

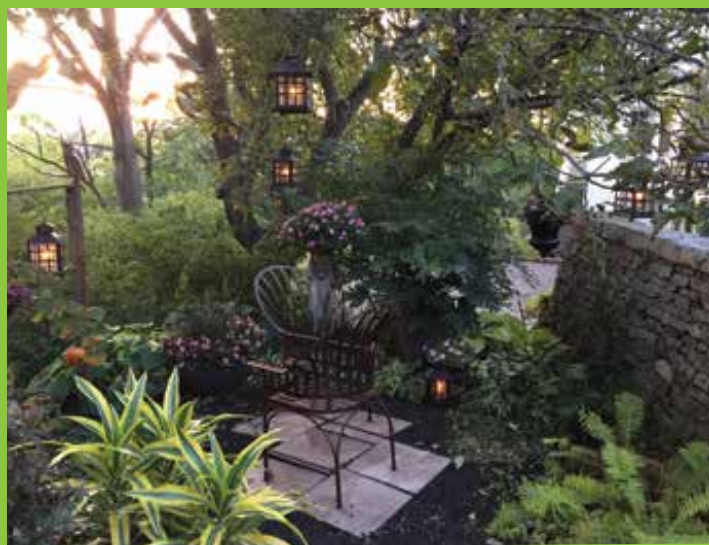
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The 2021 Clifton Home and Garden Tour!

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Thanks to these neighbors who shared photos of their favorite projects from the past months!

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CTM President's Message

A year ago when I wrote the President's Message for our Chronicle's summer edition, we were just a month into COVID-19 closures and lockdowns. No one knew what was coming next, how long things would last. I never would have thought that a year later we would still be feeling the effects. And yet we are.

But slowly, it's getting better. We've all adapted and learned how to function in new ways. A great example is the new protected bike lane along Clifton Avenue. CTM, led by our Transportation and Public Safety Committee and its chair Mark Jeffreys, worked closely with surrounding communities, entities and the City to take advantage of our altered circumstances, changing our infrastructure for the better. Biking gets people outdoors where the risk of transmission is lower, gets people active, and opens up new ways of travelling and interacting with your surroundings during a commute. The protective barriers installed help keep people safe AND help slow traffic, improving pedestrian and vehicular safety even more.

Our effort to update Clifton's community plan is another example of CTM's continued mission to improve Clifton. Detailed online surveys and videoconference focus sessions have replaced in-person discussions and meetings. But we're moving ahead to draft a plan that sets forth a clear and comprehensive vision for Clifton's future. If you haven't had a chance to voice your thoughts, it's not too late. Subscribe to our mailing list, visit our website, and attend CTM meetings to keep up on all the ways you can help shape Clifton's future.

Clifton is your community, and CTM is your community council. We only accomplish our goals with a strong, robust membership. If you're already a member, thank you. If you're not a member, I urge you to consider joining and getting involved. Clifton is a reflection of the passionate and engaged individuals who work together to make it great. Even the smallest act of engagement and civic participation can compound. Please become a member of CTM, donate time, talent, and/or treasure - we are excited to hear from you!

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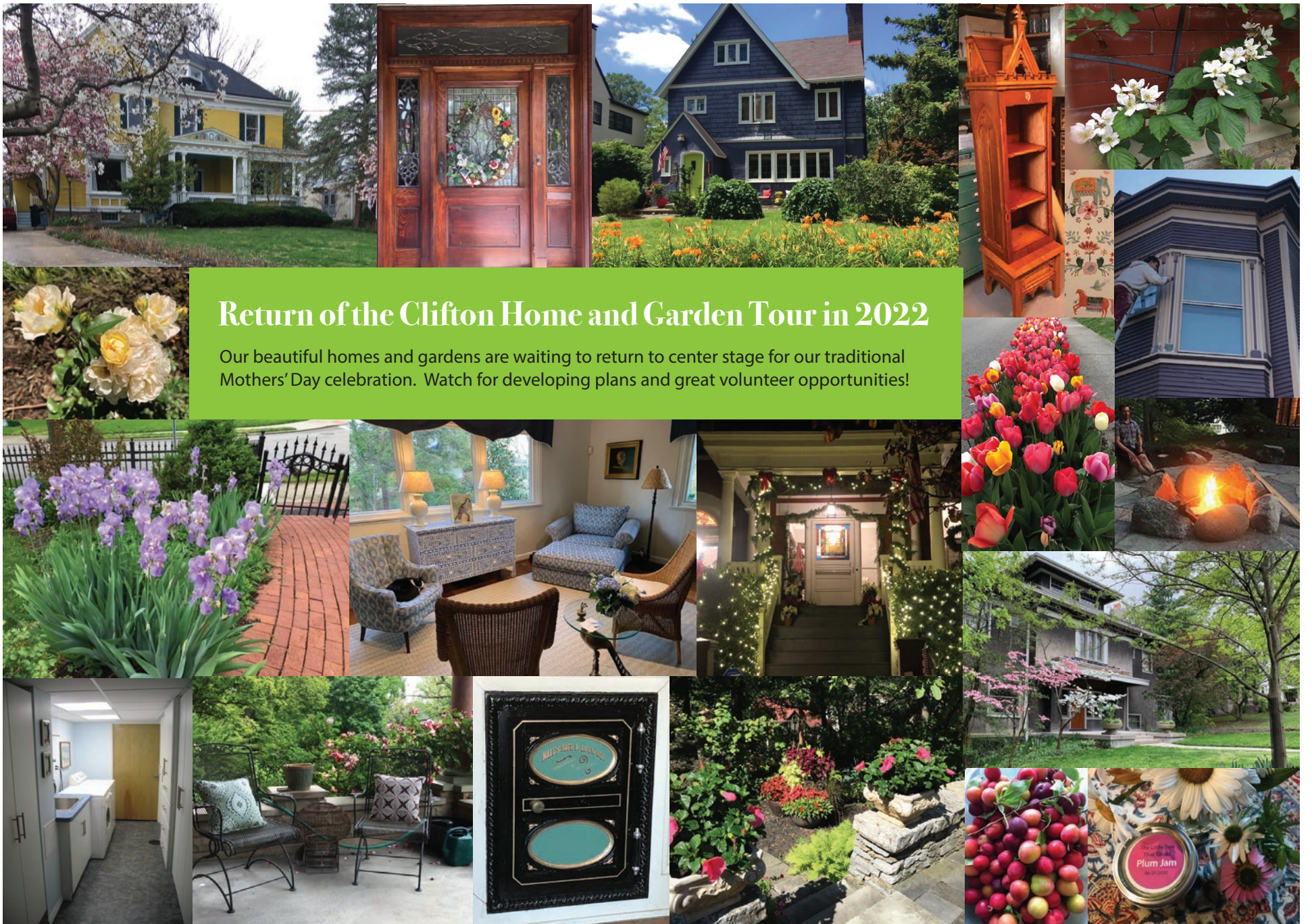
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Return of the Clifton Home and Garden Tour in 2022

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The Clifton Cultural Arts Center (CCAC) is poised to begin construction of its future permanent home in the heart of Clifton later this year. In April 2020 during the pandemic lockdown, CCAC secured the vacant parcel of land situated on Clifton Avenue between the United Methodist Church and Skyline’s parking lot as our new location. The community’s new 18,000 sq. ft. arts center will reflect the collective hopes and dreams of Clifton residents, artists, patrons and program participants, shared during various community engagement initiatives over the past few years. Designed to bring people together through shared cultural and artistic experiences in an environmentally sustainable and efficient space, CCAC’s new home will include:

- Connected art galleries flooded with natural light on the first and second floors, able to host 10 - 12 exhibitions annually, including Uptown’s community art show
- Family-friendly Makeshop classroom, offering maker classes and drop-in opportunities for all ages
- Flexible-use classrooms for dance, music, theater, writing workshops, wellness classes and the visual arts
- A multidisciplinary performance and rehearsal space for theater, dance, concerts, and films
- Two studios for private instruction
- Community room for neighbors and groups gatherings
- Green rooftop terrace (currently included as a design alternate) offers a unique space for gatherings, events and instruction with ecological benefits and collaborative educational opportunities
- Open office space that provides an efficient and welcoming space for visitors and employees
- Shared parking lot with United Methodist Church, Dewey’s and CCAC—a collaboration of the commercial, faith-based and non-profit arts sectors that lowers the carbon footprint

CCAC’s provision of a dynamic community hub strengthens our surrounding communities through promotion of an array of cross-cultural connections and engagements. Our new building’s design creates a welcoming, inclusive space for all the populations of Uptown, who can gather for creative exploration, development of skills, and to enjoy opportunities for socialization and making new friends. We know that the new CCAC will serve as an important anchor for Clifton’s business district, drawing audiences from all around Cincinnati and the greater region, potential customers for our restaurants and shops before and after attending classes, exhibits and performances. How can you help? Please attend our first “Wednesdays in the Woods” concert in Burnet Woods, June 2 at 7 pm, when we’ll launch the “Clifton Community Challenge” offering a way for each of us to contribute to and support construction of CCAC’s new \$8.5 million home.

– Leslie Mooney, Exec. Director, CCAC

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Business Association, Uptown Consortium, Inc., Cincinnati Parks Foundation, Evelo/Singer/Sullivan Group, and the Cincinnati Park Board, the Clifton Cultural Arts Center’s 13th annual summer concert series celebrates art, music, community, diversity and connection – all at the historic 1911 Burnet Woods bandstand! We’re welcoming back a variety of food vendors, expanding the Kids Art Corner, and partnering with HighGrain Brewing Co. to have beverage options available for purchase.

- Schedule of Performers:
 June 2: The Comet Bluegrass All-Stars
 June 9: Lauren Eylise
 June 16: The New Liberty Dance Orchestra
 June 23: Kathy Wade
 June 30: The Amador Sisters
 July 7: Natural Progression
 July 14: Jess Lamb & The Factory
 July 21: RubyGreen
 July 28: The Pancaribbean Trio
 August 4: Son del Caribe
 August 11: The YOLO Band



CCAC 2021 Summer Camps Are Hotter Than Ever

Clifton Cultural Arts Center presents an exciting slate of art and music summer camps designed to explore the limits of your camper’s imagination – all while observing stringent health and safety protocols to prevent the spread of coronavirus. Week-long camps are scheduled throughout the summer, with options for kids ages 3-12. Camp themes will have students exploring new art forms like cartooning and installation art, and artistically visiting the ocean’s depths, the African Serengeti, and fantasy worlds of their own creation. Teens can discover the fun of making music on the ukulele. We’ve even designed a “My First Summer Camp” experience for our youngest campers!

Registration is still open for all camps! For scholarship information and to register, please visit www.cliftonculturalarts.org/summer-camps or call (513) 497-2860.



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Shakespeare Returns to Mt. Storm this August!

Where there's a Will (plus an outside venue, 6 feet distancing & vaccines) there's Shakespeare in Mt. Storm on August 18 this year! The Clifton Community Fund is very happy to be teaming once again with the Cincinnati Shakespeare Company to present Shakespeare's *Midsummer Night's Dream*! If you've been to our previous presentations then you know Mt. Storm is the perfect outdoor setting for a little iambic pentameter from professional actors in colorful costumes. So, bring a cooler, the kids - even a date! Did I mention it's free?



Photo by Larry Holt

Shakespearian ode at the Shakespeare bench next to Graeter's. Post it on your Facebook page and tag The Clifton Community Fund. The person with most "likes" gets two free tickets to an upcoming Cincinnati Shakespeare production!

The show will start at 7pm so get there in time to set up your chair, roll out your blanket and relax. Meanwhile, if you'd like to hone your dramatic skills before August, you can record yourself emoting a 1-minute

Off Ludlow Gallery

"What's Left Unsaid: Works by Yvonne van Eidjen and Robert Fry." The last night for this exhibition is Friday, May 22 from 4:00 - 8:00pm.

"Under the Influence: Beauty and the Surreal in France" is an exhibit by Kent Krugh, May 28 opening reception from 4:00 - 8:00 pm. A fine art photographer living and working in Cincinnati, Kent exhibits nationally and internationally. His scientific and spiritual background influences his interpretation of life, the world, and what happens after life. During his first visit to France, Krugh responded photographically to the unusual, the beautiful and the surreal. The exhibit can be viewed every Friday night, 4:00 - 8:00 pm through July 3. The Cincinnati Book Arts Society exhibition opens on Friday, July 9, reception from 4:00 - 8:00

pm. This membership-only society serves as a primary forum for book arts in the Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana area. Visit this exhibition every Friday night from 4:00 - 8:00 pm until July 9. The Clifton Alley Project: A Call to Artists has been issued for 2D or 3D artworks proposed for installation in a pedestrian alleyway in the Clifton Business District. Using mediums suited for outdoors, the chosen artist(s) will utilize the east facing wall between the Bohemian Hookah Café and D. Raphaels as well as the alley's ground surface. Intriguing, unusual concepts are sought, inviting pedestrians to experience the alley as a living, immersive space. The CTM A&C Committee will work with the chosen artist(s) to create a complimentary lighting scheme on the opposing west facing wall of D. Raphael's. Mural completion date: June 30, 2021.

-by CTM Arts and Culture Committee



Kent Krugh at Off Ludlow Gallery



HEALTH

Do you know there is convincing evidence that links eating processed meats such as bacon, ham, and beef jerky to certain types of cancer, specifically colon cancer? It's true! Processed meat has been classified as a Group 1 carcinogen, the same as smoking and asbestos! In fact, the American Medical Association (AMA) recommends that hospitals eliminate processed meat from menus. For this reason, please consider removing processed meat from your diet! For barbecues this spring, it is much safer to grill veggie burgers, potatoes, corn, and peppers!
tinyurl.com/coloncancercincy

RELATIONSHIPS

Do you have any children in your life, whether your own children or grandchildren, a niece, nephew, or even a neighbor? Like adults, did you know that children have a love language? It's true. Tapping into it can greatly assist children in successful learning and holistic development. According to Gary Chapman, the five love languages are: *Words of Affirmation, Acts of Service, Receiving Gifts, Quality Time, & Physical Touch*. To help you get started, take the 5 Love Languages Quiz for children online. Remember, "it's easier to build strong children than repair broken adults" (Fredrick Douglass).



Clifton's New Upside Brew - a Locavore's Dream

Clifton's business district has been valued for generations for its locally-owned fare. Upside Brew, the new coffee house and tap room, embraces all things local. The coffee? Roasted by Pneuma in Coryville. The draft beer? Tapped from multiple Cincinnati-area craft brewers as well as other domestic and imported beers. The muffins? Baked in-house.

"We are a coffee-house-meets-tap-room," Upside Brew Owner John Carnavale said. "Our mission is to provide excellent coffee, excellent beer and wine and food that complements both of those." Upside opened on April 1 in the former Lydia's on Ludlow spot, and Carnavale partners with Lydia Ludwig, who previously worked with him at his Cosmic Coffee in Newport, Ky. Upside plans to become the "tap room of local coffees," Carnavale said, by featuring a rotating menu of guest craft roasters. The coffee house/bar has more elbow room with no shelves of merchandise and tables instead of booths. There's a brand-new bar stocked with liquor and wine as well as beer.

The walls are chock full of art curated by Brent Keltch of New Port Art Gallery. Baristas who sell any work receive a small commission, and the rest of the proceeds go to the artists. Carnavale is very happy with the warm reception Upside received in its first month of business. And he has big plans for the business, including ideas to create outdoor dining and add more natural light to the interior. When the pandemic allows for bigger crowds, Upside will add live music, trivia nights and other community gatherings, he said. "We're just trying to keep it simple and do it well," Carnavale said. "The neighborhood is great, the space is great. And we're very grateful for the response our customers have given us."

-By Bob Driehaus



Lydia Ludwig and John Carnavale at Upside Brew



Remember! Clifton's Golf Outing

On Saturday, August 28, 2 pm on at Avon Fields Golf Course. Participants can now register your foursome online! Please

go to <https://www.cliftoncommunity.org/8th-annual-ctm-golf-outing/> to register today. This year's outing will feature golf and dinner on the deck. Proceeds will go to CANS (Clifton Area Neighborhood School.) Clifton's Golf Outing – a CTM event - has donated over \$60,000 to our beneficiaries. Have Fun, Do Good!

Immanuel Presbyterian Church Renovation



Please pardon our appearance – renovation and renewal is underway! Expected to take five months, our Netting wing will have a new façade. An elegant, energy efficient clear windowed and stone wall will replace the previous multi-colored windowed wall. The sanctuary, the kitchen and bathrooms on the main floor will undergo restoration with the addition of a beautiful outdoor patio. Immanuel's Child Development Center will be refurbished and updated to offer valuable ongoing service to the community for years to come.


Immanuel seeks to expand our connections to the community by increasing mission outreach and

offering music, arts and education programs that will be of interest to all ages while continuing to sponsor events and activities. With open doors and open hearts, we are a place of connection and community, devoted to inclusive welcome. During renovation, daily access to the building will occur through the Bryant Street door. Please call the office number 513-751-0312 for entry. Although the sanctuary is presently open for Sunday in-person worship, Sunday services will move in a few weeks to Immanuel's Community Room (enter from Bryant Street). To stay in touch, visit www.immanuelpresby.org or call us at and ask for Pastor Brad Sheppard.

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Planning has begun for a return-to-annual CliftonFest on October 1-2, 2021, when we can gather again on Ludlow Avenue to celebrate our local businesses, local artists and vibrant spirit. CliftonFest organizers currently are seeking event sponsors and committee volunteers, so join the team and help guide key decisions over the next few months!

CliftonFest 2021 will be a chance to stroll the avenue and mingle with friends and neighbors, depending on prevailing health protocols. The event is scheduled to feature live jazz, blues, R&B, rock and dance bands, dozens of craft vendors, family games and entertainment in multiple locations while local chalk artists decorate the sidewalks. Live music and wine tastings will be hosted Friday, October 1 in the evening on Clifton Plaza, with Ludlow Avenue closed to traffic all day Saturday. We hope to bring back the famous pet parade, local restaurant specials and beer tent.

Ideas and elbow grease are requisite for planning CliftonFest - recruiting and managing of vendors, sponsors and artists, logistics organizers and of course, lots of volunteers.

To join the team, contact us at info@cliftonfest.com



Art by David Zinn

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Real Estate Covid Lens

Every profession has a Covid lens - the moment or time period where Covid started to peek its affect into working life. Following this is the question "what will this mean?" As a Realtor the pandemic has created many unforeseen nuances, as our homes have become even more central and important to our lives. The anxiety that comes with finding a home is always present but add the pandemic and we have seen buyer and seller behavior change.

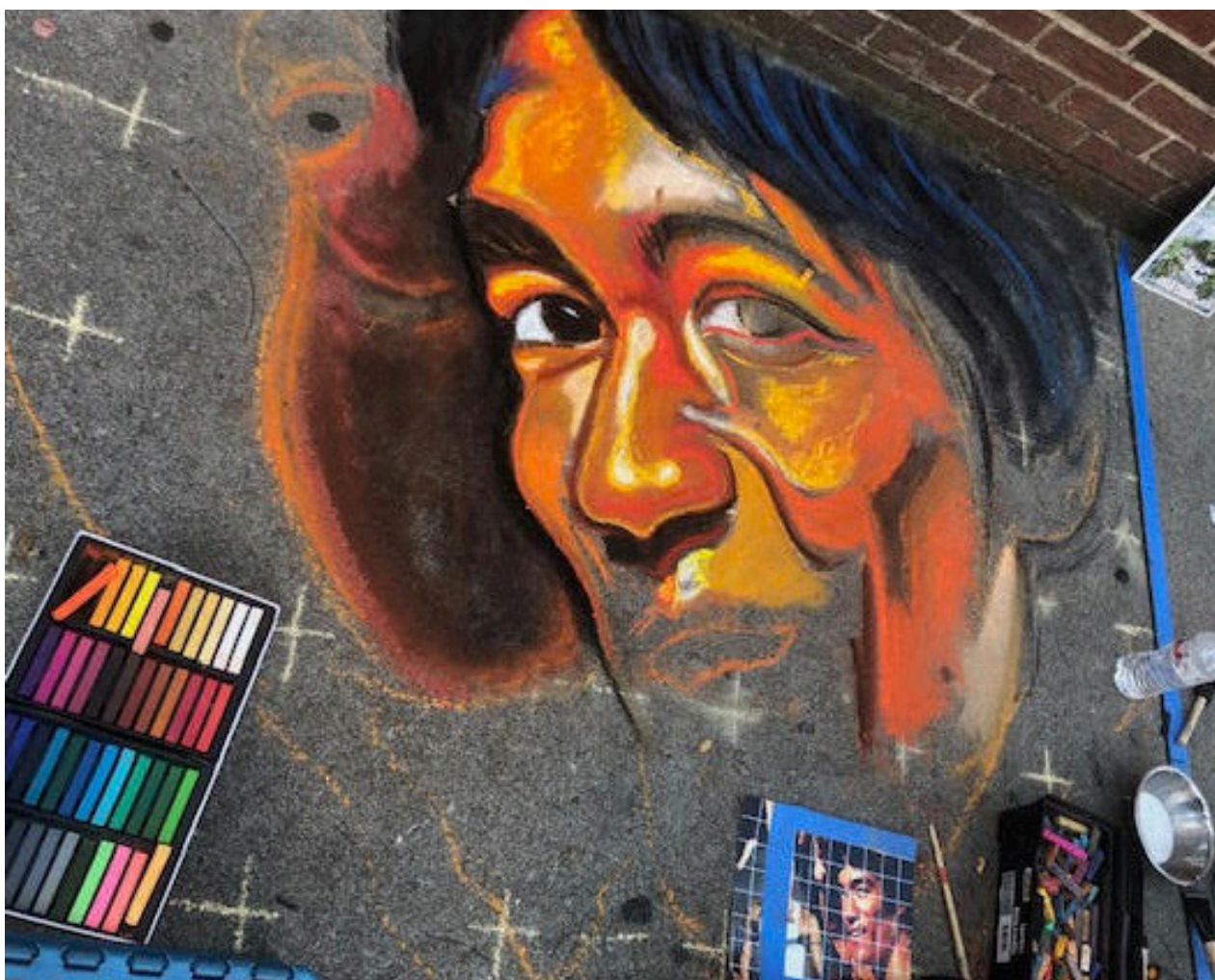
Those that considered a move are staying put. The already short supply of housing options has gotten more reduced. There is urgency. People are looking for more space because their home is now the workplace, the children's school and the only place they feel safe. Anxiety abounds, creating competition and perhaps a touch of insanity. Facetime calls with an iPhone has become the way to show homes to those unable to see a home in person. Think about it - buying a house as a result of a Facetime call. Meeting people in masks and not seeing their faces certainly has taken away a

key insight into how people are responding to the home showing and to our conversations.

The life changing effect of buying or selling a home is often charged and emotional. One of the biggest investments a person will make. The values of our homes have spiked due to sustained low inventory and sustained low interest rates, all conspiring to make real estate feel like a Kings Island roller coaster. We are seeing trends where investors are buying anything and trying to renovate it in record time. The result is often disappointing, and the housing stock is suffering.

As we progress, opening up from being isolated and being so uncertain, we are not sure if there will be the seasonal surge of sellers. Folks from all over the city are looking at Gaslight Clifton for a possible home because it offers more than most places in desirability, community and accessibility. But one thing is certain - this, too, will cycle back to what we will call "the post pandemic normal."

- by Barbra Druffel



Local artists create street chalk paintings during CliftonFest, giving everyone an opportunity to watch their progress.

Pollinator Gardens in Clifton

Two years ago, the Cincinnati Zoo and Botanical Garden sponsored a program to encourage Cincinnatians to plant pollinator gardens and register them online. As a result of many people's efforts, Clifton won as the neighborhood with the most registered pollinator gardens in the city. Can we plant even more now? Some pollinators need plants that feed them as well as plants on which they lay their eggs. For example, monarchs drink nectar from plants including asters, Echinacea, and Black-eyed Susans, but must lay their eggs on milkweed plants. Each of us can support pollinators by planting perennials that bloom consecutively throughout the growing season. There is no final word on whether only native varieties should be used. Research is ongoing (including at our zoo) to identify which hybrid plants might be detrimental. Pollinators see gardens differently than we do but having several plants of the same type will help them "see" what is available.

– by Alice Palmer



Alice Palmer, master gardener at Clifton Plaza

Here are three information sources for help in choosing your plants:

<http://cincinnati-zoo.org/horticulture/plant-for-pollinators/> where you can also register your garden as pollinator-friendly.

<https://xerces.org/pollinator-conservation/pollinator-friendly-plant-lists> The Xerces Society Plant List

<https://www.nwf.org/Garden-for-Wildlife/About/Native-Plants/Monarch-Nectar-Guides> The National Wildlife Federation's Monarch support information

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– by Matt Dickman, Certified Arborist OH-0569, Urban Forestry Specialist, City of Cincinnati



The New Burnet Woods Playground

In early March, this welcome new addition came to our neighborhood! Located next to the upper park shelter, the playground replaces the aging play structure that used to be at this location. Near the historic park bandstand, it's easily accessed from Clifton Avenue. The new playground has a series of climbing and play elements and Accessible features including a safety surface covered in engineered wood fibers specially made for playgrounds, providing access for mobility devices. A glider that can hold several children and adults at a time also accommodates wheelchairs. The disc swing can hold a number of children, and other new elements include ground-level play features and musical instruments, picnic tables, benches. The existing stone seat wall provides a pleasant place to sit and observe the children (and sometimes adults) while they play.

– by Steve Schuckman, Superintendent, Cincinnati Parks



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MENTAL HEALTH MATTERS

by Krystn Metzger, LISW-S, Psychiatric Social Worker and Bryan Griffin, DO, Psychiatrist

We've passed the one-year anniversary of the COVID 19 pandemic, an important time to acknowledge the unprecedented amount of stress we've all been under. Stress affects each person differently during and after traumatic experiences and can present a wide variety of emotional struggles including depression, anxiety, worry, difficulty coping and grief.

As working clinicians, we have found it to be very common for people who struggle with mental illness or addictions to have intensified symptoms in times of crisis. Many who have not previously experienced these problems will be diagnosed for the first time. As we begin to recover from the worldwide mental health impact of COVID 19, it is important that our top personal priority is to elevate mental and emotional wellbeing for ourselves, our loved ones and our community as a whole.

Self-Monitor for: Feelings of severe sadness/anxiety. Changes in appetite/energy. Lack of/or interrupted sleep. Worsening of chronic health problems. Increased use of alcohol or other drugs. Physical reactions to stress.

Take Action: Make efforts to connect with friends and family members for support in a safe way.

Do one thing each day to care for yourself. Take breaks to mentally and physically unwind. Engage in physical activity to work through negative emotions. Fuel your body with healthy foods. Refrain from stress inducing news exposure or social media activities. Acknowledge negative and uncomfortable feelings and allow yourself to feel and express them. As you feel comfortable, re-engage with your community.

Remember - You must take care of yourself first before you can adequately take care of others. When you feel that emotional and mental struggles are impacting your ability to function, it is time to seek out professional help. Hamilton County has a robust variety of mental health services for all residents regardless of insurance status. Many services are available through telehealth and do not require an in-person presence. Reach out for help immediately with suicidal thoughts or concerns about being able to effectively care for children or others in your care.

For anyone who is in distress, the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline can be reached at 1-800-273-8255 or via chat at [suicidepreventionlifeline.org/chat](https://www.suicidepreventionlifeline.org/chat). The 24-hour Hamilton County crisis intervention service is available at 513-281-CARE (2273) or by texting TALBERT to 839863.



Leaving Covid

Our little house is shimmering today, alive,
Revived by last night's fearless breaths of
Loving people sharing, laughing,
Glad to be here, finally, once again
with each other.

Our little house is bigger, too, this morning,
All the corners energized; spaces recreated
Through eyes of friends who notice what
to us
Became invisible, all too familiar
after months of isolation.

How good it felt at last to pull the sheets
off,
Wipe away the dust and open all the
windows.
Thank you, friends, for taking care alone
for all this time,

Protecting everyone,
and now for coming back.

– Robert Rack, March, 2021



Mental Health Care Resources

- Mental Health Access Point.....513-558-8888
- Psychiatric Emergency Services.....513-584-8477 (adults)
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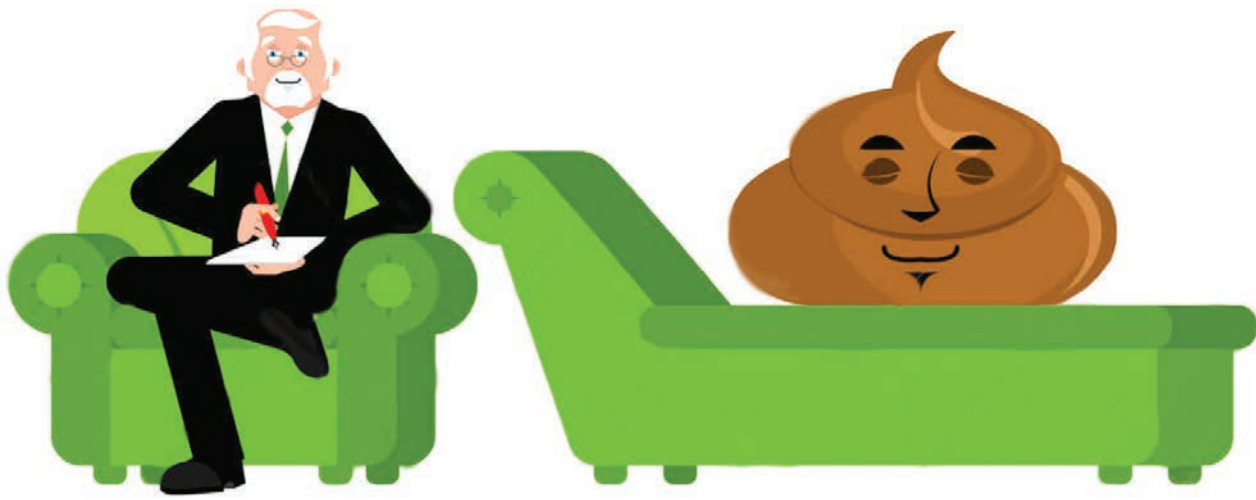
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*“Kindness in words
creates confidence,
Kindness in thinking
creates depth,
Kindness in action
creates love.”*

– Lao-tzu

Scooping Your (Mental) Poop!

You thought this article is a reminder to dog walkers to clean up after their pets. Actually, it applies to all of us. Did you know humans are wired to notice the doggie doo? Dissatisfaction with an untidy state of things evolved as a useful motivator for improvement of situations and surroundings. Skim the posts in NextDoor Clifton and you’ll notice a slew of complaints about speeding traffic, car break-ins, lack of mask wearing, and yes - about unscooped poop. Before you roll your eyes, let’s consider the natural mental processes that distort our overview.

When walking through our neighborhood, we’re more likely to be alarmed or annoyed by a speeding car than to notice the cars that are driving at or below the speed limit. Why? Because we’re hard-wired to be on the lookout for danger, and a car zipping carelessly through Clifton is far more threatening than one going the speed limit. Walking by a row of parked cars, you’re going to notice the one with the bashed-in window because it lights up your brain’s “Uh-oh, we may not be safe” indicators. It’s even true that while skimming online posts, the ones that rub you the wrong way hold your attention. It’s how we’re wired! The trick: develop a new habit of noticing the cars that are moving more slowly and the parked ones not broken into. It’s hard to “notice” the poop that has already been scooped, but you can keep an eye out for responsible dog walkers who have their bags in hand.

There will always be issues of concern, and we can’t focus only on the people who are not speeding, not committing crimes and those who are responsibly scooping. But if we remember our mind’s natural tendency to focus on the poop stuff, we can pivot and mindfully notice just how many people are helping keep Clifton safe, comfortable and enjoyable.

– by Paul Wesselmann UnleashRipples.com

*“You are never too old to
set another goal, or to
dream a new dream.”*

– C.S. Lewis

Déjà vu.

Pandemics? I’ve lived through a pandemic before. Polio, in the 1950’s. That really scared the bejesus out of parents and for good reason. If you got it, you had to lay in a thing called an Iron Lung that helped you breathe. Apparently, hospitals had rooms set aside for this. That now sounds agonizingly familiar.

I’m in second grade when the nurse comes in with yummy sugar cubes for each of us to eat. Never mind that it had some sort of blue stuff on it that tasted kind of funny – a black cherry flavor that was the inspiration for the Mary Poppin’s song, “A Spoonful of Sugar makes the medicine go down...” Thanks, Dr. Sabin! (He was from Cincinnati and lived in Clifton, you know.)

Couple of grades later at St. Hilary Elementary School, Fairlawn, Ohio, our school nurse says we’re going to get a ‘smallpox vaccine.’ Easy, I got this. But it isn’t that tasty sugar cube. Nurse had a vial and a sharp, hooky-looking thing that she used to scratch my arm. A week later there’s this ugly brown crusty scab that left a scar that I still have.

Never realized until much later that, without the vaccine, these scabs could cover your whole body and more often than not, you would die. A lot of Native Americans and other indigenous people learned that the hard way. Thanks, Dr. Jenner for trying to make a difference in 1796.

I lived through epidemics, too. St. Hilary shut down since there was worry about whatever flu/encephalitis version was coming out that year. I wasn’t too scared because my father is a pediatrician. The sibs and I never had to go get shots because Dad kept vials in the fridge of whatever we needed. He used those metal hypodermics needles (great for squirt gun fights, much to Mom’s chagrin.) Was I supposed to be in a gloomy funk? As an 11-year-old boy, I relished the fact that I wouldn’t have to go to school for a couple of days. I’ve heard that some boys today are bored with staying home and online learning. The solution a half-century ago was simple: find a frog and put it down your sister’s shirt.

– by Doug Sawan



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**Wild Church:
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Salutorian Jada Wallace

DePaul Cristo Rey High School

In a school year like no other, DePaul Cristo Rey seniors have persisted through a pandemic, virtual learning and all the related challenges to achieve a goal that continues a school tradition – every senior has been accepted to college! There are 65 seniors in the Class of 2021 and this is the seventh year in a row that every senior has been accepted to college. The school held a surprise outdoor celebration on April 15 to recognize the seniors for their resilience and achievement, modified this year due to gathering restrictions. The entire school population lined the school driveway and entrance to cheer and congratulate the seniors with signs, confetti and balloons.

For the first time, DePaul Cristo Rey High School has co-valedictorians - two seniors of the Class of 2021 with identical grade point averages. Both will address their classmates and guests during DPCR's commencement exercises. They are:

Charissa Monday, a Northbrook resident, who plans to attend the University of Cincinnati and major in Human Development and Community Engagement. She is a graduate of Beautiful Savior Lutheran School.

Nick Voner of Westwood who plans to attend the University of Notre Dame and major in Mechanical Engineering. He is a graduate of Annunciation Catholic School.

Jada Wallace of Westwood has been named the Class of 2021 salutorian as the senior with the second highest weighted grade point average. She has earned the Darwin T. Turner full tuition scholarship to the University of Cincinnati where she plans to study nursing and is a graduate of Annunciation Catholic School.

DePaul Cristo Rey's commencement exercises will be held on May 25 at Mount St. Joseph University.



Valedictorians Charissa Monday and Nick Vonner

New School Montessori Students Visited by a Tethered Hawk

TNSM students were thrilled to witness a formidable bird of prey flap from one gloved hand to another. Each 4th grader bravely took turns feeding a morsel to the bird and allowing it to take flight, then land on their leather-gloved arms. This experience held particular meaning for the 4th graders who had just finished reading Jean Craighead George's novel, *My Side of the Mountain*, about a boy who hunts with his peregrine falcon. Students in 4th-6th grade gathered on the lawn behind their classrooms to meet the powerful Harris Hawk and learn about many different birds of prey from the hawk's handler, a presenter from The Ohio School of Falconry who answered each student's questions.

“When children come into contact with nature, they reveal their strength.”

– Dr. Maria Montessori



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The Houses that Seth Built

With his partner George Stearns, Cincinnati Seth Foster produced a patented cotton wadding process in 1846 which poised the Stearns & Foster Company to become America's largest mattress manufacturer. Then Seth Foster's family proceeded to create a lovely neighborhood in Clifton.

Foster's presence in Clifton began in 1860 with 11 acres of woods and farm fields along what is now Vine Street, bounded on the south by Glenmary Avenue and on the north by the Resor family's property (now Greendale Avenue.) Previously living and working in Over-the-Rhine, he married Julia Resor after his second wife died, reestablishing family stability for himself and his one-year-old son. The Civil War may have delayed their move up to Clifton for a few years, but in 1867, he built their grand 22-room mansion at 134 Glenmary Avenue.

The mansion on Glenmary became the hub of four new homes - all which are still well-lived-in today. In 1870, Foster built his caretaker's house behind the mansion and below the barn at what is now 2 1/2 East Interwood Place, a cozy home owned by Jim and Deborah McGoff.

Around 1890, Foster built a three-story, red brick Queen Anne house with wraparound porch and turret just steps from his own house. 3544 Biddle Street is now owned by Diane Schneiderman and Melvin Firestone.

Between the Victorian house and his own, a year later Foster built a handsome, three-story classical clapboard home with pillared porch at 3536 Biddle Street, now owned by Ann Weiss. This home was built for one of Foster's adult sons, William Resor Foster, but after the young owner's wife died in childbirth in 1891, he passed it on to his twin brother, Joseph Cutter Foster, who raised his own family there.

In 1911, Foster built a stucco Craftsman-style home at 3581 Interwood Avenue. His granddaughter - Pauline Carson Foster - had grown up in Foster's mansion, adopted by his unmarried sister "Aunt Julia" who lived there until she died in 1937. Pauline was 20 when her grandfather built this house and was unmarried and 23 when he died in 1914. But the following Spring, she married the boy next door - Charles Lawson Reed - who had incidently grown up in 3544 Biddle Street "Foster house #3." The newlyweds gladly moved into the home Grandpa had built and lived there for the rest of their lives. In 2012, their grandson Lawson Wulsin and his wife Victoria bought this stately family home and have lived there ever since.

The Four Houses that Seth Built were just the beginning. In 1928, several lots along Glenmary became new homes, including a house at 124 Glenmary where "History Buff" author Geoff Gelke was raised. When the last of the founding Foster family members had died in 1937, the remaining family decided to demolish the grand old mansion, dividing the land into the many residential properties we know today, which provided homes for over 50 Clifton families.



— by Geoff Gelke and Lawson Wulsin, Sandra DeVise and Anne Shepherd at the Cincinnati History and Archives, Dave Pittinger at the Office of Hamilton County Recorder, Stephen Headley at the Cincinnati Public Library

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Petrified in the Cemetery

The Spring Grove Cemetery and Arboretum - Clifton's historic neighbor on Spring Grove Avenue - provides immersion in nature close to home. Follow winding roadways in the morning or afternoon and keep an eye out for unusual monuments. There are four which experienced their genesis two million years ago, derived from trees that shaded dinosaurs roaming the ancient swamplands in what eventually became northeast Arizona's Petrified Forest National Park.

One log is framed by yew bushes near the road in Section 51, Lot 37. The family name "BANNING" is spelled out in rustic letters on a bronze plaque that fits its curve. The exterior shape has been preserved while the core has been replaced with minerals, bringing its weight to a colossal 1.5 tons. Jeremiah Wilcox Banning, a commission merchant, purchased the cemetery lot and his son Leland Gates Banning (1860-1937) chose the petrified log



to mark his family's gravesite. Leland was a successful dealer in hardwoods with an office at Fifth and Main Street and lumberyard at Eighth and McLean. "When it became popular to have petrified logs from Arizona, Mr. Banning had several shipped to Cincinnati," a log recipient recalled.

More immigrant petrified logs can be found on the grounds of the Cincinnati Zoo and the Krohn Conservatory, and those logs outside the Geology and Physics Building at the University of Cincinnati are probably from Banning's procurements. There are three more petrified log monuments at Spring Grove, so hunt for them while getting your steps in.

-by Cecie S. Chewning,
<https://www.springgrove.org>

Clifton Recreation Center Spring Egg Hunt!

One of many winners, Eloise Rowe - age 7, Clifton resident, CANS student and famed treasure hunter - finds a hidden egg at the Clifton Area Neighborhood School mural on March 26, 2021. This new and very popular event conceived of and managed by CRC's Tiffany Thomas ran for two weeks with 13 online clues that enticed kids to hunt for eggs "hidden" at over a dozen local businesses and public spaces. What a fabulous way to get outdoors after many long months of sheltering!



Eloise Rowe, CRC Spring Egg Winner



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It Takes a Village to Primp a Village!

On April 10 - 11, 2021, if you were on Ludlow Avenue, you witnessed amazing transformation created by 40 volunteers as they spruced up our neighborhood. Flower pots planted, Clifton Plaza flower beds prepped for new flora, tree wells mulched, street garbage cans cleaned, graffiti removed, curb gutters swept by enthusiastic neighbors. You, too, can lend a hand in this essential semi-annual event. We'll salute our volunteers in the Chronicle's Fall issue, and gear up for Clifton's Fall cleanup on September 25 and 26 in preparation for CliftonFest's projected return on October 1 and 2.

To sign up for specific tasks, please email us ctm.volunteer@gmail.com - Gerald Checco, Chair, CTM Caretaking & Beautification Committee



Mark Jeffreys and Gerald Checco – storm inlet cleanup



Wilson Palmer and Deborah Grayson – Plaza garden bed cleanup



Clifton United Methodist congregants – street flowers planting

Improvements in Burnet Woods

If you've visited Burnet Woods you've surely noticed that many of the planned improvements previously chronicled here are coming to fruition. Cincinnati Parks has leveraged HUGE resources to achieve these, and our sincere thanks to project sponsors including the following:

- Cincinnati Parks Board of Commissioners Fund donated \$250,000 from the Ruth Waggoner Fund
- Stewards of Burnet Woods donated \$60,000
- Preserve Burnet Woods Habitat Heroes Team logged 800+ volunteer hours while clearing invasive plants across the Barred Owl trail area, a value close to \$27,000
- Jim Mason, a 6-year Board member of Ohio Natural Area and Preserves Association, deserves special recognition as PBW's #1 volunteer for invasive plant removal

Invasive plant species removal is ongoing. MAD Scientist Associates, LLC from Westerville, OH has been contracted by Parks to work in the areas to the south and west of Burnet Woods Drive (around the Warbler Trail plus the current and future Frisbee Golf course areas). Preserve Burnet Woods has volunteered to work in the north and east of Burnet Woods Drive. Volunteer events will be held to help remove woody plants in the fall (Amur Honeysuckle, Buckthorn, Hedge Maple) and Garlic Mustard in the spring. Join us! <https://www.cincinnati-parks.com/volunteer/>

If you want more details, Crystal Courtney, the Division Manager of the Division of Natural Resources, made a presentation about invasive removal plans at the Park Board of Commissioners' meeting on March 18, 2021. <https://youtu.be/aeFZG1b5mEY> Her presentation begins at 23:30 in this link to the meeting.

--Michael George, Naturalist at Trailside Nature Center, planned a series of very timely programs about the Periodic Cicadas for young and old this spring. Please check out the calendar at www.cincinnati-parks.com.

--Preserve Burnet Woods continues to sponsor a Birdwatching Group at 9:30 am on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month, as well as Nature Hikes w/ Dr. Denis Conover almost every Sunday at 2:30PM. Both groups meet at Trailside Nature Center. There are also Full Moon Walks, Litter pick-ups, and Habitat Restoration volunteer opportunities. Please check the website for details: <https://preserveburnetwoods.org/>

Dr. Stan Hedeem has created a self-guided walking tour: <https://preserveburnetwoods.org/walking-burnet-woods/>

– by Lisa Haglund, President, Burnet Woods Park Advisory Council



Paul Wesselmann – graffiti remediation



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Discover Summer at the Clifton Branch Library

Summer is here and it's great to be outdoors, but wait! Do you hear that? Millions of cicadas from Brood X have descended upon Clifton! For six weeks! These 17-year red-eyed singers are fascinating - budding entomologists, rejoice! Thinking of staying indoors? First, stop into the Library and stock up on fun, educational supplies to create a summer perfect for YOU. We'll even deliver curbside. Lots of engaging supplies and events will celebrate summer: reading, exploring, and adventure! We'll offer in-person storytime again - join Mr. Eric on the Library front lawn for "Outdoor Movers & Shakers" every Thursday at 10:30 am. Registration is required, so please check our website under the "Events" tab for details and information. If you're looking for a quiet place to study, work, or meet with a colleague, our study rooms are available for reservation. This service is being phased in, so please call or check our website

for details, things are ever-changing as we carefully return to "normalcy." Our "Discover Summer" reading program starts in June and runs through July. Similar to last year, we'll provide Take & Make kits, system-wide virtual programs, and some limited outdoor in-person programs. Stop in or visit our website, Cincysummer.org, to sign up, receive a free book and activity kit. Complete the activities and check in each week to enter for a drawing for grand prizes. The following kits are available exclusively at the Clifton Branch while supplies last. For Teens - June/Take & Make: Peace Express yourself with peace-sign foam fingers - add your own design using markers. Creative projects related to personal expression and teen activism are included.

July/Take & Make: Marvel Celebrate the release of [Black Widow](#) with take-

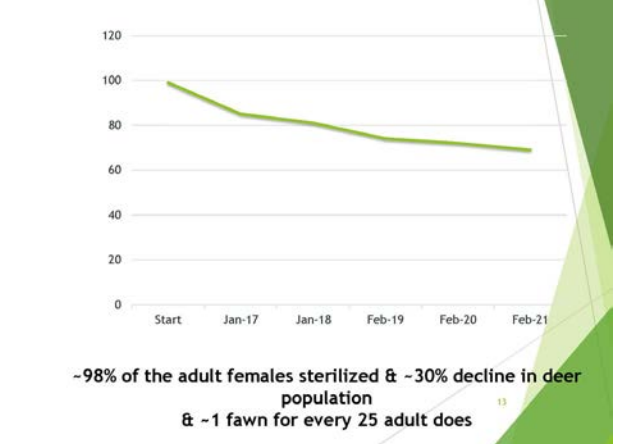
home games for Marvel fans. Plus, a few lucky teens with specially marked kits will win a Marvel door prize!

For Children and Tweens - July /Take & Make: Olympics and Ancient Greece The winners of the Olympic games in Ancient Greece were awarded pottery with detailed scenes depicting their sport. With this scratch art activity, you design your own Greek vase. Color a pair of fabric shoe-wings and attach them to your sneakers just like Hermes, the god of speed!

The Clifton Deer Program: Another Successful Season

On February 7, the Clifton Deer Program completed its sixth season of doe sterilization operations (the first under our recently renewed permit) with the safe return of our 85th tagged doe to the field. The results of the annual post-field operations population survey show we continue to make progress in humanely reducing the deer population to an eco-sustainable level. With birthrates now greatly curtailed, and absent a substantial increase in immigration, we anticipate that the size of our aging herd will begin declining more rapidly through natural causes in the coming years.

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Program costs have come down also, due mostly to local assumption of key operations, and if no expansion of territory is undertaken they should remain low from now on. Our now trained and experienced volunteer darter led the capture operations very ably this year and with minimal reliance on outside experts. Our veterinarian has been increasingly generous with his time and skills, and UCAN in nearby Camp Washington continues to donate the use of their surgical facility and a remarkably talented veterinary technician. As a result, this year's operations costs were about \$7,400, not counting some one-time equipment purchases or the considerable time donated by our all-volunteer Cincinnati crew. At less than a third of last year's costs (and about 23% of the average annual costs of our first two years) we believe we are approaching a manageable, cost-effective annual cost to achieve and maintain an eco-sustainable population level.

For a more detailed report, find the "Year 6 Field Operations" report at www.cliftondeer.org.

Biagio's Bistro: Our Own Little Italy

Enter Biagio's Bistro and you step into the old world. Operatic music, the comforting aroma of garlic, and Biagio himself, cooking in front of the house. With a wide gesture and grin, he greets you with his famous line, "What's the story?" Whenever we have out-of-town visitors, Biagio's is the first place we take them for a memorable night. So I wondered: What's his story? "I grew up in Southwestern Italy, in a little town called Capo Palinuro. We didn't have much, but everyone had a tiny farm - olive trees, grapes, chickens, goats and pigs. We raised our own vegetables," Biagio explained, as he shared some treasured photos. His hometown is breathtaking, perched over the sea. "My Mom was a big influence on me. She worked hard and put all her love into us kids."



Biagio Lamassa, photo by Kathy Parsanko

It IS happening at Annunciation!

Congratulations to students, teachers and parents for all their hard work and cooperation to institute Covid safety measures that allowed students to safely learn in the classroom ALL YEAR! Everyone was thankful for the 100-year-old oak trees and beautiful historic grounds which provided perfectly shaded outdoor classrooms and lunchroom. Annunciation is currently enrolling students in all grades except 6th, 7th and 8th grade which are full. If your child would thrive in a small class with a diverse, caring student body, we would love for your family to join our community. Please call the office at (513) 221-1230 for information or to schedule a tour. EdChoice scholarships are accepted and cover the full cost of tuition. Many changes are underway at 107-year-old Annunciation School & Parish this summer. Effective May 1st, 2021, Reverend Ethan Moore will become Parochial Administrator of Annunciation, Cincinnati, while continuing as Pastor of St. Monica-St. George and Holy Name, Cincinnati. Reverend Christopher Komoroski, will become Parochial Vicar of Annunciation, Cincinnati, while continuing as Parochial Vicar of St. Monica-St. George and Holy Name, Cincinnati. Help us welcome Father Ethan and Christopher to Clifton and Annunciation. Father Ethan is easy to spot on his motorcycle-please stop by and say hi! Thank you to Father Todd Grogan for his stewardship of Annunciation school and parish; we all wish you well in your next chapter.



After Biagio Lamassa went to culinary school, he worked on a cruise ship where he met his former spouse, a woman from Cincinnati. Long story short: He moved here, worked for The Precinct and dreamed of opening his own restaurant. Then - "Somebody said this place - which nobody else wanted - was available. It was meant to be, because I fell in love with Clifton. This is my home. I don't see myself anywhere else." That was 22 years ago. Biagio's son Luka works by his side. "He's passionate about the restaurant, too," he said. Chelsea, Biagio's daughter, teaches kindergarten. His iconic scooter? "Love my Vespa! I was 13 when I got my first one. It represents freedom. Every Sunday night, all of my friends would go to a movie place about 15 miles from the village. Such fun." As



Capo Palinuro, Italy overlooking the sea



Biagio on his family's farm

I imagined, Biagio still has childhood amigos. "Yes, we still talk. One is in Geneva, one in Paris, another in Germany. We left, and somehow we all have restaurants. That's what we DO!"

Words he lives by? "Be onboard with everybody. It doesn't matter how much you have, how much you got lucky. Never look down on others. Help take care of people. Gabrielle Graves helped me when I came to this country; she was my first partner in the restaurant. I owe a lot to her. No doubt about it."

— by Kathy Parsanko

Biagio's Bistro at 308 Ludlow Avenue



Biagio's proud mother (a cook, too!)



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Trailside Nature Center in Burnet Woods - Summer Camps

Nature Preschool I

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Explore the differences in the animal world through stories, crafts, hikes and hands-on activities.

Urban Safari

(Ages 6-8) Search for the plants and animals that make their home here. Campers will become junior field naturalists.

Session I: June 14 - 18 (Mon. - Fri.); 9:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Session II: July 26 - 30 (Mon. - Fri.); 9:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Mission to Mars

(Ages 9-12) Join us on our Mission to Mars, a week of outer space fun as we embark on a journey to the Red Planet.

June 28 - July 2 (Mon. - Fri.); 9:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

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Session I: July 12 - 16 (Mon. - Fri.); 9:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Session II: August 2 - 6 (Mon. - Fri.); 9:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Bugs!

(Ages 6-8) They're creepy, crawly, and all together fascinating! Track them, catch them, study them... and even eat a few!

July 6 - 9 (Tues. - Fri.)

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Nature Preschool II

(Ages 4-5) Movers and Shakers Explore the park in search of amazing animals to discover who's the fastest, slowest, strongest!

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Social Media and Clifton Business Association

Clifton Business Association was founded in 1985 and is one of our leading civic organizations. CBA has helped to secure grants for new awnings for stores on Ludlow Avenue and sponsors entertainment and caretaking events. They've recently beefed up social media efforts, concentrating on Facebook and Instagram to draw attention to our businesses. Clifton Market has a new item? A new movie at the Esquire? A special at Sitwell's Act II? Vegan hot chocolate at Whole Bowl? We'll post about it. We're planting seeds for recovery of our Ludlow Avenue shops and cafes as they become more active, post-vaccines. There are plenty of outdoor seating choices on Ludlow Avenue, adapted for increased foot traffic.

To follow us, our moniker on Facebook is Clifton Business Association, and on Instagram our handle is @cliftonbusiness. The more followers we have on Facebook and Instagram, the more buzz we can generate about our great neighborhood. Every time you share a post on Facebook, you significantly increase the number of people who receive information about Clifton.

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SIMPLY SUPERIOR





Clifton Rec Center Summer Day Camp

June 7 – August 13, 9 am – 4 pm
MTWThF. 5-12 years old
For info call 513 961 5681

Campers enjoy fun weekly themes in a safe, friendly environment all summer long. Activities include STEM, arts and crafts, outdoor play and sports, and so much more!

New! Carpool Cinema

April through May 2021

Four big screen movie evenings were presented this Spring in the parking lot of CRC for free, thanks to a collaboration of CRC and CCAC with sponsorship from CTM, CBA, and CCF. Scores of families drove up to enjoy The Greatest Showman, The Princess Bride, Sonic the Hedgehog, and Annie as an outdoor movie, tuning in on their vehicle's radio for the movie soundtrack! Concessions provided by the Esquire, Mariemont and Kenwood Theatres.



Clifton Area Neighborhood School

Absence of in-person classes most certainly made hearts grow fonder at CANS this year, as our fantastic teachers managed to keep learning fun despite all the barriers thrown in their way. (My kids literally yelled at me when I told them we had to take a day off from school recently!) The way our children and teachers adapted to difficult circumstances was truly amazing, and I can't wait to see how much they can grow when they have a full year inside the building next year. Please consider enrolling if you have a child preK-4th, and grow with us! There have been some wonderful changes to our school grounds in the past year - raised beds and outdoor benches provide new spaces to learn and grow while enjoying nature. Our playground - previously plagued by difficult drainage - now has a wonderful turf hill and field, an excellent play surfaces that can be enjoyed no matter the weather. Next, we will add plantings, a dry creek and more features for children to enjoy and explore. CTM has stepped up to help us with funding of our playscape, and we are so grateful to be the beneficiary of this year's 8th Annual Golf Outing. Join us on August 28 at Avon Fields Golf Course, enjoy beautiful scenery, fresh air and a few missed putts. To register: <https://www.cliftoncommunity.org/8th-annual-ctm-golf-outing/>.

– by Drew Schwetschenau



Turf hill at CANS, photo by Drew Schwetschenau

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Dear CTM Chronicle,

My neighbors and I disagree on who is responsible for picking up litter on the strip of land between the sidewalk and the street. Doesn't this land belong to the City "Right of Way?" Signed: Frustrated Mary

Dear Frustrated Mary,
Cincinnati Municipal Code article Sec. 721-148 states: "Where land abuts a street, the owner or owners of such land shall be jointly and severally responsible for causing the area between the curb, or presumable curb, and the property line to be kept in good order, free from nuisance, weeds, and litter."

So, the responsibility of litter in the so-called "Right-of-Way" is the responsibility of the owners of the adjacent property, as is cutting the grass between sidewalk and curb. In our tax-adverse city, we can't afford crews of city workers roaming

the streets to pick up litter. It is easy, however, for property owners to do so.

Litter issues can be reported to the City (with potential fines to property owners) at 5916000.com or by using the "Fix it Cincy!" App, free at <https://apps.apple.com/us/app/fix-it-cincy/id1018342151>

Send your questions to Dear CTM Chronicle at ctm.chronicle@gmail.com

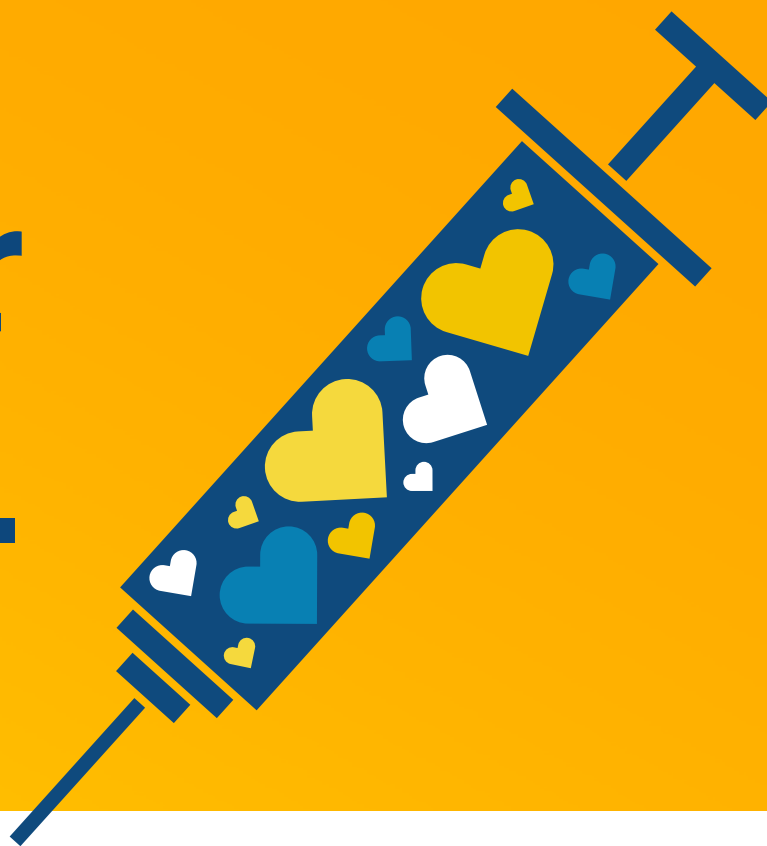


The Vanderbents reset the Ludlow street cans with new metal liners

Keeping it Clean

Clifton is fortunate to have Cincinnati's Department of Public Services' provision of sturdy metal liners to replace old plastic liners in our Ludlow Avenue street trash cans. It's a pilot program, and an important improvement to the safety and cleanliness of our business district.

Do it for all of us.



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