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Clifton Town Meeting - Your Community Council

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

President's Message

Clifton, Cincinnati's International Village

The 2020 Census revealed something about Clifton, a thing known intuitively to daily pedestrians. With about 20% of our residents identifying as the "Other" category (i.e. neither White nor Black nor Hispanic), Clifton is statistically the most culturally diverse neighborhood of Cincinnati. This number may not include those of us who were born outside of the United States and who also "fit" in the other categories (many Europeans and Africans live and/or work here). As the world became smaller, Clifton offered, and continues to offer, a real diversity that many need to thrive, one that stimulates creativity through a variety of perspectives and experiences. Cincinnati's "international village" is reflected in our eclectic businesses, and also in Clifton Town Meeting's board with three of our 15 trustees being foreign-born. This quarter's Chronicle shares insights from Clifton neighbors who were born in Australia, China, France, Germany, Guatemala, Holland, India, Israel, Japan, Kenya, Morocco, and Ukraine. I would love to continue this feature in the next Chronicles – please send us your stories at ctm.chronicle@gmail.com

In this issue we're including an up-to-date list of Clifton's 140 businesses and services, many locally owned and all at walkable distances. This summer, we've welcomed new additions: The Tap Room on Ludlow, Vada Gallery and Auntie Apple's Kitchen.

Thanks to various CTM committees that have worked tirelessly for months and sometimes for years towards completion of projects this summer, including:

- Completion of phase one of business district security cameras installed at the Telford Street benches
- Completion of the four-way stop at Middleton and Resor avenues
- Pedestrian crossing and speed humps on Clifton Avenue at Warren Avenue

Coming soon: movable electronic speed signs to remind motorists to slow down. This project of our Transportation and Safety Committee was supported by a grant from Keep Cincinnati Beautiful.

Community discussions will continue about Clifton's potential for a DORA (Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area). See the article in this publication for more information.

Please remember that on Nov. 7, 2022, CTM will elect seven new board members. If you'd like to serve your community council, please contact me at ctmpresident@cliftoncommunity.org

Gerald Checco, President

2022 CTM Board of Trustees

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Keep in Touch with CTM!

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

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Events—Barry Gee
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Golf Outing—John Whedon

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Clifton Community Fund—Tim Maxey
Clifton Business Association—Gérald Checco, Jan Brown Checco, Genet Singh
Neighborhoods of Uptown—Malcolm Montgomery

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Clifton Chronicle Committee

Jan Brown Checco, Chair 2022—Josie Angel, Marianne Brunner, Gerald Checco, Bob Driehaus, Barb Wriston Ruddy, Rachel Wells, John Whedon, and Jeff Wilson with advice from the CTM Executive Committee

Be A Chronicle Content Creator!

We invite our readers' participation in content creation. Our next deadline is October 24 for the Winter Issue that covers activities from December 1, 2022 to March 1, 2023. Send all images (300 dpi jpg) and stories (400 words max in Word) to ctm.chronicle@gmail.com

Make Your Voice Heard - Become a Member of Clifton Town Meeting! Here's how:

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

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Thanks for writing legibly!

Barry Gee - New CTM Trustee



I am honored to be one of the new trustees. I have lived in Clifton since 2015 on the corner of Middleton and Wood in a house originally built for the Ibold family of Ibold Cigars, once a Cincinnati institution.

My family and I love the great places and activities in and around Clifton such as the Ludlow business district, Burnet Woods and the Clifton Recreation Center.

I am now semi-retired and when I decided to increase my volunteer time, I immediately thought of Clifton Town Meeting. I have always admired the work and the accomplishments of this group. I helped organize the Memorial Day Parade and Picnic, and when asked if I was interested in filling a vacancy as a trustee, I accepted.

I have been tasked with leading the Events Committee and I am looking forward to improving and adding to the events sponsored by CTM. I am also interested in the safety issues we are facing in our community such as traffic and speeding. I look forward to serving!

Tim Noonan - New CTM Trustee

I'm excited to begin my work as Treasurer for CTM. Our family moved to Clifton in 2017 after Karen and I retired from our jobs in Butler and Warren counties. We love this neighborhood and our neighbors and can't imagine a better neighborhood for us in Cincinnati.

After discussing our current CTM accounting software with the Executive committee, it was decided that moving from our current in-house software to an off-the-shelf package would simplify our monthly reconciliations and allow for easier job transfer to future treasurers. I'm looking forward to beginning this process and, if reelected to a Trustee position, completing this task in 2023.

Clifton has great walkability and I want to work to enhance the vitality of the Ludlow business district. Traffic and safety are clearly major factors for Clifton's future. While working to improve our current needs, CTM has to look to the future and consider the changes technology may bring.

Elections of the CTM Board of Trustees are November 7, 2022

Established in 1961, Clifton's community council Clifton Town Meeting (CTM) is the official representative of the neighborhood of Clifton. CTM publishes the Clifton Chronicle, manages Off Ludlow Gallery and works on problem solving for local transportation, safety, zoning and beautification. CTM is also Clifton's interlocutor for the City of Cincinnati, coordinating with the Clifton Business Association, the Clifton Community Fund and other civic-oriented Clifton-centric organizations. CTM organizes and supports community events like Music on Clifton Plaza, Memorial Day Parade and Picnic, Holidays on Ludlow, CTM Golf Outing and quarterly neighborhood cleanups. The board of CTM is made of 15 trustees who are elected for 3-year terms on rotating basis, with five new trustees elected each year. In addition to these five, there are other trustees who will need to run to continue to serve – those who were board-appointed in 2022 to fill vacated trustees' positions. Candidates elected to fill these positions will serve the remainder of the uncompleted terms. In summary, the election for the 2023 board will take place Monday, Nov. 7, 2022, to choose 5 trustees for 3 years, one for 2 years and one for 1 year, a total of 7 candidates to be elected.

What is expected from a CTM trustee? Attendance at the monthly board meetings (first Mondays), participation in the work of at least one committee of their choice (see the full list on the Chronicle's page 2) and participation in events organized by CTM. Candidates are required to be CTM members. To become a member of CTM, please go to <https://www.cliftoncommunity.org/membership/> If you are interested in becoming a trustee, please contact CTM President Gerald Checco at ctmpresident@cliftoncommunity.org

To vote in the election, watch the CTM webpage at www.cliftoncommunity.org for detailed information of when and how to vote on November 7. All links will be posted there for members' use.

The 2023 Nominating Committee: Gerald Checco/Chair, Mary Pat Lienhart, Nagma Malik, Margaret Reich (President, Clifton Community Fund), Heather Schwetsenau McCarren (President, CANS PTO)



Photo by Sue Meyer

Memorial Day Parade and Picnic 2022

— by Barry Gee

On Monday, May 30, Clifton Town Meeting (CTM) revived our annual Memorial Day Parade and Picnic. Well-attended by more than 400 participants, the hot, clear weather served up a good introduction to this past summer! A large, boisterous crowd at Middleton and McAlpin avenues kicked off the parade led by Mayor Aftab Pureval and his family. The procession to Mt. Storm Park included Ace Hardware's new jeep, the Clifton Area Neighborhood School (CANS) cougar mascot in a Mini Cooper convertible and the University of Cincinnati Alumni Band. Most important were all of the kids on decorated bikes, walking neighbors and their dogs, all dressed up for the occasion.

At the picnic in Mt. Storm Park, volunteers served up beverages, burgers and dogs grilled by Cliftonites and celebrity chef Mark Jeffreys. Dojo Gelato served up free cups to everyone thanks to Clifton Community Fund's sponsorship. Music by The Comet Bluegrass All-Stars and chalk art from Kathleen Streitenberger were sponsored by Brown Checco Fine Arts, and the Queen City Pollinators provided information to Clifton gardeners about how to boost pollinators' population.

CTM also thanks these invaluable event partners and sponsors – the Mt. Storm Advisory Council, Clifton Market and Petey's Pet Stop – as well as more than 30 volunteers who helped to produce this great annual event. To get involved next year and to share suggestions, please contact Barry Gee at barry.gee@cliftoncommunity.org.



Fall Fest in Burnet Woods



Saturday, October 22 from 1 - 6 p.m.
at Lakeside Plaza and Trailside Nature Center

Burnet Woods Park Advisory Council invites you to an afternoon pumpkin carving and decorating event including live music, games, nature education and exhibits, face painting, a magician, and a food truck. It's a family-friendly, inclusive activity produced by Cincinnati Parks personnel and volunteers from the community and University of Cincinnati student volunteers. There will be no charge to attend, but we'll ask for a \$5 donation to the "Feed the Trailside Critters" that helps to cover costs for each pumpkin. Participants may also bring their own pumpkins to carve and decorate. This event is funded by a grant from the Cincinnati Parks Foundation. For further information and to volunteer to help, please email lisahaglund61@gmail.com.

International Children's Festival



at Burnet Woods Trailside Nature Center. Sept. 24 from 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. Presented by Cincinnati Sister Cities (CINUSCA), Cincinnati Parks, and the Clifton Branch of the Hamilton County Public Library

This annual celebration introduces Cincinnati's Sister Cities right here at home. Come and enjoy family-friendly festivities while learning more about our global connections! There will be food trucks, cultural entertainment, crafts, and free gifts for the children, all with a special focus on Cincinnati's nine Sister Cities: Liuzhou, China; Munich, Germany; Gifu, Japan; Nancy, France; Kharkiv, Ukraine; Mysore, India; New Taipei City, Taiwan; Harare, Zimbabwe, and Amman, Jordan.

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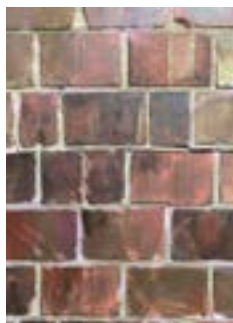


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June 8, 2022 - CPS School Crossing Guards Receive a Pay Raise



Cincinnati Public Schools (CPS) Superintendent Iranetta Wright, City Councilmember Mark Jeffreys and Assistant City Manager Sheryl Long announced the pay raise and the anticipated search for candidates to fill the total 150 crossing guard positions for the coming school year. One-third of these positions have remained unfilled with the ongoing pandemic.

Here's how to apply to be a school crossing guard: Contact Angela Kloepper at [513-352-1472](tel:513-352-1472) for an application.

Requirements include:

- A serious desire for the safety and wellbeing of the children of Cincinnati.
 - Ability to pass a background check.
 - Availability to work 45 minutes before the start of school and 30 minutes after school releases each day. You do not work if school is closed.
- This is a great opportunity for retirees, parents and grandparents looking to make extra money. Starting pay is \$15 per hour, paid for 3 hours each day worked. It is possible to work at more than one school location depending on start and release times. Paychecks are received monthly. School crossing guards are employed by the City of Cincinnati, but paid for by Cincinnati Public Schools, and are critical partners to ensure the safety of our

children through supervision and street-crossing education. However, due to a pay structure of \$11 per hour that has been uncompetitive compared to other sectors of the economy, there were 44 vacancies among crossing guards at the end of the 2021/22 school year. The City of Cincinnati and Cincinnati Public Schools collaborated to increase the hourly wage to \$15 per hour to attract more crossing guard applicants. Councilperson Mark Jeffreys reminded the current City Council that in November 2021, Cincinnati City Council unanimously passed a motion to increase crossing guard hourly pay to \$15. A need for follow-up on this intention was brought to light during a public engagement session of the Clifton Town Meeting Safety and Transportation Committee about pedestrian safety. Thanks to the persistence of community members and effective representation by our councilperson!

CliftonCares Act 2 — by Gerald Checco

In 2019, our community reacted to the beginning of the COVID pandemic by creating an initiative called CliftonCares. We supported our shocked, struggling restaurants – so essential to the fabric of our business district – while feeding health care professionals whose lives were challenged by an unfamiliar virus with unknown consequences. CliftonCares raised over \$40,000 in two weeks, allowing our restaurants to remain open and providing 4,000 meals to workers. Clifton's quality of life is the envy of many Cincinnati neighborhoods: a vibrant, eclectic and complete business district comprised of many independent, locally-owned stores, essential services and a broad and excellent variety of entertainment. These establishments survive on remarkably thin financial margins, which have recently been threatened by increasing theft, aggression, panhandling, loitering, littering and graffiti. One store owner reported

over \$15,000 of stolen goods in one month! The Cincinnati Police Department (CPD) is not able to provide 24/7 coverage for every neighborhood. Many unfilled positions, a budget insufficient to pay for officers "walking the beat" or for overtime and the demands from other neighborhoods requires Clifton to be innovative. A master plan created in 2018 by the Clifton Business Association (CBA), Clifton Town Meeting (CTM), volunteers, CPD District 5 and the Police Unit of the University of Cincinnati proposed coverage of our business district with security cameras. While not a direct deterrent of crime, the security camera video footage can help police identify and apprehend perpetrators, eliminating recidivism and providing the message "You're on camera." CBA has increased the number of neighborhood ambassadors we employ to keep our business district clean and to keep an eye out for illegal activities. Many faithful

volunteers respond generously to the call for help, planting flowers three times annually, watering and weeding gardens, picking up litter (estimated 200 times per year) and removing graffiti (estimated 250 tags each year). The entertainment programmed on Clifton Plaza in spring and summer brings out thousands of friends and families, thanks to CBA and Clifton Cultural Arts Center sponsorships. We have applied with some success for several grants that allow for implementation of the cameras master plan, but much more needs to be done. The community has applied for a Keep Cincinnati Beautiful grant for "Clean & Safe" projects which could provide necessary funds to complete the security cameras plan. We're organizing our civic groups to work together on this.

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What's a DORA and Why Are We Talking About It? — by Nestor Melnyk



DORAs are popping up in Loveland, Milford, Hamilton, Wyoming, Mariemont, and closer to home in Westwood and at the Banks. But where did they come from, and what exactly are they?

DORAs have been codified since 2015, and the rise of outdoor dining and entertaining during the COVID pandemic brought increased interest. Cincinnati is allowed up to six DORAs: The Banks and Westwood are established, College Hill and Hyde Park were approved in summer 2022 on a first-come-first-served basis, but the city plans a more equitable process for allocating the remaining two.

Quite simply, a DORA (**D**edicated **O**utdoor **R**efreshment **A**rea) is a specified area that is exempt from certain open alcoholic beverage container provisions. DORAs are the result of legislation that allows communities to establish outdoor areas where residents and business patrons can mingle and stroll with their favorite alcoholic beverages. Drinks are purchased for consumption from a DORA designated liquor permit holder and the customer can leave the premises with their beverage, continuing to consume it within the DORA limits.

Creating a DORA starts with local leadership and community input. The full application process includes outreach and input from the community, businesses, and institutions as well as from city agencies including law enforcement, fire, parks, public works, transportation, and planning. The application specifies defined boundaries of the DORA, identifies the participating businesses, and includes at least four qualifying liquor permit holders. DORAs also stipulate hours of operation and applicability to events, removing the need

for individual permits for special events. Detailed health and safety requirements must be established. Customers can take drinks purchased from a participating vendor anywhere within the DORA district except into other liquor serving establishments or into businesses that opt out. Beverages must be in designated DORA cups, meaning that no cans, glass bottles, red solo cups, etc. are permitted. Expenses associated with the DORA (trash, recycling, enhanced police presence, signage) are covered by a surcharge on DORA cups used to serve beverages. BYOB or alcoholic beverages purchased from retailers such as UDF or Clifton Market are not permitted. Beverages consumed outdoors must be served by a designated participating establishment, and laws pertaining to public intoxication, indecency, noise, and driving while intoxicated still apply.

The Clifton Business Association submitted a preliminary application to the city several months ago to preserve Clifton's opportunity to apply for a DORA. A group of interested volunteers continues to explore the idea at a slow pace, insuring complete research and open communications. Community engagement sessions will be held in late fall followed by a public survey in winter.

Your Home Security Camera Registration



The Cincinnati Police Department has an online camera registration program designed to enlist the public's support to apprehend criminals. If you register, the police cannot directly access your camera system. You will only be contacted

if it is believed your system might help with an investigation. Provision of footage is voluntary — camera owners are not obligated to provide anything.

This link will connect you with more information and a form: https://www.cincinnati-oh.gov/police/online-camera-registration/faq-online-camera-registration/?fbclid=IwAR1T8p6w9YkX7lh9F7-w2jmUYfhiecu3k7Zw660TEw_1Uian5S3llSag



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The Merchant's Parking Lot Murals — by Kip Eagen

Turning an eyesore into an outdoor art gallery takes a lot of help from a lot of people. Initiated by Clifton Business Association with the support of many civic organizations and by many local merchants, the Clifton Merchant's Parking Lot now creates a better first impression for visitors coming to our restaurants, shops and entertainment venues. The car park had become a location for graffiti and vandalism. Something needed to be done. This project was designed to create a colorful and welcoming environment and was also designed to discourage further vandalism.

Six professional and student artists/designers were commissioned to create murals depicting their vision of what Ludlow Avenue might look like in the future. A seventh mural features a composite of drawings from students attending Clifton Recreation Center. A large wall graphic with the words "Welcome to Ludlow Avenue" welcomes visitors to the neighborhood. The artists: Jain Chen, Madison Lentz, Randy Mazzola, Dylan Speeg, Jim White, and Leah Woodall

Thanks to our project sponsors: Clifton Business Association, Keep Cincinnati Beautiful, Clifton Community Fund, Upside Brew, Uptown Consortium, Gaslight Bar and Grill, The Whole Bowl, Esquire Theatre, Barbara Druffel and Robert DiTomassi, Clifton Town Meeting, Arlin's Bar and Grill, The Ludlow Garage, Adrian Durban Florist, Lentz and Co., Dewey's Pizza, Clifton Natural Foods and Enoch T. Carson Lodge.



Murals West

Clifton Community Fund Annual Fundraiser

The Clifton Community Fund (CCF) returns to Cincinnati Woman's Club for its annual fundraising dinner at 6 p.m. on Sept. 17, 2022. Our traditional auction of art, wine, and gifts will be bigger and better than ever! This year, we're honoring CCF board member Tom Osterman, a generous supporter of the arts and 50+ year resident of Warren Avenue. As Tom is a well-known connoisseur of fine wines, the fundraising dinner will consist of a four-course wine tasting dinner. Clifton's very own Mike Anagnostou of Ludlow Wines will pair and present the wine for each course. You will not want to miss this special event! All funds raised help support CCF's mission to preserve, beautify, and enhance Clifton, enriching its culture and quality of life. Please look for your invitation in the mail, or go to cliftoncommunityfund.org to purchase tickets. We can't wait to see you there!

*Margaret Reich
President, CCF*



Dylan Speeg



Leah Woodall



Madison Lentz



Randy Mazzola



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Oct. 8 – Opening reception of **"Strangers in a Strange Land: Visionary Artists and Their Environments"** by **Steve Plattner**, Saturday, Oct. 8, 5-8 p.m. Off Ludlow Gallery is again an official venue for the FotoFocus biennial, a city-wide photographic extravaganza. The **2022 FotoFocus** theme, "World Record," is well-supported by Plattner's exhibit of photos taken over five years depicting the "...social lives of human beings within various environments, cultural as well as natural."
Other Clifton galleries participating in 2022 FotoFocus:

- **"Still New York,"** at **Clifton Cultural Arts Center** - **Logan Hicks** looks at the impact of pandemic lockdowns in New York City, opening reception Oct. 8, 5:30pm.
- **Haehnle Gallery** at **St. John's Unitarian Universalist Church** with curated images by local photographers that document children battling cancer and related illnesses.
- **Manifest Gallery** will exhibit **"Yonder,"** a multi-part program involving workshops, demonstrations, and a display of resulting work in their studios, newly located at 3464 Central Parkway in Clifton.
- **Meyers Gallery** at **DAAP UC** features early 20th century works by photojournalist **Paul Briol** that document the built and natural environment that continues to inform Cincinnati's sense of place, identity, and community

Nov. 18 – **Opening: Off Ludlow Gallery Gifts IV**, our annual curated boutique of art for gift giving or keeping.



Photo by Steve Plattner

CLIFTON RECREATION CENTER FALL SCHEDULE

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Hours: Monday 7 AM – 9 PM
Tues – Friday 7 AM – 8:30 PM
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Adults (25-49): \$25

YOUTH/TEEN PROGRAMS

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After School: MONDAY- FRIDAY
Camp Hours 2:30 PM – 6:00 PM
Fees- \$200

TEEN/ADULT/SENIOR PROGRAMS

Fencing: Mondays from 6:00 PM to 8:45 PM, Fee \$50
Pickleball: Mondays, Weds & Fridays from 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM Thursday from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM
Pottery: Wheel Courses: Tuesdays 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM, Fee \$170/Session (Session begins August 23rd – October 11)
Hand building: Thursday from 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM Fee \$170/Session (Session begins August 25th – October 13)
Teen Open Gym: Tuesdays from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM
Teen Esports: Tuesdays from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM
Wood Carvers: Weds from 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM
Board Game Meet up: Weds from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM
Family Open Gym: Fridays from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM

Summer 2022 City Hall Corner - Clifton

— by City Councilman Mark Jeffreys

Six months into the new City Council, I take this opportunity to share updates on a few issues relevant to Clifton from City Hall – especially around public safety and investments to enhance the quality-of-life in our neighborhoods.

As many may have seen, the speed humps have been installed at Warren & Clifton avenues – another step in our ongoing efforts to calm traffic on Clifton Avenue where we saw a car flip over a few months ago. Please continue to identify hot spots with the CTM Safety and Transportation Committee as this is one of many interventions needed around the neighborhood. We have recently succeeded in getting increased pay for crossing guards at our public schools. Please see the story on page 6 for the details of this important improvement which will improve pedestrian safety as the school year commences.

The budget that City Council just passed prioritizes public safety by funding two new police and fire recruit classes and invests \$4M in pedestrian safety. It also includes two measures that I put forward: adding a full-time employee for pedestrian safety so that improvements can be implemented faster in Clifton and other neighborhoods, and \$300K of support for neighborhood business districts, which are at the core of building stronger communities. While the budget did not include funding for Clifton Cultural Arts Center and we did not get state funding for to implement the proposed Ludlow Avenue ‘road diet’ and new crosswalks in the segment from the business district to the viaduct, I will continue to work with my colleagues to identify other potential funding sources for these important quality-of-life investments.

Another focus of mine is on law enforcement of ordinances concerning litter and vehicular speeding that impacts all of our neighborhoods. In Clifton specifically, recent data from the Cincinnati Police Department indicated only 121 speeding tickets were issued over the past 5 years, averaging of 24.2 per year. We have all seen frequent violations of speeding and the running of red lights. I’m working with the police and others on how to improve enforcement without unintended consequences.

As always, I invite everyone to reach out to me any time with issues or concerns at Mark.Jeffreys@cincinnati-oh.gov. I appreciate the opportunity to hear from residents, and to serve the people of Cincinnati.



Hebrew Union College Jewish Cincinnati: A Photographic Record by J. Miles Wolf

October 27, 2022–January 29, 2023.
Reception and artist talk on Thursday, October 27 at 5:30 PM.

J. Miles Wolf extends his 2018 FotoFocus exploration of Jewish houses of worship in Cincinnati to include Jewish contributions in all walks of life. Aligning with the 2021–2022 celebration of the Jewish Cincinnati Bicentennial, Wolf trains his discerning lens on former places of business like the Krohn-Fechheimer Shoe Factory, the Fechheimer Brothers Company (still manufacturing uniforms in Cincinnati today), the Manischewitz matzo factory (first commercial matzo factory in America), Bloch Printing, and the American Israelite newspaper.

Fifteen new images join the original 18 from the 2018 show, and the installation’s narrative addresses the contributions of Jewish Cincinnatians in the spheres of business, civic life, social welfare, faith, the arts, healthcare, philanthropy, and popular culture. Wolf expands his reach to Northern Kentucky and the West Side, where several congregations thrived during the 19th and early 20th centuries. Social clubs, sports venues, and the nation’s first Jewish hospital are also documented in Wolf’s signature photographs that combine historical images carefully culled from local archives with city views that capture the here and now of these locales. Self-guided smartphone tours and reproductions of Wolf’s work at selected downtown venues for a limited time expand the exhibition beyond the walls of the Skirball Museum.

Jewish Cincinnati: A Photographic Record by J. Miles Wolf is part of the 2022 FotoFocus Biennial.

Now in its sixth iteration, the Biennial activates over 100 museums, galleries, universities, and public spaces throughout Greater Cincinnati, Northern Kentucky, Dayton and Columbus, Ohio in October 2022.

Support for this 2022 FotoFocus Biennial exhibition was provided by FotoFocus and the Jewish Cincinnati Bicentennial.





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Stroll around Clifton and it's clear – this is a special place with an ever-changing set of neighbors. Year to year, thanks to the dominant presence of apartments where students attending our colleges and universities reside, neighbors come and go. With a little over 32% of Clifton properties zoned as single-family, a third of our residents who own homes and gardens are like the tap root of a sturdy 170-year-old oak tree with far reaching branches that flower, flourish, bear fruit and shelter all throughout the seasons.

Diversity of cultures, ages, social and economic groups is an enduring characteristic of Clifton, confirmed by 2020 census numbers that list our residents as Black 14.9%, Hispanic 3.9%, White 61.3%, and Other 19.8%. Many people who identify as Black or White also belong to other distinct cultural groups either by countries of birth and/or by practices. We spoke recently with 17 of our neighbors about why they have chosen Clifton to settle. Here are their stories.

The neighbors we met are:

Etsuko Adachi/Japan and Alex Miethke/Germany, physician in America for 20 years

Jay Chatterjee/India, architect and planner in America for 63 years, in Clifton 55 years

Mansee Chauhan/India, graduate student, 1 year in Clifton

Tom Chen, Rin & Shao Ping/Canton, China, Auntie Apple's Kitchen, in America 27 years and 10 years

Eva Coomer/Australia, dancer and teacher, in America for 11 years

Mohammed Essarhany/Morocco, past owner of Marrakech Café, in Clifton 18 years

Yvonne Van Eyden and Sander Vinks/Netherlands, artist and physician, in Clifton for 23 years

Anna Krynychna/Ukraine, student, in Clifton 3 months

Victor Morales/Guatemala, fine craft and jewelry shop owner, in Cincinnati for 8 years

Titus Nzioki/Kenya Africa, shop owner at Kilimanjaro, in America and Cincinnati 43 years

Tamar Oestreich/Israel, dancer, in America for 54 years, Clifton for 42 years

Jeanne Strauss DeGroot/France, Clifton's head librarian, in America 15 years, in Clifton 13 years

Zeeshab Tayeb/Fairfield/second generation from India, physician, Clifton Mosque for 30 years

Some collective expressions of these Cliftonites:

Things they love: The friendliness of people, economic and social diversity, working and living in the same neighborhood, walking distance to everything including schools, shops and places of worship, parks and green spaces, bus stops, banks, the library, restaurants that serve familiar cuisine, Clifton Market, ACE Hardware, Esquire Theatre, Graeter's, Biagio's, Gaslight Bar and Grill, Clifton Natural Foods, Pangaea, Toko Baru, Hansa Guild, Ambar, Ludlow Garage, Sitwells Act II...

About Clifton's diversity:

Jay: Most appealing to him is Clifton's "diversity both in terms of income range and racial/

social scale."

Mansee: "As an international student, I had little time to adjust but the neighborhood is so diverse and welcoming. All understand that you are from a different country."

Jeanne: "We are the Minds of All Kinds and we see it every day at the library...I always feel a special connection at the branch when I meet a person who is starting a new life in this country."

Titus: "It's the only place where my business could survive. I set up shop in Clifton in 1997 after trying several other neighborhoods. Here I meet many people from different countries. They are open minded, there's a large eclectic student population."

About the difficulty of immigrating to America:

• **Language** - Jeanne says, "Adapting to a new culture requires courage, determination, openness, and learning how to have fun with it! My son Isaac is 6 years old, he attends the New School Montessori. He helps me with my English now, correcting my accent, or translating some words for me."

• **Weather** - Especially the cold in winter

• **Making friends** - Victor says, "While we found it hard to make friends at first and having to use a car to go almost anywhere, it seems that people in this area and neighborhood are a lot friendlier and more relaxed than where we'd lived before."

• **Missing the family and friends** back in country of origin. Titus says "About 250 other Kenyan-born people live in this region...I go back to Kenya twice a year to purchase what will be in the store. And I miss Clifton when I am away."

• **Missing public transportation networks**

• **Missing familiar sounds** of wildlife and environment, like birdsongs and the ocean

• **Adaptation to America's gun culture** - Eva says, "Having to worry about your kids' safety at school, movie theaters, grocery stores, parades, churches, etc. That ALICE training is a necessity for schools now is particularly jarring. Australia had a much different response to mass shootings and it's difficult to now live with inaction from those in power."

• **Adaptation to "food"** - Etsuko and Alex listed "Pizza, hamburger, Skyline chili, huge scoops of ice cream and supersized soda pop drinks."

Individual Reflections:

Jeanne: "Clifton feels like a little village in many ways. Like in Paris, I like that not everything is clean, and neat and perfect in Clifton. I like that there are weird, old buildings that show their history."

Mohammed: "Life in U.S. in general is easy once you get a job, compared to Morocco where it's everyone's dream to move here. But being away from your parents and family is very difficult. I won the U.S. lottery and in order to get the visa, you have to have someone who lives in U.S. One of my neighbors at home used to live in Clifton gave me his address. I chose Clifton because everything is in walking distance – food, groceries pharmacy, safety and friendly people."

Victor: Clifton is very walkable with nice casual

bars, a supermarket, international restaurants, and banks. The Esquire is a little gem of a movie theater! It was what originally attracted me to take the available retail space across the street. 'People who like art movies, would like handmade jewelry' I thought when I saw the available space."

Mansee: "I always shop in the Ludlow business district and I look forward to becoming more involved in Clifton activities."

Eva: "I LOVE the architectural diversity of the homes in Clifton. Also to be walking distance to shops, restaurants, a movie theater, parks etc. The area is very family/kid friendly with many younger families moving in. CANS (Clifton Area Neighborhood School) was a huge selling point for us. Both of our kids attend and we love that it is walking distance from our house. We love that CANS is a new school that we are watching grow with the community, one with great support from local families, that is socially and economically diverse, and focused on developing the whole child."

Etsuko and Alex: "A dream becomes true if the streetcar ever comes up to Clifton!"

Tamar: Thinks an event inviting foreign-born neighbors would be a great opportunity to share and compare experiences.

Auntie Apple: "Clifton is peaceful and diverse with a smalltown feeling. We enjoy the good quality of the air and the physical environment that is not so densely populated."

Jay: Thinks life in Clifton could be made even better if "beautified and with central Clifton given a distinct flavor or characteristic."

Yvonne: "Our idea was to live here for 2 to 3 years! But Cincinnati Children's took such good care of us, we packed up all of our stuff, arranged our papers from visa to green card, and in 2012 we became citizens. We very much like living in Clifton and especially enjoy all the stores on Ludlow."

Zeeshan: Those who have also lived in Cincinnati since the 1980s may share Zeeshan's sentiment of "missing the annual International Folk Festival where my father always had a booth. It was a real celebration of diversity for the entire region." He would like to see the Chronicle maintain a quarterly "cultural diversity" story.



Photo by: Jeff Wilson

We Are Clifton

Anna Krynychna: Ukraine



In February 2022, Anna was still living in Kharkiv, Ukraine, and she did not know anything about Cincinnati, Ohio. This 25-year-old

IT professional was one of many Ukrainians whose lives have been turned upside down. She applied for a new program "Uniting for Ukraine" announced by President Biden on April 2022 and within one short month of her application, she landed in Cincinnati, generously hosted by the family of Devin Namaky and Mary Carol Burkhardt. Anna's mother is in Germany while her dad and grandparents remain in Kharkiv. She continues to have contact with them using FaceBook Messenger and Whats App which enables visual conversations. Her two-year stay here includes temporary medical coverage and cash assistance. What she likes most about Clifton is the friendliness and helpfulness of neighbors. She has experienced people bringing her welcome gifts, clothing and invitations to special events like a baseball game and the Zoo. Anna will have to wait several months before receiving a work permit and would like to use this time to reorient herself professionally by attending local courses at either Cincinnati State or UC. She is still adapting to the speed of English conversation, but gets a lot of satisfaction that, in less than two months, she has made a lot of progress in comprehension and expression. She participates in group conversations organized by the Clifton branch library with other foreign nationals working to improve their English skills. She is open to meeting more Cincinnati neighbors and helping with childcare, gardening, or other odd jobs. She misses her family, friends, and country and listens to and reads news from CNN and the New York Times. Part of her "happy" Clifton discoveries have been Mexican and Indian food, which are not common in Ukraine.

Victor Morales: Guatemala



"I am one of five children from an indigenous Mayan family in Guatemala. Seeking education, economic opportunities, and better living standards, I immigrated to live in Boston in 1995 until moving to Europe in 2009, when I resided in

Amsterdam for 4 years. In May 2014, Elisa and I married and moved to Cincinnati where she had accepted a position at Cincinnati Childrens Hospital. Cincinnati felt like a very small town compared to Amsterdam or Boston. Clifton has a strong sense of community, evident from efforts to establish a community supermarket. On June 11, 2016, we opened MAYA to the public at 323 Ludlow, right in the center of the business district. It has been a very good experience to be in a community that shows a lot of care and support for its local shops. After 8 years here, we miss our family and friends

back home, going to the beach and authentic food. Our daughter is now six years old and has learned to speak 3 languages. Every year we visit Guatemala and Italy to spend time with family, and Giulia uses her Spanish and Italian. We also make sure to spend time at the beach and to enjoy the delicious dishes from our homelands."

Jeanne Strauss DeGroot: France



"My husband, Jonathan, is originally from Los Angeles. We met in France, and after I graduated from Indiana University (Bloomington) with a Master of Library Science in 2009, I joined him in Cincinnati.

At that time, we lived in a condo in OTR. Later we fell in love with our house in Clifton and moved here. For me the greatest challenge was learning the language and becoming fluent in English, it takes time and practice. I also had to adapt to a different work culture, and most recently, to a different schooling system. Having Jonathan with me was always an incredible support. I have also met so many people here through the years too, who have helped me through this life transition. I have been working at the Clifton Branch Library since December 2020. I love my place of work and consider myself so lucky, every day, to come to work in such a beautiful space, a historic house with such fascinating history. At the branch, I cherish the diversity of people who visit every day: diversity in ages, in origins, in backgrounds, in needs. In France, I lived in a very big cosmopolitan city, in which you feel like you will never be able to experience everything. In comparison, I guess the rugged and "used" aspect of Clifton reminds me of Paris a little. My son Isaac is 6 years old, and he attends the New School Montessori. Being born here in Cincinnati, and growing up here, his experience is different! He is a natural. Clifton is his world, the world that will always be so special to him throughout his life, wherever he goes. Through the experience of a child, you discover new things and meet new people in your neighborhood too. "

Auntie Apple's Kitchen: China



Tom Chen, Rin and Shao Ping/China, Canton region

Tom Chen: 27 years in America, Auntie Apple/Shao Ping and her daughter Rin 10 years. Tom Chen, Rin and Auntie Apple/Shao Ping are partners in their new

restaurant, Auntie Apple's Kitchen, located at 321 Ludlow Avenue next to Clifton Market. Rin and Auntie are daughter and mother. Tom met his Camp Washington neighbors and became familiar with the excellent cooking happening at their apartment. Their concept for a Clifton restaurant specializing in Cantonese cooking done the authentic Chinese way is intended to provide the many students on Ludlow Avenue "a special place

servicing good family-style cooking where guests feel like family." When he was 10 years old, Tom came from China with his family to Logan County, Ohio, where they ran their Chinese restaurant. It seemed that they were the only Asians in the area, but they felt unique in a positive way. Tom has a degree in hospitality management from Ohio State University and worked previously in a Mason restaurant that closed due to the pandemic. Their new customers at Auntie Apple's have used social media to spread the word to very good effect!

Tamar Oestreich: Israel

Tamar Oestreich came to the United States 54 years ago from Israel when her husband Alan accepted a position at Cincinnati Children's Hospital as a Pediatric Radiologist. They arrived in Clifton on New Year's Eve 1980 and still live in the same house. Proximity to the hospital and the University of Cincinnati, interesting programs and people, as well as Cincinnati's many cultural amenities, were all good reasons to settle here. Their son Mike was born in 1983. Coming from Jerusalem as a 21-year-old to pursue a fine arts and dance program at the University of Illinois involved a cultural shock. Tamar had vastly different life experiences than her new peers in America. Hospitable and welcoming people made her adaptation easier, though some had never even heard of Israel. She had survived three wars, serving in active duty in the 1967 Six-Day War, and two years of mandatory service in the Israeli Defense Forces. Her country and family included survivors of Nazi Germany. Clifton's proximity of local shops and services reminds her of her old home. Although Tamar learned how to drive a tank, she's never driven a car. As a pedestrian, she appreciates having walkable access to the things she needs. Favorite destinations include Pangea, Toko Baru, Clifton Market, Clifton Natural Foods and Hansa Guild. She enjoys the diversity of people here, both foreign and American, and thinks an event inviting foreign-born neighbors would be a great opportunity to share and compare experiences.



Essarhany Family



Titus Nzioki



Alex and Etsuko



Mansee Chauhan

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Zeeshan Tayeb: India



A son of immigrants from India, Zeeshan Tayeb remembers visiting his grandparents in the 1980's at Whitfield Gardens that overlooked Good Samaritan Hospital. Though he

grew up in Fairfield, Clifton was always the spiritual center of his life, attending the old mosque located on Clifton Avenue which was replaced in 2003 by the new mosque we know today. As a boy, Zeeshan's goal was to be able to move to Clifton, attracted by its multi-faceted, multi-cultural residents. After completing his undergraduate degree at UC, he was obligated to leave his beloved Clifton for a while to attend medical school in Dayton. But he's back and now serves his favorite community as a CTM trustee. His wife Dalenna Garcia Tayeb, is a Texan of Mexican-Palestinian origin, and their family of five epitomizes our neighborhoods cultural diversity. They reside nextdoor to the mosque where Zeeshan continues to live his faith and provide support to the Muslim students attending UC.

Eva Coomer: Australia



"I moved to Buffalo, NY with my husband in 2011, relocating to Austin, Texas in 2013 for new work opportunities. We settled in Cincinnati in 2019. Living here brings us closer to my husband's family, his entire family lives in Cincinnati and we wanted our kids to have more time with grandparents, uncles,

aunties and cousins. We wanted a neighborhood that was culturally diverse, had good walkability, and offered public school options. What I miss most from Australia is my family, all of whom are still there. We haven't had a chance to go back home since the Pandemic began in 2020. For a long time the Australian borders were closed to even Australian citizens. We are hoping to make the trip back in May of 2023. I miss the smell of the ocean, which was only minutes from my childhood home. I miss the sound of Australia's native birds, such as kookaburras, magpies, cockatoos, larakeets, and rosellas. Even though they're different sounds, I love that when I open my windows, I get to enjoy the sounds of nature here (shoutout to the Rawson Woods Preserve), even occasional yelping of gibbons from the zoo."

Jay Chatterjee: India



Jay Chatterjee has lived in America for 63 years and in Clifton for 55 years. Well-known for his work at the University of Cincinnati (UC), Jay is Dean Emeritus of UC's College of Design, Architecture, Art, and Planning (DAAP). Following graduate work in London he immigrated to America for degrees from the University of North Carolina and Harvard University. He says, "I was working in Boston as Urban Designer for the Boston Metropolitan area, when I received a job offer from the University of Cincinnati and decided to accept it." Forbes Magazine declared UC as one of the most beautiful campuses in the world, thanks to Chatterjee's leadership of master planning and engagement of world-renowned architects. Recipient of over

a dozen national awards for his professional achievements, Jay most recently was awarded the Rosa F. and Samuel B. Sachs Fund Prize for lifetime achievement in the arts. Jay and his wife raised their family in Clifton, their son and daughter both attended Mercy Montessori, Walnut Hills High School and UC, undergraduate and graduate schools. "We had been very happy with the results," Jay said.

Yvonne Van Eijden and Sander Vinks: Netherlands



Yvonne and her family lived in The Hague, Netherlands, 23 years ago. "My husband, Sander Vinks,

was presenting a clinical research paper at an international conference in Vietnam when he met with a doctor from Cincinnati Children's Hospital who was very interested in what he was doing. He called me from Vietnam and asked if I wanted to move to Cincinnati. My response: 'Where is Cincinnati?' He said, 'Get the map and find Ohio!'" When they visited Cincinnati in January 2000, a realtor showed them houses in the far-away suburbs. She remembers the agent saying "People really take care of their lawns in these neighborhoods." But Yvonne was screaming inside: "I want to live in a real neighborhood!" Then, an associate from Children's drove them around in Clifton, "a very nice old neighborhood and so close to the hospital." The next day when visiting again, their 9-year-old son Milan pointed to a house on Lafayette Avenue. "Dad, Mom that house is for sale!" They bought that house, signing papers while in The Hague, since their realtor, coincidentally, was travelling to The Hague for a family visit!

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Clifton Celebrity: Salmon P. Chase



Salmon Portland Chase (1808-1873) stood out in Clifton's antebellum meritocracy of pork packers, brewers, fabricators and dry goods merchants, becoming a great civil rights attorney and politician of international stature. Schools, banks and buildings would carry his name. His portrait would find its way onto U.S. currency.



As a boy, Salmon did not like his first name, saying it sounded "fishy." He considered a change, but since he was from a clerical family in New Hampshire (the name meaning "peaceful one" in scriptures), he learned to live with it. After his father's death in 1816, young Salmon arrived in Worthington, Ohio in 1820 to reside with his uncle Philander Chase, an Episcopal bishop. Uncle Philander was offered the presidency of Cincinnati College (to become University of Cincinnati), where Salmon would later establish the Cincinnati Law School. Here Salmon got his real start, attending Cincinnati College for a year, making many friends, and becoming impressed with the vibrancy and potential of this frontier town. He returned to New Hampshire to finish college with strong training in law at Dartmouth, knowing that he would return one day to Cincinnati to practice. Chase was a property owner and civic leader of Clifton before being twice elected as Governor of Ohio in 1856 and 1858. Plot maps indicate he owned his "country seat" of 18.6 acres (where Cypress Gardens Street is now) from 1848 to about 1865. The Clifton "farm" ensured his family's enjoyment and health during his frequent absences to Washington, D.C. The property eventually was sold to William Gibson (Gibson Hotel) who built a "modern" house in replacement

of Chase's home. Chase became a U.S. Senator (1849-1855) and was a presidential candidate three times (1856, 1860, 1864). President Abraham Lincoln appointed him as treasury secretary to finance the Civil War, at which time Chase coined the phrase adopted by Congress: "In God We Trust." He founded the Internal Revenue Service and created the National Bank (later becoming the Federal Reserve System) to facilitate money flow and exchange. Appointed by Lincoln in 1864 as chief justice of the Supreme Court, Chase served until his death in 1873. Chase conducted two of the most spectacular trials in history – the treason trial of Jefferson Davis and the impeachment trial of Andrew Johnson. His greatest local legacy, however, was as an abolitionist and fugitive slave attorney. In appreciation, the black community of Cincinnati presented him with a beautiful silver pitcher, now displayed at the National Underground Railroad Freedom Center (photo). The magnitude of his landmark cases as a civil rights lawyer now fill the recent 800-page biography by Walter Stahr – "Salmon P. Chase: Lincoln's Vital Rival."



Cincinnati provided Chase's first exposure to a black population of both free and enslaved individuals, engendering a lifelong sympathy. In 1830, he became a law partner of Flamen Ball, a Clifton resident, mayor and also an ardent abolitionist. Their efforts led to the incorporation of Clifton in 1850, when the 1,200-acre village had a population of 40 families. Chase married his first wife, Catherine Jane Garniss, on March 4, 1834. She died the following year giving birth to the couple's first child, a girl who died a few years later. Chase married a second time on September 26, 1839 to Eliza Ann Smith, who died of consumption only six years later. On November 6, 1846, Chase married Sarah Bella Dunlop Ludlow, granddaughter

of Cincinnati founding father Israel Ludlow. After Sarah's death (also of consumption) on January 13, 1852, Chase chose not to remarry. Two surviving daughters, Kate (by Eliza) and Nettie (by Sarah), became flaming debutantes in Washington D.C., where the Chases entertained all the notables and suitors of the 1860s in their fine house on E Street.



Chase suffered a stroke in 1873 and died while under the care of his daughter Kate in their Washington home. First interred at Washington's Oak Lawn Cemetery, he later returned home to Clifton and Cincinnati's Spring Grove Cemetery for reinterment in 1886. He was posthumously

celebrated at Music Hall, including an address by law partner George Hoadly who described Chase as one-time "most unpopular man in Cincinnati" because he was an abolitionist before the Civil War in a "suburb of the South."

- by Geoff Gelke, *The History Buffs*
For more: see Vol. 2 of "the Clifton Articles" at Clifton Public Library

The Ordinances of the New Village of Clifton, 1850



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Clifton Businesses, Services and Civic Organizations

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Esquire Theatre	320 Ludlow	513-281-8750
Ludlow Garage	342 Ludlow	513-861-7625
Improv Cincinnati	404 Ludlow	513-900-1110
Off Ludlow Gallery a Project of CTM	3408 Ormond	513-201-7153
Clifton Cultural Arts Center	3412 Clifton	513-497-2860
Manifest Gallery	3464 Central Pkw	513-861-3638
Vada Gallery	3410 Telford	513-259-7446
UC Makerspace	1819 Innovation Hub	513-556-5511

Park/ Public Space/ Cemetery

Burnet Woods	282 Ludlow	513-357-2604
Mt. Storm	600 Lafayette	513-357-2604
Cincinnati Zoo & Botanical Garden	3400 Vine	513-281-4700
Rawson Woods Preserve	424 McAlpin	513-357-2604
Sacred Heart Playground	607 Lafayette	513-352-4000
Edgewood Grove	745 Lafayette	513-357-2604
Dunore Park	698 Ludlow	513-357-2604
Dunore Park	727 Ludlow	513-357-2604
Bishop Triangle	3275 Bishop	513-357-2604
Telford Plaza	3400 Telford	513-357-2604
Clifton Plaza	333 Ludlow	
United Jewish Cemetery	730 Old Ludlow	
Vine Street Hill Cemetery	3701 Vine	513-281-1035
Spring Grove Cemetery & Arboretum and Funeral Home	4521 Spring Grove	513-681-7526
Salway Park/ Millcreek		

Church/ Place of Worship

Clifton United Methodist	3416 Clifton	513-961-2998
Immanuel Presbyterian	3445 Clifton	513-751-0312
Clifton Mosque	3668 Clifton	513-221-4003
Every Nation	3722 Clifton	513-975-0554
Annunciation	3747 Clifton	513-381-6400
St. John's Unitarian	320 Resor	513-961-1938
Calvary Episcopal	3766 Clifton	513-861-4437
Seventh Day Adventist	3800 Clifton	513-221-1221
Church of Christ	695 Berkshire	513-281-2872
House of Joy	3220 Central Pkw	513-541-4600

School/ University

CANS -Clifton Area Neighborhood School	3711 Clifton	513-363-2200
Fairview-Clifton German Language School	3689 Clifton	513-363-2100
Annunciation School	3545 Clifton	513-221-1230
DePaul Cristo Rey	1133 Clifton Hills	513-861-0600
Clifton Christian Academy	3798 Clifton	513-751-1255
Cincinnati State College	3250 Central Pkw	513-569-1500
Hebrew Union College	3101 Clifton	513-221-1875
University of Cincinnati	2600 Clifton	513-556-6000
Child Care Organizations:	https://www.4cforchildren.org/families/find-child-care/	

Restaurant/ Bar

J. Gumbo's	286 Ludlow	513-407-6930
Skyline Chili	290 Ludlow	513-221-2142
Arlin's	307 Ludlow	513-751-6566
Biagio's Bistro	308 Ludlow	513-861-4777
Los Potrillos	316 Ludlow	513-221-0313
Auntie Apple's Kitchen	321 Ludlow	513-221-2181
Sitwell's Act 2	324 Ludlow	513-281-7487
Upside Brew	329 Ludlow	513-882-3610
Graeter's Ice Cream	332 Ludlow	513-281-4749
Bohemian Hookah	340 Ludlow	513-221-0291
Ajeet India	341 Ludlow	513-961-3600
Ludlow Garage	342 Ludlow	513-861-7625
Proud Rooster	345 Ludlow	513-281-4965
Ambar India	350 Ludlow	513-281-7000
Gaslight Bar & Grill	351 Ludlow	513-861-3663
Habanero	358 Ludlow	513-961-6800
Tap Room on Ludlow	360 Ludlow	513-961-6800
The Whole Bowl	364 Ludlow	513-751-2695
Dusmesh India	944 Ludlow	513-221-8900
Bruegger's Bagel	3317 Clifton	513-221-2243
Baladi	3307 Clifton	513-221-7222
Dewey's Pizza	265 Hosea	513-221-0400
Richie's	110 Woolper	513-559-1878
Frisch's Big Boy	3226 Central Pkw	513-559-0555
White Castle	3400 Central Pkw	614-228-5781

Recreation/ Fitness

Clifton Recreation Center	320 McAlpin	513-961-5681
Clifton Branch Library	3400 Brookline	513-369-4447
Trailside Nature Center	3251 Brookline	513-751-3679
World Peace Yoga	268 Ludlow	513-300-9642
It's Yoga	346 Ludlow	513-961-9642
Clifton Meadows Swim & Tennis Club	4045 Egbert	513-961-3793

Delivery/ Postal Services

Clifton Post Office	362 Ludlow	800-275-8777
Corryville Post Office	2917 Short Vine	800-275-8777
Goin' Postal	3239 Jefferson	513-376-6587
Amazon Hub Locker	241 Calhoun	888-280-4331

Bank

Superior Credit Union	411 Ludlow	513-281-9988
PNC Bank	415 Ludlow	513-221-1122
US Bank	425 Ludlow	513-475-6061
MoneyGram @ CVS	371 Ludlow	513-281-4475
Western Union @ Clifton Market	319 Ludlow	

Note: Some businesses & services

Clifton's Multi-Cultural Food Scene

Uptown Cincinnati is one of the city's most diverse areas, so it's no surprise that Clifton is home to an array of unique restaurants that serve up cuisines from around the globe. From Biagio's Bistro, a charming neighborhood hangout spot that serves Italian dishes and cocktails, to Skyline Chili, a hometown favorite inspired by Greek flavors, Clifton has become a destination for all things food and drink. Of all five Uptown communities - Avondale, Clifton, Corryville, CUF and Mt. Auburn - perhaps none sustains more diversity than Clifton. With its eclectic mix of families, professionals, educators, students, artists and entrepreneurs, Clifton's business district is home to over 60 merchants—many of which are minority or immigrant-owned. Ambar India and Los Potrillos serve up favorites from Asia and Central America, Cajun-

inspired J. Gumbo's conjures flavors of Louisiana, and the uniquely vegetarian-friendly Whole Bowl meets you right on the sidewalk. "Clifton is one big melting pot, attracting people from around the world," says Uptown Consortium Inc's President/CEO Beth Robinson. "Uptown residents experience different walks of life on a daily basis here, through food, art and other mediums." A healthy restaurant scene is vital to a neighborhood's cultural identity, but also to its economy—the restaurant industry employs roughly 10% of the American workforce. Patronizing local restaurants and businesses guarantees that residents' hard-earned dollars are flow right back into the community. **About Uptown Cincinnati Inc.** – UCI brings together local neighborhood, civic and institutional leaders to focus on opportunities in

of Your Clifton Neighborhood

April 2022

Grocery/ Supermarket

Clifton Market Supermarket	319 Ludlow	513-861-3000
Clifton Natural Food	336 Ludlow	513-961-6111
United Dairy Farmers	3325 Clifton	513-751-5132
Jagdeep's Indian	270 Ludlow	513-620-7130
CVS	371 Ludlow	513-281-4475

Health/ Dental/ Eye

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Group Health Associates	379 Dixmyth	513-246-7000
Marvin Kaplan, DMD	3406 Ormond	513-281-8800
Clifton Dental Care	3349 Whitfield	513-751-5200
Clarkson Eyecare	3308 Jefferson	513-872-2028
Dennis M. Murphy DDS	310 Terrace	513-221-1550
Marianne Donohue MD (OB/GYN)	310 Terrace	513-221-0770
Thomas Bender, MD (Orthopardic Surgeon)	3345 Whitfield	513-221-3232
Holistic Counseling Care of Cincinnati - Yager & Associates Counseling	3345 Whitfield	513-334-2026

Pharmacy

CVS	371 Ludlow	513-281-4475
Walgreens 24/7	3 W. Corry	513-751-0302
Walgreens	9 W. Mitchell	513-6412-426

Safety Emergency call 911 Non-Emergency

Fire House	301 Ludlow	513-765-1212
Police District 5		513-352-3578

Transportation

Bus Line 17, 19,20,37, 38, 51, 78	https://www.go-metro.com/mapsandschedules	
Bike Lanes on Central Parway and Clifton Ave.		
Red Bike (rental)	321 Howell	513-621-2453
Red Bike (rental)	3402 Brookline	513-621-2453
Shell Gas & Food Mart	3337 Clifton	513-281-0031
AAA Carwash	3330 Central Prkwy	513-559-1733

Pet

Petey's Pet Stop	311 Howell	513-201-7387
Howell Avenue Pet Hospital	317 Howell	513-221-3404

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on this list are not within the recognized boundaries of Clifton but are included for their importance to the quality of life for Clifton residents.

Hair/ Nail

University Nail	3307 Clifton	513-751-4111
Personalities by Leona	312 Ludlow	513-751-5100
Clifton Barbers	337 Ludlow	513-281-3163
Makin Heads Turn Salon	3307 Clifton	513-407-3911

Jewelry

Paolo	278 Ludlow	513-751-2171
Maya	323 Ludlow	513-667-9299

Bed & Breakfast

Gaslight B&B	3652 Middleton	513-861-5222
Clifton House	500 Terrace	513-221-7600

Civic/ Club/ Garden

Clifton Town Meeting	contactctm@cliftoncommunity.org	
Clifton Business Association	contact@cliftonbusiness.org	
Clifton Community Fund	cliftonccf@gmail.com	
Civic Garden Center	3301 Clifton	513-221-0981
Cincinnati Woman's Club	330 Lafayette	513-961-6535
Clifton Child Study Group	cliftonmoms@gmail.com	
Parks Advisory Councils (Burnet, Mt. Storm, Bowdle, Dunore)	www.cincinnati-oh.gov/cincyparks/get-involved/cincinnati-parks-advisory-councils/	

Apparel/ Novelties

Kilimanjaro	310 Ludlow	513-221-0700
Semesters	313 Ludlow	513-221-2031
Wonderland Smoke Shop	314 Ludlow	513-407-3233
Toko Baru	325 Ludlow	513-751-3338
Pangaea Trading	326 Ludlow	513-751-3330
Lentz & Company	339 Ludlow	513-739-0193
Torn Light Records	356 Ludlow	513-873-6995
Hansa Guild	369 Ludlow	513-221-4002

Special

Adrian Durban Florist	302 Ludlow	513-221-7673
ACE Hardware	344 Ludlow	513-281-9600
Ludlow Wines	343 Ludlow	513-751-3727
Brown's Tours & Travel	3410 Ormond	513-731-3369
Optimus Employment	366 Ludlow	513-407-8159
Kroner Dry Cleaners @ Clifton Market	319 Ludlow	513-661-1400
Born to Lose Tatoo Shop	311 Ludlow	
City Limits Laundry & Tanning	50 W. Nixon	513-751-6999

Vada Gallery



New to the Gaslight arts scene, Virginia Blair and Franz Diedling bring their passion for the arts to 3408 Telford Street. Virginia's art historical and curatorial experience with over 100 artists, combined with Franz's love of the arts and entrepreneurship, have created this unique family business, dedicated to exhibition of fine artworks by new and seasoned artists, all mediums welcome. They host openings of monthly new shows, with regular gallery hours for viewing and purchases on the weekdays and weekends. Call [513-259-7446](tel:513-259-7446) for updates on business hours and coming exhibitions. **September 17 – Opening for Trish Weeks and Josie Gearhart, 5-9 p.m.**

Vada carries over 1000 pieces of art, including local, national, and international artists' works, home décor items, antiques, jewelry and gifts. Their services include:

- Art Advisory – They'll assist you to start or expand your art collection.
- Art Appraisals – What's hiding in your basement? Find out worth and artist's authentications, for insurance purposes or collection building.
- Artist Representation – Artists are invited to submit portfolios with artist statements and hi-resolution images to vadagallery@gmail.com
- Installation – We can install, deliver and ship artworks for you.
- Rent the gallery space – Hosting a wedding or baby shower, product launch or dinner party? Vada has packages with rates by the hour.
- Consignment of Artworks for your business – Need art for the walls of your shop or restaurant? Earn 10% from the sales price of displayed consigned art from Vada Gallery.

Virginia says, "We love curating the gallery each week and find inspiration everywhere! Our gallery manager, Yun Xin Bai, assists in all things while Franz scouts for talent and handles the artwork and installations. Watch for our podcast launch; it will feature art news, local events, artist interviews, upcoming exhibits, reviews of our favorite restaurants and more. Stop in for a visit!"

Contact VADA for more information:

Virginia Blair – [513 259 7446](tel:513-259-7446) and Franz Diedling – [513 258 4749](tel:513-258-4749)

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transportation, safety, economic development, community inclusion and more. Members include Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center, UC Health, TriHealth, the University of Cincinnati and the Cincinnati Zoo & Botanical Garden. Uptown is home to an estimated 46,721 residents, and 1,099 businesses that employ an estimated 90,469 individuals. To learn more about Uptown, Cincinnati's international destination for shopping, food and drink, visit <https://www.uptowncincinnati.com/>



CANS Elementary and Better World Day 2022

Reading the headlines can be scary these days, but Clifton Area Neighborhood School (CANS) students are working hard to make the world a better place for all. As part of CANS' Expeditionary Learning curriculum, each school year culminates with a national event called "Better World Day," a chance for students to choose a service-learning project dedicated to their community. Motivated by compassion for Ukraine, students chose this year to help immigrant families feel at home in the Cincinnati area. Students decorated pillowcases with messages of peace and packed them with items to make a child feel more at home, such as toys, toothbrushes, and greeting cards. Pillowcases were delivered to Su Casa to be handed out to immigrant families throughout the summer. Teachers engaged students in ongoing discussions about immigration, peace and how to be welcoming to all. As we gear up for the 2022-2023 school year, CANS students will continue to find ways to share peace with our community.

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The New School Montessori — by Ann Baumgarten

Every spring, our New School Montessori director and numerous teachers participate in the American Montessori Society Conference. Jeff Groh, our head of school, wrote about how century-old Montessori concepts fit meaningfully into the needs of our modern world:

"As I read through non-Montessori educational blogs and journals, I have sensed an almost frenzied conversation around what the future of education should look like. ... I too can get caught up in it, always self-reflecting on how to prepare children for such a dynamic time and unpredictable future. Then, ultimately, the consensus always lands on a type of education that supports individualized instruction that gives students the abilities to think critically and creatively, collaborate, and develop a working memory, flexible thinking, and self-control. Oh, right, the Montessori method!

The future of education was developed over 100 years ago by an extraordinary woman. Through careful observation, Dr. Maria Montessori developed a revolutionary new model of education, giving us a way to feel hopeful about a better tomorrow. By empowering a child's independence, interaction with the environment and others with respect, and responsibility for self-discovery, the future of our planet can look

much brighter. Mahatma Gandhi's famous quote "If we are to teach real peace in this world ... we shall have to begin with the children" was in part inspired by his conversations with Maria Montessori.

A recent CNBC article on the future of education said: "The "Redesign of the Traditional Classroom" gives a "peek of what the classroom of the future could look like." It was no coincidence the majority of footage featured in this story was of a current Montessori classroom on a typical day. Why? Because they talk about classrooms in which students are interacting with one another and their environment, learning at their own pace, while the teacher works with individuals or small groups—core components of a Montessori classroom.

Dr. Steven Hughes, president of the American Academy of Pediatric Neuropsychology, has suggested that "the Montessori method is like education designed by a pediatric developmental neuropsychologist." The method takes advantage of these brain discoveries:

- The discovery of mirror neurons in the frontal lobe reveals the logic behind Montessori's classification of ages zero to six as the period of the "absorbent mind".
- The repetition of activity and multi-sensory materials solidify neural pathways while opening the way for new experiences.
- The use of concrete materials in early childhood and elementary Montessori classrooms reflects how the hand is the child's strongest link to the brain.
- The three-year age grouping in a Montessori classroom follows the development of the brain, categorized into planes of development.




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DePaul Cristo Rey High School

This summer, DePaul Cristo Rey High School (DPCR) officially changed its mailing address from the Clifton Hills "block" to 3440 Central Parkway, 45225, reflecting our campus's transformation. The former entrance on Clifton Hills Avenue is no longer accessible.



In June 2022, the school's board of directors approved a four-year strategic plan – "Igniting Dreams, Fueling Potential: Vision 2026." Led by Principal James Schurrer

and Assistant Principal Cathryn Wynn, the plan focuses on enhancements and growth in the four priority areas of academics, Corporate Work Study Program, admissions, and talent management. The Corporate Work Study Program has returned in full force with new companies and organizations joining the program. DPCR students work at their offices and facilities five days a month which helps to finance their private education while contributing real work to partners seeking a diverse pipeline of young talent. To learn more, visit depaulcristorey.org or call [513-861-0600](tel:513-861-0600).

Deloitte Foundation Scholars – Six recent DPCR graduates have been named Deloitte Foundation Scholars, receiving scholarships to support their college educations. In collaboration with the Cristo Rey Network, the Deloitte Foundation scholarships support our graduates who demonstrate academic and leadership excellence, financial need, and intent to pursue specific majors including accounting, computer science and engineering.

We congratulate:

Cecilia Chavez – Miami University to study finance

Moussa Diarra – University of Cincinnati to study engineering

Angel Perez Vasquez – University of Cincinnati to study computer science

Chyanne Rice – Northern Kentucky University to study accounting

Joshua Vogeler – University of Louisville to study mechanical engineering

Comar Watson – Loyola University Chicago to study mechanical engineering

DePaul Cristo Rey is a Catholic, college-preparatory high school with a mission to educate young people who have the potential but limited financial means to go to college. A dynamic academic program partners with an innovative Corporate Work Study Program not available at any other local high school. Sponsored by the Sisters of Charity of Cincinnati, DPCR is one of 38 high schools in the nationwide Cristo Rey Network® which serves 12,300 young people.



Clifton Branch Library

— by Eric Davis



The Cincinnati and Hamilton County Library (CHPL) doors are open to everyone. "Minds of all kinds" is a value we embrace – we're lucky to meet and serve people from all walks of life. Come in and enjoy our beautiful space, check out materials of all varieties and formats, and participate in fun programs and events for kids, teens and adults. If English is not your first language, come practice speaking it with interesting people from around the world with Miss Liz and friends from our ESOL Conversation Group. Meetings every Thursday from 1-2:30 p.m. in a safe, inviting space offer a great way to discuss American culture as well as cultural practices and traditions from other places. Make new friends, share your unique experience and discover that – despite our

differences – we have much in common to unite us.



Curious Kids Explorers Club – Last winter a thoughtful, young customer who used to attend my story times wrote me a letter, asking if I would consider creating a story time for older kids. Delighted at the thought (and initiative!), we created Curious Kids Explorers Club (CKEC) that meets the first Saturday of each month at 11 a.m. to explore a different topic each month. We read stories, sing songs and do hands-on projects as we check out our world. Kids aged kindergarten through third grade are a perfect fit. Registration is encouraged to help us estimate the supplies we'll need.

On Saturday, Oct. 1, CKEC will feature the library's Writer in Residence Pauletta Hansel who will lead a Poetry Workshop for Explorers kids! Attendance will be limited so please register here: <https://cincinnati.library.bibliocommons.com/events/62013b23cafb9b2f0083d596>

Silent Book Club – Shhhh...I'm trying to read! Join your fellow book lovers in Mt. Storm on Saturday Sept. 10 at 2 p.m. for a no-pressure, no-quizzes nor heavy discussions, just the enthralling act of reading. One hour of silent reading time, then a half an hour to chat with fellow bookworms – if you feel like it!

Newly added to the Clifton Branch Library archives are: "Gelke Clifton Articles, Vol 1 & 2," Dr. Arthur King "Clifton Articles," "Walking Tours" house photos, architectural details, texts, and "Doors of Clifton" poster. Check the Events page on our website for more great programs for minds of all kinds and ages: <https://cincinnati.library.bibliocommons.com/v2/events>



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Gardening in Clifton

— by Alice Palmer

Remember how dry it was this past summer? Consider planting perennials that are drought-resistant water-sippers in your garden. Drought-resistant plants generally need well-draining soil. These plants can stand up to sun and dry conditions and are enjoyed by pollinators: Achilia (Yarrow), Agastache (Hyssop) 'Mango Tango', Asclepias tuberosa (Butterfly weed), Coreopsis (Tickseed), Echinacea pupura (Coneflower) Look for native or hybrids that retain the shape of the native, avoiding very domed shapes. Bonus: deer don't care for it. Heliopsis helianthoides (False Sunflower, or Ox

Eye), Rudbeckia hirta (Black-eyed Susan): a self-seeding biennial that spreads, Sedum (Stonecrop) Solidago (Goldenrod)

Ready to plan for next year's flowers?

Here's how to begin:

- Amend heavy clay soil before spending time, energy, and money on new plants. Work in organic material into the soil before you plant (mulch, peat, sand, compost, pine fines).
- After planting, mulch 2-3 inches deep on top of the soil to retain moisture. Consider letting the leaves from your trees stay in your gardens as next year's amendment and mulch.
- Fall is the time to plant bulbs, many of which are

drought-tolerant since they bloom in spring before the heat of summer.

- Even drought-resistant plants need to be watered deeply to form roots and become established. Water deeply when planting and water them during spells of hot, dry weather. Drip hoses used in morning hours are the most efficient way to get moisture where it needs to go. Wetting leaves and flowers with sprinklers and hoses can encourage molds and blight.
- Plant growth and more flowers require more water. Healthy soil will require little additional fertilizer. Remember to pull weeds because they steal the nutrients that your desired plants need to thrive.

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Leave the Bottle!

— by Larry Holt



In Westerns, there's often some dry guy in a saloon who growls "Leave the bottle!" But you don't have to be a dusty, cantankerous cowboy to make that demand. Just shout it out when you visit a bathroom where there are typically five to 10 plastic bottles just lying around. At home, we have two bars of soap instead of all the bottles. According to a Swiss study, the carbon footprint to manufacture liquid soaps is 25% greater than to make bar soaps. Plus, liquids require 20 times more energy to package, with shipping costs adding even more. Water-based raw materials are often shipped in a "high solids" form to reduce shipping costs. You can't get much more "high solids" than a bar of soap. Later, add water as needed! But what about hygiene? you ask. No difference! A bar of soap is equally as effective as bottled antibacterial and liquid soaps. And bars are not just for washing hands or showers – I use a bar of shampoo. You can get various shampoo bars at Clifton Natural Foods and probably at Clifton Market, too. It's amazing how long one bar lasts! One more thing I learned from a life of business travel: it's the water that makes the biggest difference when washing your hair.

Druffel Gardens - "Bringing Joy and Inspiring Hope with Flowers"

— by Barbra Druffel

In 2018, Clifton native and resident Dan Druffel retired from 40 years in the landscaping business. Every day he'd been making other people's yards beautiful. Then he took his passions in another direction and Druffel Gardens was born. It's a not-for-profit community garden intended solely for cutting garden-fresh flowers, delivered in vases to organizations that can benefit from Nature's best cheerleaders — fresh flowers!

Dan purchased three derelict lots at 2400 Boone Street from the City, then set his skills in horticulture and landscape design to work. His glorious garden brings life to once-abandoned lots, gracing the lives of many.

A day in the life of a garden is no simple task. Dan and his partner Becky DuPont, plus a host of lovely volunteers, make scores of vases for daily delivery to local nursing homes, hospitals and businesses. The garden also offers classes in floral arrangement for those interested. Gardens grow and so does the endless work to keep them strong. People power and resources are required to keep operations running smoothly.

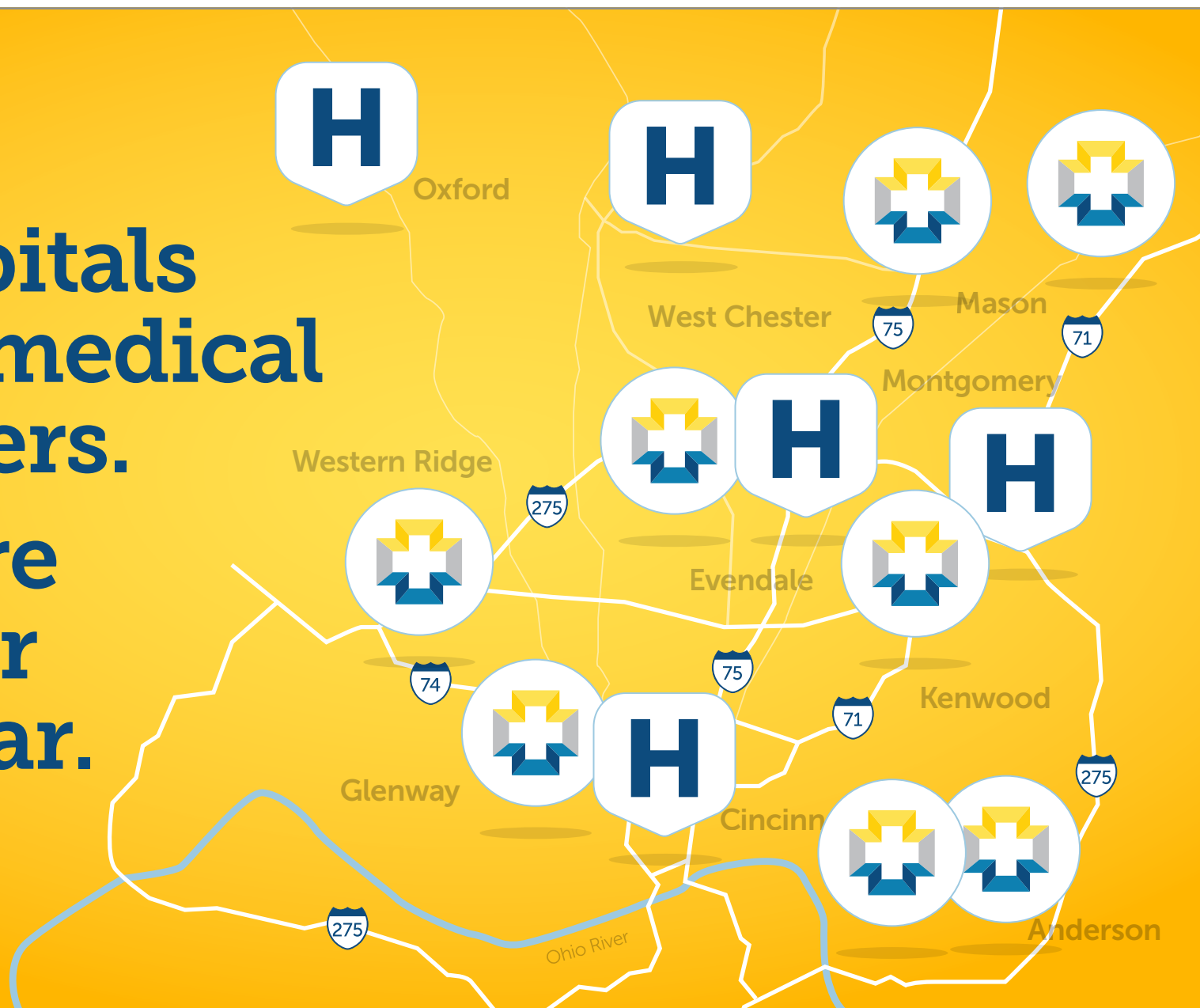
Donations can be made to Venmo [DruffelGardens@Dan-Druffel](#) or sent to [Druffel Gardens at 744 Old Ludlow Ave. Cincinnati OH 45220](#). Drive by to discover this lovely garden, and if you see people there, stop to meet the gardeners.

To volunteer, email us at Druffelgardens18@gmail.com Help us create vases of happiness for deserving recipients- 9000 bouquets delivered and going strong!

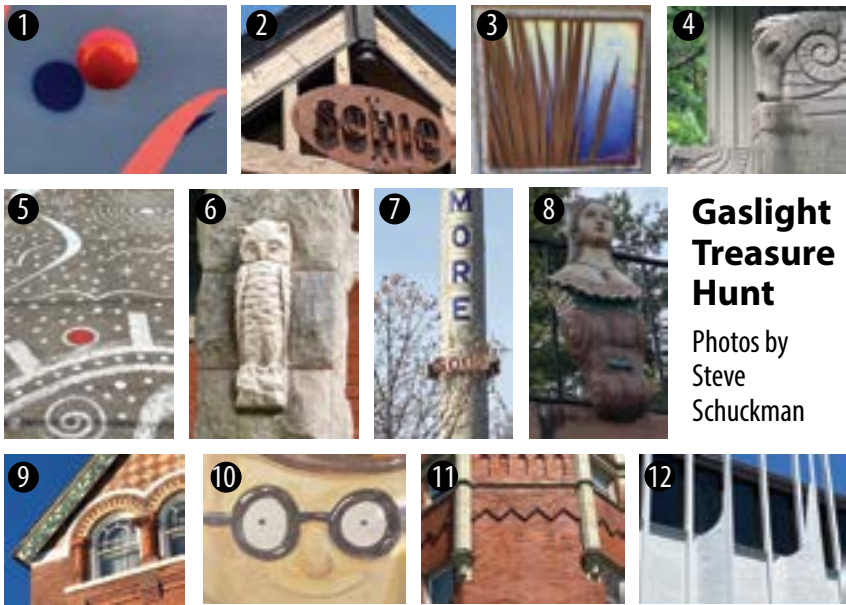


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Gaslight Treasure Hunt

Photos by Steve Schuckman



Clifton has a rich visual environment which Steve has captured in these photos. Stroll around, try to discover the locations. Look up, look down, look closely for details and patterns – see familiar places in new ways! When you've discovered where these treasures are found, mark the map or make a list of locations, then contact us at ctm.chronicle@gmail.com. Be among the first to get the answers right and win two passes for a film at the Esquire Theatre*! Thanks to our project sponsor!



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Immanuel's Christmasfest - Invite your family and friends for our annual event, Dec. 9 from 6-8 p.m. The outdoors Nativity Scene features LIVE animals for all to enjoy and pet. Come inside for a bowl of chili (several recipes including vegetarian) with crackers and cheese, drinks, and homemade desserts. Santa Claus visits the children before the evening closes with Christmas carols. There is no entrance fee. Donations (at the guests' discretion) are most welcome.



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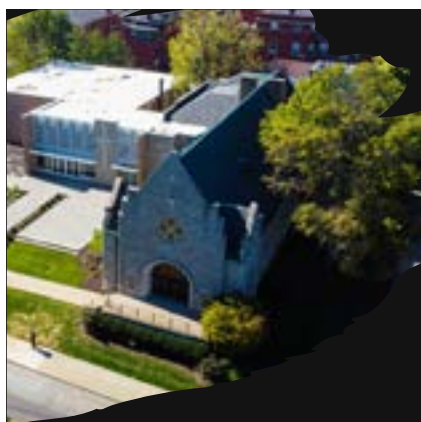
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