lawn of the library. This continues throughout the year every Thursday at 10:30 am unless Mother Nature tells us otherwise. Registration is required and, if full, feel free to register on

the Wait List and we will add you to Registered when possible. And a chair or blanket makes the lawn a bit more comfortable.

Hello! Hola! Konnichiwa! Ni Hao! Salam! Namaste! We welcome you to join your neighbors from around the world for the ESOL Conversation Group, which meets on Zoom at 1 p.m. every Thursday. Please register on the events calendar in order to receive a link to the meeting. Events and programs for all ages, kids, teens, and adults are increasing as we are able to do so and our hope is to have in-door programming back in place by the fall. As things change and evolve, so must we. Checking our events page or stopping by the branch is the best way to stay up-to-date on the latest goings-on at your library. Go to the Events Page at cincinnati.library.bibliocommons.com/events/search/index where you can search for events at Clifton or by types and ages of programs. Please note that storytimes are listed on a separate page: cinlib.org/storytimes.

-by Eric Davis, Clifton Children's Librarian

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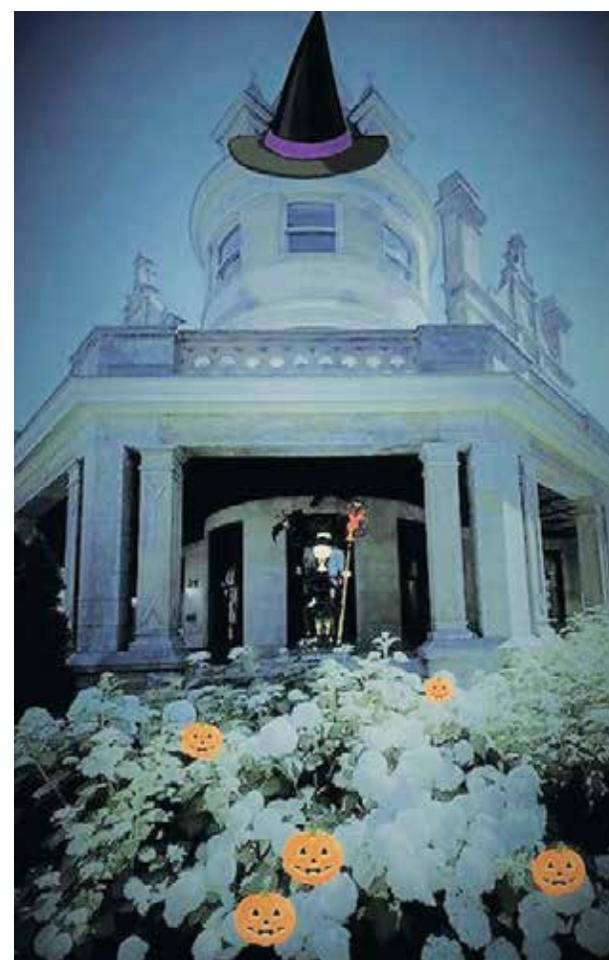
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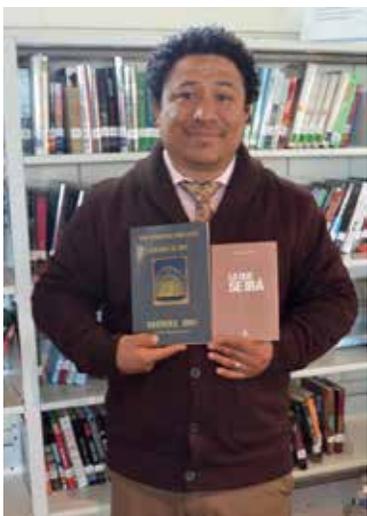
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DePaul Cristo Rey

This year's Rey of Light fundraiser gathered in over \$600,000 in tuition assistance for DePaul Cristo Rey students. The entirely virtual April 24 event, broadcast from DPCR, began with a Mass, followed by Master of Ceremonies/DPCR president, Siobhan Taylor and Donald Whittle, a 2020 graduate student at the University of Cincinnati. Auctioneer Lance Walker led a live auction with more than 200 silent auction items and raised over \$313,000. Event co-chairs Cathy Ramstetter and Julie Ross organized this event which has been incredibly successful over its nine-year history, raising nearly \$5 million for the school scholarship fund and benefitting every student attending DPCR. This year's generous Presenting Sponsors included Fast Park and Relax, a Friend of DePaul Cristo Rey, the Heidt Family Foundation, and the Marge & Charles J Schott Foundation.

The Parting Present/Lo Que Se Irá – is the sixth book of poetry published by Manuel Iris, Ph.D. - DePaul Cristo Rey teacher and Cincinnati's



Poet Laureate Emeritus (2018-2020). It was shaped by the birth of his daughter, becoming an immigrant father, the global pandemic, and his personal spirituality. This is his first book to be published

simultaneously in the United States and Mexico in both English and Spanish. Iris is the youngest person to ever win the Rudolfo Figueroa Poetry Award in 2014, a national honor awarded by the government of Chiapas, Mexico.



Sid Taylor is the new director of the DePaul Cristo Rey High School Corporate Work Study Program (CWSP). DPCR is the only local high school to offer a CWSP in partnership with forward-thinking companies. Taylor brings with him more than 20

years of experience working with youth including leadership roles with Boys Hope Girls Hope, Lighthouse Youth Services and the Center for Employment Opportunities. "As I reflect on my experience in high school, I was often confused about how what I was learning in school connected to what I could potentially do in my life. So, I'm excited to be able to help DePaul Cristo Rey students see the connection between now, what career work looks like, and how it all can fuel their passion," says Taylor.

Contract Renewal for Cincinnati State President Monica Posey



The Cincinnati State Technical and Community College Board of Trustees has renewed President Monica J. Posey's contract for five years. "Her service to Cincinnati State has been exemplary and we look forward to her continuing

leadership," said George Vincent, president of the Cincinnati State Board of Trustees. Under her administration, Cincinnati State became one of the first community colleges in Ohio to deliver bachelor's degrees and achieved Higher Learning Commission re-accreditation and growth of accredited programs. She oversaw Cincinnati State's successful response to the COVID 19 pandemic with rapid expansion of online curriculum and safe resumption of essential in-person labs. Cincinnati State has improved retention and graduation rates, significantly improved its fiscal position, opened new Welcome, Transfer and Career Centers, reached new levels of fundraising and increased public awareness of the college. Dr. Posey has been with Cincinnati State for 29 years, serving as assistant dean, director of institutional research, academic vice president, and provost before being named interim president in September 2015 and president the following year.

Metamorphoses - Unfolding at The New School Montessori

In Montessori classrooms you hear a lot about life cycles and cycles in general; water cycles (evaporation, condensation, precipitation, and collection), three-year cycles (the three-year Montessori curriculum), and even the three-hour work cycle in 3-6 grade environments. We value and honor the phases that everything and everyone pass through- infant, child, adolescent, adult; day to night; season to season. Teachers and students observe the metamorphoses of butterflies- egg, caterpillar, chrysalis, unfolding butterfly. One by one, day after day, a chrysalis opens and a butterfly emerges. The children express awe and amazement, then release the butterflies into the blooming spring gardens.

As we watch our students go through TNSM's 9-year process from 3-year-olds to 6th graders, we see a metamorphosis. Students learn compromise, read, write, add, subtract, multiply, divide, solve equations, jump rope, play sports, learn languages, navigate friendships, write stories, understand poetry, play an instrument, draw, dance, conduct science experiments, navigate the internet, research their interests, present work in front of peers and adults, forgive, persuade, lose a game without crying, win a game without bragging, discuss politics, debate ethics and so much more. It is impossible to come to these moments without hope and joy, as we witness the amazing metamorphosis of our students' development. Please join us for our

A black and white advertisement for Rivers Music. At the top, it says "RIVERS MUSIC" in a serif font, followed by "Learn to Play" in a cursive font, and "GUITAR" in large, bold, white letters. In the center is a photograph of an acoustic guitar. To the left of the guitar, it says "ALL AGES ALL LEVELS ALL STYLES WELCOME!". To the right, it says "IN THE HEART OF GASLIGHT CLIFTON!". Below the guitar, it says "BRIAN RIVERS - BM MUSIC EDUCATION" and "GUITARIST-EDUCATOR-LESSONS-CLINICIAN-CCM GRADUATE". At the bottom, it says "Register Now!" in a cursive font, followed by "WWW.RIVERSMUSIC.COM" and "513-335-0624".

An advertisement for The New School Montessori. At the top is a logo featuring a stylized figure holding a globe, with "FOUNDED 1970" written below it. Below the logo, it says "THE NEW SCHOOL MONTESSORI" in a serif font. Underneath, it says "Open House Sunday, October 10, 2021". A list of bullet points follows: "Preprimary to grade 6", "Embracing all definitions of family", "Credentialed Montessori teachers", "Expansive indoor and outdoor spaces enrich the learning experience", "Chef-prepared hot lunches with vegetarian options (included in tuition)", and "Cincinnati's only Montessori school accredited by the American Montessori Society". To the right of the text is a small butterfly icon. At the bottom, it says "Academic Excellence with Montessori Heart" in a serif font, followed by "Call (513) 281-7999" and "www.newschoollmontessori.com". A QR code is located in the bottom right corner.

Open Houses at 3 Burton Woods Lane in North Avondale from 2:00-4:00 on Sunday, October 16 and January 30.



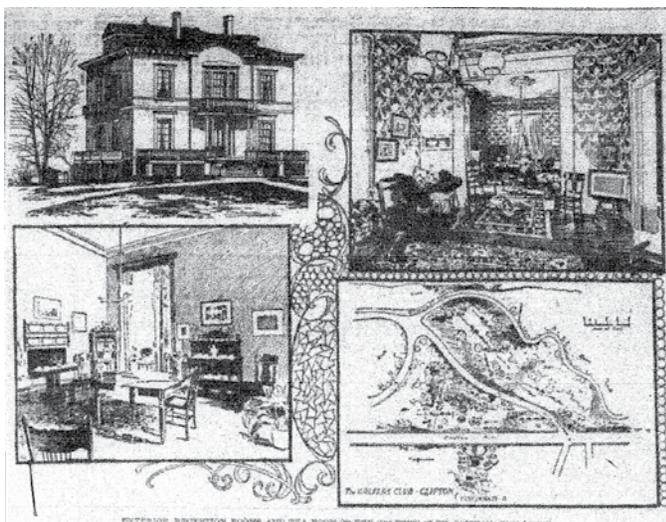
THE GOLFERS CLUB OF CLIFTON

What- Clifton had a golf club? Yes, and one that flourished for 7 years from mid 1898 until it disbanded in 1905. Virtually every notable family of Clifton belonged on the role of active members and regularly participated in matches against each other, all reported in long lists published in the Cincinnati Commercial Tribune of that era. So, where was this social beehive for Clifton's upper crust located? At 2821 Clifton Avenue near Riddle Road where the old Theodore Cook mansion served as a luxurious clubhouse. The course started on the mansion's grounds and stretched across the street into the Burnet Woods grassy area which is still largely intact. Rules were made about not interfering with park visitors during play, but we must assume this to have been contentious at times. And we wonder about the coarseness of such a course, how were holes created, the putting greens, etc. Perhaps it was all a brief manifestation of the wild enthusiasm of golfers, past and present. The club's exuberance was credited to its founder, Frank Wiborg and his brother Harry, and it infected all Clifton families of renown including Resor, Morrison, Cook, Buchanan, Neff, Rawson, Thrall, Sherlock, Neave, and scores more. As 1905 approached and development in the area rose to a fever pitch (probably in chorus with



CTM Arts and Cultural Committee

JeeEun Lee's ceramic exhibition 'Whispering Reveries' - from August 22 to September 25- is a visual pleasure. Lee's work ranges from the functional to the whimsical to high realism. Off Ludlow Gallery celebrated JeeEun Lee's unique perspective of the human form. Artists from Visionaries + Voices are welcomed to Off Ludlow Gallery on October 1. Established in 2003, Visionaries + Voices is a non-profit organization that provides exhibition opportunities, studio space, supplies, and support to more than 125 visual artists with



complaints from the Park Board), members had to relocate to more refined and genuine- if less handy- golf courses like Avon Hills and the Cincinnati Country Club. We suppose that with the nascent prestige associated with automobile travel, disappointment was fleeting. Their beloved golf club simply folded itself into the warm memories of the pleasure it created.

– Geoff Gelke, the History Buffs

disabilities. V+V artists grow a more inclusive arts community, contributing creative, educational and strategic partnerships with local and regional artists, schools, and business leaders. Help support these artists by visiting the Off Ludlow Gallery on Friday nights, 4:00-8:00pm, through November 5.

Before the opening of Gallery Gifts III, the Arts & Cultural Committee hopes to make some indoor renovations to the space, removing the partition that divides the room to create an open floor plan. Gallery Gifts III opening reception is scheduled for Friday, November 19, 4:00-8:00 pm. Our holiday gift boutique will once again feature artisans from the Cincinnati area and offer special gallery hours for the show. Please visit OLG's Facebook Page (@offludlowgallery) for more details.

A special shout out to Clifton's own mural artist, Tenzing, whose design was chosen from several proposals submitted for a project within the Ludlow Business District. Please watch for more details on this project on the OLG's Facebook page. Art continues to flourish in our community!





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Every 4th Saturday @ 4 PM : Wild Church Cincinnati
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Sunday October 3 : Talbert Award w. Rev. Jeremy Smith
Every year we honor a person working for a more inclusive church. This year's recipient is "Hacking Christianity" author Rev. Jeremy Smith.

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What's Happening at CCAC this Fall?

We're glad you asked! From fun family performances to engaging exhibits, hands-on art classes, artist workshops and more, there's something for arts lovers of all ages going on at Clifton Cultural Arts Center.

Fall 2021 Classes kick off in September with many new and returning class opportunities for kids, teens, and adults. Children can spend after-school hours cartooning with Ms. A or dancing with Mutual Dance Theatre; this fall's weekend workshop topics include fashion design, printmaking, greeting cards, and grandparent/grandchild artmaking. Starting in September, teens and adults can join monthly craft nights with local maker Jess Morini to create leather jewelry, scarves, and holiday gifts; Visionaries + Voices also returns this fall with month-long handbuilding and paper toy sculpture classes. Adults looking to add wellness classes to their schedule can drop in for weekday lunchtime yoga, attend an afterschool Nia Technique class, or tune in online for weekly Pilates and yoga for moms.

CCAC's Galleries are bursting with art! Catch the end of Dai Williams' SOFT GHOST UNIVERSE exhibition at the CCAC @ Short Vine Gallery before it closes on September 24, and register for a Character Block Printing workshop with the artist starting on September 4. Up next is Batres Gilvin, opening on October 1 featuring the multidisciplinary work of Karla Batres and Bradly Gilvin. The exhibit explores the problematization and hybridity of examining culturally specific and

sensitive iconography using the visual language of Mexican American culture and the American South. Community members are invited to join the artists for a three-part collaging workshop starting on October 5. As always, the work on display at the CCAC @ Calhoun Gallery rotates on a bi-monthly basis: visit our website for current exhibit information.

Local improv troupe Highly Improvable will be returning to CCAC on November 20 for an evening of unscripted fun! Performing a series of improvisational games fueled by audience suggestions, Highly Improvable makes each show uniquely entertaining. To ring in the holiday season, Madcap Puppets reprises their version of The Nutcracker on November 27: perfect for families looking for a post-Thanksgiving outing.



CCAC's twelfth annual Golden Ticket Juried Exhibition opens on October 29: local artists are encouraged to apply before the September 19 final deadline!

For additional information on CCAC's exhibitions, classes, performances and workshops, we encourage you to visit cliftonculturalarts.org or call 513-497-2860.

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Burnet Woods Trailside Nature Center • Fall Programs

International Children's Day • FREE!

Saturday, September 25th • 11:00 am – 3:00 pm
The Cincinnati USA Sister City Association (CINUSCA) partners with USA Balloonatics to celebrate Cincinnati's first International Children's Day in Burnet Woods. Celebrate our children, their cultures and the heritage of our neighbors and friends from around the globe with a parade, food trucks, cultural crafts and entertainment, nature hikes with Michael George, canoes on the lake, a musical storytime with Mr. Erik of Clifton Library and more! CINUSCA's Sister City Program links to Liuzhou, China; Gifu, Japan; Kharkov, Ukraine; Munich, Germany; Harare, Zimbabwe; Nancy, France; New Taipei City, Taiwan; Mysore, India; and Amman, Jordan. To learn more, visit cincinnati.sistercity.org or contact Bob Herring Robert.c.herring@gmail.com or Rama Kasturi rama.kasturi64@gmail.com Registration is not required for this event.



Canoeing and Camping Skills at Burnet Woods

Saturday, September 25th • 11:00 am – 3:00 pm
In partnership with the Cincinnati Parks, the Camping and Education Foundation staff leads canoeing (all equipment provided) and various hands-on camping skills. The last canoeing session begins at 2:30 pm. Park on Brookline Drive off of Ludlow/Jefferson Avenue. Call 513-772-7479 for more information.

Fall Foliage Hike in Burnet Woods

Trailside Nature Center
Saturday, November 6, • 10:30 a.m. – noon

Join a park naturalist for an interpretive hike through Burnet Woods. Discover the secrets behind the annual fall color change, how to identify trees by their fall color and how the local wildlife is preparing for the coming winter. Meet in front of the Trailside Nature Center. Online registration is required for this event at CincinnatiParks.com

Blizzard Blast - Winter Break Camp – Children K – 3rd Trailside Nature Center - Burnet Woods

Monday, Dec. 20th, 2021 • 9:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Join in on the fun as we go exploring, play seasonal games, get creative with arts and crafts and simply relax with a story. It will be snow-much fun!! Online registration for this event is required. Please register at CincinnatiParks.com before 12/16/21 at noon.

Active Adults – Hike Series

Recurring Mondays in September through November • 2:30 pm – 4:00 pm
Join us 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 at CincinnatiParks.com. For meeting locations please call 513-751-3679. Some of the nearby hikes:

- October 18, 2021- Caldwell Nature Preserve
- October 25, 2021- Eden Park
- November 1, 2021- Burnet Woods
- November 8, 2021- Mt. Airy Forest
- November 29, 2021- LaBoiteaux Woods

The Trailside Nature Center is located in Burnet Woods at located 3251 Brookline Drive, Cincinnati, OH 45220

For more information about these activities, please call 513-751-3679 or email Michael.George@cincinnati-oh.gov

BIRD DISEASE

We're aware of an "epidemic" of diseased and dying birds since late May in several states, including Ohio. The sickness has been almost uniformly fatal, especially in adult birds, including robins, blue jays, grackles and starlings. The cause is still unknown, although tests for fungi, parasites and bacteria are being conducted. Unfortunately, the results from the diagnostic labs may not be available for several more weeks. The US Geological Survey, which is coordinating the investigation among the 10 states involved, has ruled out avian influenza, West Nile, salmonella, chlamydia, flaviviruses, herpesviruses, and Trichomonas parasites, among others. Due to the fact that the bird disease and the emergence of the Brood X cicadas happened at about the same time, some people have theorized that the two are interconnected. Investigators doubt this is the case but are not ruling out anything. Since birds congregating at bird feeders and bird baths can transmit diseases to one another, state agencies and USGS recommend the following:



Stop feeding birds until this event subsides; Clean feeders and bird baths with 10% bleach solution; Avoid handling birds unless necessary—wear gloves if you must and wash hands well afterwards; Keep pets away from sick or dead birds as a precaution.

– by Carole Ebner

If you encounter sick or dead birds, contact wildinfo@dnr.ohio.gov or call 800-945-3543. If new information becomes available, it should appear on the ohio.gov website. Here is a link to the New York Times article about this: <https://www.nytimes.com/2021/07/02/science/birds-eyes-disease.html>

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The Schools of Clifton

Schools play a vital role in making a beloved and desirable community. Tied to the geography of where we live and work, they make it is easier for everyone to thrive. Clifton has a strong and continuing tradition of early and middle school education, where families find supportive educational opportunities within easy reach. Local schools make children part of the fabric of community life. It's what I remember when growing up decades ago in Clifton. We'd walk to Annunciation School most mornings and often back home for lunch. Granted, walking home for lunch is not an option now, yet the sense that our children are close by while being educated- and that families have choices- is part of what makes Clifton so desirable and special. As a real estate agent and mother, I know that where our children go to school is of great importance to the livability and sustainability of communities. Cincinnati is

very fortunate to have so many public and private school options. The following lists Clifton's various early childhood school options. All organizations have websites with additional information.

Public

- Fairview Clifton German Language School relocated in 2008 from the original school in Clifton Heights. Grades K- 6. Lottery entry. Located on Clifton Avenue
- CANS Clifton Area Neighborhood School is an elementary school on the grow. Grades pre-K, K – 4th offered in 2021 with grades being added annually to complete the PreK – 6 program. Located on Clifton Avenue

Private Elementary and Junior High School:

- Annunciation Catholic School Grades K – 8, tuition and scholarships available. On Clifton Avenue

Private College Preparatory High School:

- DePaul Cristo Rey Catholic college prep high school has a mission to educate young people who have the potential but limited financial means to go to college. Located at Clifton Hills Avenue and Central Parkway

Private Preschools and Childcare:

- Apple Tree Pre School- located in Calvary Episcopal Church on Clifton Avenue
- Immanuel Child Development Center- located in the Immanuel Presbyterian Church on Clifton Avenue
- UC Early Learning Center- on Ruther Avenue
- Arlitt Center for Education- on UC campus, partnering with the Department of Education
- Clifton Recreation Center- behind CANS, offering before and after school programming

-by Barbra Druffel

Fall Gardening

Fall is a great time to plant trees and bulbs, and to replant pots and gardens. Too, there are those leaves to deal with and general cleaning up of the yard and flower beds.

Clean Up - "Should I leave the perennial stalks up? Should I remove the tree leaves?"

Some folks like the look of a tidy garden and prefer to remove all dead material. Others suggest leaving up stalks like sedum, cone flowers, and black-eyed Susans to provide winter interest and a winter home for beneficial insects. Gold finches and other birds love the seeds. Snow on dried sedum flowers is very pretty. But soggy leaves on the ground increase the risk of fungus and plant rot, so consider removing the leaves, crushing them, and returning them to the garden beds. Leaves can be crushed by machines, sucked up by leaf blowers, or even energetic children stomping on bags of dried leaves! Areas covered with crushed leaves may not need additional mulch in the spring.

Planting Bulbs - So many beautiful plants to choose from, but a word of caution about squirrels and chipmunks: they love tulips! Consider planting tulips in garage sheltered pots that you bring out in the spring. Daffodils are safer and will multiple over the years. Scilla and other smaller bulbs are beautiful and seem to be less favored by wildlife.

Planting Trees - Fall is a great time to plant trees, shrubs and perennials, so if you are thinking about planting trees, why not choose a native species? Give plantings enough time to establish some roots before a freeze and keep them watered as needed.

- by Alice Palmer

Advice on how best to plant a tree has changed over the years. Here are suggestions from the city of Dublin, Ohio: <https://dublinohiousa.gov/forestry/tree-selection-planting-schedule/#:~:text=1%20if%20space%20permits%2C%20dig%20hole%202-3%20times,use%20a%20slow-release%2C%20low%20rate%20non-salt%20fertilizer.%20>

Native Shrubs and Trees- a list from Ohio State University: <https://woodlandstewards.osu.edu/sites/woodlands/files/imce/0013.pdf>.

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SIMPLY SUPERIOR

Dear CTM Chronicle,

When walking through Clifton with my kids, I am often concerned that we are forced off the sidewalk by some landscaping that projects out from adjacent properties. While I appreciate Clifton's beautiful landscaping, it is dangerous to have to step into the street or even into the uneven grass strip. I hesitate to notify the city- I don't want my neighbors to feel like I "told on them". What can we do?

Signed: Daily Walking William

Dear William: First, the rules. Municipal Code Section 1601-47 item e, states "Keep privately owned trees, shrubs, bushes and plants from substantially interfering with the normal use of the sidewalk...Whoever violates this section is guilty of a fourth-degree misdemeanor." So, what you are describing is unlawful on the part of the property owner. Perhaps the property owner is not mindful of the difficulties created by overabundant landscaping. Our recommendation would be to first send a neighborly note to the property owner, complimenting their landscaping but describing the

difficulty it creates. Ask for their assistance in removing the overgrowth. Most problems can be solved that way. If not, the second step would be to send an official complaint using the free "Fix it Cincy!" App: <https://apps.apple.com/us/app/fix-it-cincy/id1018342151>

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