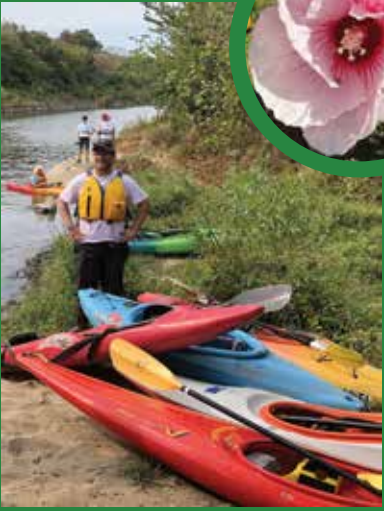




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President's Message

Our Walkable Clifton

This Summer newsletter spotlights Clifton's walkability and engaging environment. As we become more health and environment aware, a community's walkability moves to the center in debates about quality of life. What makes Clifton walkable? An easy answer would be the number of services located within a resident's walking distance. This issue publishes a current list of Clifton businesses and services all reachable on foot, an outreach of "Welcome" to the hundreds of university students arriving over the summer. Great walkability goes beyond Clifton's boundaries. Steve Schuckman's 5-mile annotated hiking map leads you through Burnet Woods and through CUF, highlighting rich history to be discovered while walking just for pleasure. Another map and narrative by Alice Palmer and Mary Steele — the 4-mile trek past notable Clifton gardens — demonstrates our sustained commitment to natural beauty and well-being. Top off your water bottle, lace up your shoes, apply sunscreen and begin your journey to a thousand destinations.

In Clifton, walking is not just about going from point A to point B. Every block brings discovery. Safer school crossings — thanks to Councilmember Mark Jeffreys' request that crossing guards be paid a decent wage — boosted hiring to fill empty posts. Bright yellow portable warning flags — thanks to CANS students' work supported by a Keep Cincinnati Beautiful grant and CTM's Transportation Committee — provide greater visibility at busy intersections.

CTM has been working for years to improve pedestrian safety. Our latest goal is to improve conditions within our business district through an application for an NBDIP grant (Neighborhood Business District Improvement Program.) If awarded, we'll be able to study and design practical changes for improved traffic flow and safety at the Ludlow and Clifton intersection, factoring in the presence of the new CCAC building scheduled to open in early 2024.

Please join us in the Memorial Day Parade and Picnic at Mount Storm Park on Monday, May 29. Starting at Middleton and McAlpin avenues at 10:30 a.m. bring your decorated bikes and costumed pets which add charm to this tradition!

- Gérald Checco (President)

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We invite our readers' participation in content creation. Our next deadline is January 24 for the Spring Issue that covers activities from May 25 to Sept. 1, 2023. Send all images (300 dpi jpg) and stories (400 words max in a Word doc) to ctm.chronicle@gmail.com

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On Father's Day - a Very Clifton Car Show at Mt. Storm Park on Sunday, June 18, noon – 2 p.m.



Featuring antique, vintage, and unique cars presented by the Clifton Community Fund with the help of the Mt. Storm Advisory Council. At 2 p.m. enjoy a fun performance by **My Nose Turns Red Youth Circus**. Pack a picnic lunch and enjoy the afternoon at beautiful Mt. Storm Park. The gardens at the pavilion will be in bloom!



On Thursdays from April 6 to October 26, 4-7 pm, Clifton residents are invited to set up at the Plaza to sell homemade & garden goods.

Participants are asked to park in the Merchants Lot on Howell Avenue, and carry your gear up the steps to the Plaza. Vendors are responsible for set up and clean up. Thanks!

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Clifton Plaza Improvements

For 15 years, Clifton Plaza has been the heart of our community, providing a place for daily enjoyment. Welcoming outdoor meetings and carry-out meals, the Plaza owners Clifton Community LLC hosts special events like Holidays on Ludlow, Ludloween, PUPP, concerts and markets. Our outdoor living room is kept beautiful thanks to TLC provided by savvy volunteer gardeners and regular housekeeping. Covid-related funding received in 2022-2023 has paid for a new shade structure on the performance terrace, a refreshed fence, new landscaping around the millstones, and bollards that delineate the Plaza from the sidewalk.



Parade and Picnic • Monday, May 29

Event Schedule • Come Join Us!

10:30 am - Congregate at McAlpin and Middleton to participate in the Parade! Decorated bikes, pets and humans are essential for maximum fun along the way!

11:00 am - The Parade walks north on Middleton from McAlpin, turns left on Lafayette, heading to Mt. Storm Park...

12:00 noon - Community Picnic at Mt. Storm Park, burgers and dogs available for lunch with drinks and StreetPops. Kids games by Clifton Rec Center. Pet goodie bags from PUPP and Petey's Pet Stop. Live Music by the Comet Bluegrass All Stars!

Note: In case of rain, we'll picnic in the CRC gym!

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Clifton Welcome & Connect

The first edition of **Clifton Welcome & Connect** (CWC) is nearly in the books, with the final event taking place on Memorial Day when all participants of CWC are invited to join in the Clifton Parade and Picnic at Mt. Storm Park — our traditional beginning of summer and a quintessential American celebration!

CWC was born from outreach by the Clifton Branch Library to CTM, asking what impactful project we could do in partnership. Demonstrating once again that we are a creative and cooperative neighborhood with problem-solving ideas, CWC has proven useful already by helping new immigrants from Pakistan, Mexico, India, Sudan, Turkey, Morocco, Japan, and France. Designed to provide essential (and at times, unusual) information on how to access and use practical services, CWC provided information on transportation, education, health care, housing, and immigration. Cincinnati Compass — a program of the Chamber of Commerce — and the Library helped us to assemble experts for these topics, demonstrating again their real importance in our lives.

This new program could not have happened without the seven hosting partners who have provided welcoming locations for participants to meet with experts. A big thanks to Clifton Rec Center (topic: Clifton 101), Library (Transportation), CANS (Education), the Clifton Mosque (Health Care), Immanuel Presbyterian Church (Housing), All Nations Church (Immigration) and the Cincinnati Park Board (Memorial Day Picnic).

The creators of CWC knew that Spring might not be an optimal time to launch this program, as most new immigrants arrive in Clifton just before the Fall startup of university classes. But we proceeded anyway in April 2023 to test the program and make improvements in time for Fall 2023. Know some newcomers? Have them check in at contactctm@cliftoncommunity.org



Clifton Golf Outing - August 26 Save the Date!

The 2023 Clifton Golf Outing is on Saturday, August 26 at 1 p.m. at Avon Fields. **YES - we have a new start time: 1 p.m.** – moved forward an hour so we can get to dinner and drinks on the deck earlier. Dinner is now 5:30 p.m. For those not familiar: **the Clifton Golf Outing is NOT just a golf outing.** It's dinner and drinks on the Avon Fields Golf Course deck with friends and families. It's kids-under-twelve eat for free. It's over \$3,000 in raffle prizes and "Beat the Lady Bearcat" competitions. It's also the presentation of the annual Friend of Clifton Award, presented by Duke Energy. And for those who like to play, there's also golf (if you want to call it that!) So, no need to say, "I can't participate, I don't play golf." The golf outing is really a party. Come just for dinner and drinks, come for golf, or come for both.

Please register in advance at <https://cincinnatiiparksfoundation.org/community-initiatives/clifton-golf-outing/>. (We sold out last year, so please register now.)

Did you know? Over the years, Clifton Golf Outing has written more than \$100,000 in checks to beneficiaries including Good Samaritan Cancer Center, Burnet Woods, Little Sisters of the Poor, The University of Cincinnati Women's Golf Team, CANS Elementary School, Fairview-Clifton German Language School and the Clifton Cultural Arts Center. Join in the fun that supports great causes, with special thanks to our long-time title sponsor Good Samaritan Hospital of Tri-Health.

See you on August 26 at Avon Fields Golf Course, 4081 Reading Road.



Peter and Josie Juech are ready! Please join them Saturday, August 26. Kids putting contest at 5 p.m. and dinner on deck 5:30 p.m. Kids 12 and under eat for free!







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

about Your Safety and Our Businesses!

Clifton, we need your help! You may have noticed an additional presence of peacekeepers in our business district last summer. In order to continue this support to our businesses which costs \$300 for every 4-hour shift, we're seeking the support of neighbors to cover 30 weeks of additional security.



Your gift to CTM is tax deductible and donations can break down to this schedule of coverage:

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| One Hour costs | \$75 |
| Full Shift (4 hours) costs | \$300 |
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Any amount you contribute helps us to keep the peace on Ludlow Avenue for neighbors, customers and businesses.

Go to <https://www.cliftoncommunity.org/products-page/> and scroll down to **Clifton Cares 2023 Safety Fund**.

Or scan the QR code above at right. Thanks for helping!



Time to Party!

Saturday 9/16 is the date for the CCF annual dinner!

For details and to make a reservation visit:
www.cliftoncommunityfund.org

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Investing in Neighborhood Business Districts - City Hall Corner

— by City Councilman Mark Jeffreys



Business districts are an indispensable part of our neighborhoods throughout the city and especially here in Clifton. The vitality of those business districts requires investment and nurturing by residents, community organizations, and local government. I want to thank all the residents who volunteer countless hours to help maintain the vibrancy of our neighborhood business districts, cleaning up litter on a daily basis, planting and maintaining flowers, clearing gutters of leaves and debris, being the eyes and ears for the police, and advocating for better policies overall. That advocacy helps not only community councils like the Clifton Town Meeting to articulate the collective needs of neighborhoods, but in turn helps City Council make budget choices.

As we finish up the City's fiscal year ending in June, and setting budgets for FY 23/24, investment in neighborhoods and their business districts is a top priority for me and my colleagues. That investment and advocacy entail:

Pedestrian safety – Department of Transportation and Engineering (DOTE) recently started deploying what are called “hardened centerlines” at Clifton Avenue and Ludlow Avenue as well as other corners throughout the city. These installations along with speed cushions and speed bumps are some of the continued investments needed to make it safer to walk in the Clifton Business District. Still, there's a lot more work to be done along Ludlow and in surrounding blocks to make our streets safer. In the upcoming budget, I have pushed for continued

strong investment in pedestrian infrastructure.

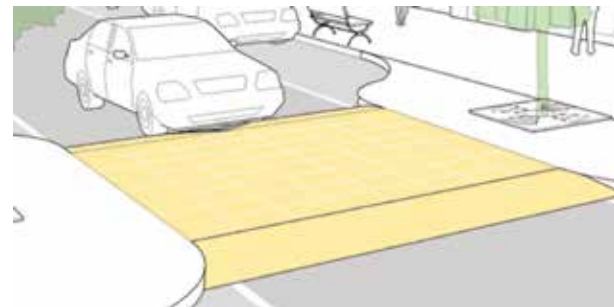
Investing in neighborhood development – Entering the next budget cycle, City Council has already approved funding of \$1.2 million of federal grant dollars for community development corporations. This funding paired with the City's annual investment in neighborhood business districts is another example of the multi-faceted approach this Council has taken to strengthen our neighborhoods.

Partnering with Cincinnati Police Department on business district safety issues – Clifton's business district—like so many others— continues the need for strong partnerships between CPD and neighborhood leaders. Ideally, this means getting officers out on foot patrol. Unfortunately, the Police Chief has expressed that staffing shortages will preclude that in the short term. The City's new Alternative Response Model (non-violent offenses are responded to by a paramedic and social worker) is a great example of the City's capacity to innovate. We need to continue to identify new, creative solutions to establish public safety in business districts.

All of these policy priorities are critical to insuring that neighborhood business districts are vibrant. In Clifton, we are fortunate to have great partnerships among our local government, the community council, and residents. As always, I invite everyone to reach out to me at any time with concerns. I appreciate the opportunity to hear from residents and to serve the people of Cincinnati. Mark.Jeffreys@cincinnati-oh.gov

Can Public Art Make Sidewalks Safer?

— by Justin Ogilby



Two of my favorite things about Clifton are walkability and our embrace and support of the arts. Over the past several months, community groups have been working to combine these two concepts to improve safety throughout our neighborhood. Representatives from CTM, CBA, CCAC, and others have applied for a Neighborhood Business District Improvement Program (NBDIP) grant from the City, focused on using art to improve street safety by drawing attention to problem intersections. If awarded, the grant will fund a raised crosswalk at Ludlow and Ormond avenues and, perhaps more importantly, fund a comprehensive design study to create plans that will use art and street calming techniques to improve pedestrian experience and safety when walking, crossing, or just being near streets throughout our neighborhood. These City grant programs allow Clifton to make efficient requests for funding as well as position us to apply for other grant opportunities that expedite improvements. Keep your fingers crossed, grant results will be announced in late June.



Introducing two seven two bakery

— by Blair Fornshell, Owner/Baker

A new project that's been in the works for the past 18 months is finally ready to open its doors! two seven two bakery will open this spring at 272 Ludlow Avenue, offering a variety of sweet and savory pastries, a full espresso program, and a limited bread program. We take pride in using high-quality ingredients to create our pastries and embrace the seasons with a menu that reflects what is available while sourcing locally. Everything is made from scratch and baked fresh each morning before opening. Our espresso program complements our pastries as do additional coffee and beverage options. We're glad to offer limited seating inside the bakery and are actively working to open the back patio area for additional warm-weather seating. Lots of love and care has gone into the creation of a warm inviting space. We look forward to connecting with the Clifton community, so welcome to our shop — we'll share our love of baking with you! Follow our progress on Instagram at [@two.seven.two](https://www.instagram.com/two.seven.two)



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Dates: May 22, June 26,
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September 25, and October 23.

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and dogs for off-leash fun!**
(Your own dog is not required!)

Off Ludlow Gallery Auction - Musician Murals Original Artworks

Off Ludlow Gallery, the all-volunteer gallery under the auspices of CTM Arts and Culture Committee, will auction the original artworks used to create our seven Ludlow Garage musicians murals. You can own original artworks created by these legendary Cincinnati artists:

- C. F. Payne gave us punk patriarch Iggy Pop,
- John Maggard's stunning rendering of The James Gang,
- Jenny Roesel Ustick's take on Judy Collins,
- David Michael Beck's remarkable BB King,
- Ellina Chetverikova's outstanding Captain Beefheart,
- Brandon Illzotic Hawkins' rendition of Albert King, and
- Gabrielle Siekman's portrait of Rickie Lee Jones.

Caza Sikes will auction 15-20 sketches and paintings in early June. If interested in viewing the artworks or bidding, visit auction.czasikes.com, the CTM website online calendar, or Off Ludlow Gallery's Facebook page for exact date and time.



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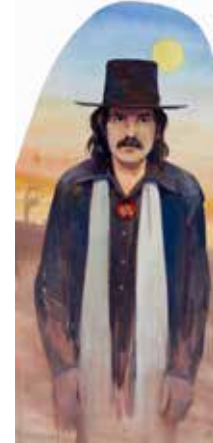
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- **Brunch**
- **Dinner**
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Best Brunch in Clifton!

Off Ludlow Gallery Summer Schedule:

- An "Eco Dye" Group show:** Opening Reception on May 19 - June 24
- Watercolor Group show:** Opening Reception on June 30 - August 5
- SOS Exhibition curated by Saad Ghosn:** Opening Reception on August 11 - September 16
- Abstract/Surrealist show:** Opening Reception September 22- October 28
- Gallery Gifts V:** November 17 through December 23, hours to be announced

Off Ludlow Gallery is open on Friday nights 5:00 - 8:00 p.m. and Saturdays from noon - 6:00 p.m. or by appointment. To volunteer, please contact Joyce Rich, joycemrich@gmail.com

A Four-Mile Clifton Gardens Hike

Description: Clifton Plaza starting point, through Burnet Woods, through the older streets of Clifton, Mt. Storm Park and down Middleton, Evanswood and Dunore.

Get your steps in while sampling the diversity of Clifton spring and summer gardens! So many residents beautify our neighborhood with plantings big and small. This pathway takes you past just a few. We are grateful to the gardeners and volunteers who help maintain the beauty of our public spaces.

We've noted approximate mileage from point-to-point, and remember: Clifton is hilly! Wear good walking shoes and carry your drinking water. Like our forebears, refill your bottle with fresh city water at the Probasco Fountain's peony spout, located in front of Clifton Area Neighborhood School.

Start in the heart of the Gaslight business district at the **(1) Clifton Plaza Garden**, backdrop for the new bandstand. The garden on the terrace's west edge displays five historic millstones. The plaque at right tells their history.

Turn right out onto Ludlow, walk east, then turn right at the firehouse onto Clifton Avenue. At the corner of Clifton and Dixmyth is the **(2) Clifton Community Garden**, where individual gardeners rent plots to grow vegetables for themselves. Contact the Civic Garden Center if you'd like a plot there next year: kmontgomery@civicgardencenter.org

Cross Clifton Avenue and scale Burnet Woods Lane, pass the bandstand, bear left when the road branches and head down the hill to Burnet Woods Lake. Turn left, pass **(3) Trailside Nature Center's Garden**,



walk northward on Brookline, and cross Ludlow to the Library. **(You have completed 1 mile!)**

Continue on Brookline towards Hosea. In early summer see a large iris

garden at #3425/3427 Brookline, then cross Hosea where on the corner is a **(4) lovely garden behind the yew hedge**. Turn left on Hosea, walk westward and past the brick roadblock towards Clifton Avenue. Look up high and to the right – visualize the new **(5) Clifton Cultural Arts Center's green roof**, coming in 2024! Turn right on Clifton, cross to the other side at Bryant, and continue northward. At Resor take a brief left to enjoy the garden at **(6) #316 Resor and a small meditation garden at St. Johns Unitarian Church**. Double back to Clifton, turn left and continue north, past two public schools, then cross McAlpin, and cross Clifton to the other side at the Woolper light.

A short block northward, turn right on Greendale to enjoy **(7) the garden at #235**. Farther down Greendale on the opposite side search for a **Fairie Garden**. Double back to Clifton Avenue, cross westward at Warren, walk on to Middleton Avenue. Turn right and head north to Lafayette Avenue. Turn left on Lafayette, cross and then turn right on North Cliff Lane, bearing left on to West Cliff Lane to enjoy the stately **(8) Henry Probasco mansion and garden at #430**. You can keep walking straight to cross the small pedestrian bridge and climb the hill back to La-

fayette. Or retrace your steps to Lafayette where you have a choice: Turn right to walk to **(9) Mt. Storm Park** for the trees, gardens and Temple of Love. Or turn left on Lafayette to walk back to Middleton.



(You are at mile 2!)

When you return to Middleton, turn right and walk on straight to McAlpin. On the east side of the street you'll discover- just two lots south of War-

ren- an **(10) artfully cleared ravine**. On the west side of the street at the McAlpin intersection you'll see the newly restored **(11) Rawson Woods Preserve ironwork arch**. Cross McAlpin and continue southward up the hill on Middleton to enjoy a **(12) large garden on the left at #360 Resor**. Turn right on Evanswood, head up the hill, and look to the left at the **(13) hillside garden** just before Cornell. Jog a quick right on Cornell and jog again left to continue on Evanswood which concludes with a sharp left bend. See **(14) gardens that wrap around two sides of #577**. Now you are on Morrison. Walk on to Ludlow Avenue. **(Congratulations, you've completed 3 miles!)**

Not out of energy? Turn right on Ludlow, walk west-

ward downhill, then turn right on Old Ludlow, keeping Dunore Park on your left. Turn right on Dunore Road to **(15) #819 and #821** for two final lovely gardens. Backtrack to Ludlow, turn left and walk uphill to your starting point at **Clifton Plaza**. **(4.1 miles total!)**



Now, enjoy refreshments at one of our local establishments, because you've earned it!

- by Alice Palmer and Mary Steele



**Five Mile Trek – From Clifton to CUF
(Clifton Heights/University Heights/Fairview)**

Description: Walk through Burnet Woods, discover hidden hillside steps, great city views in both Fairview and Bellevue parks and former incline sites, pass two historic churches, and meander back through UC campus.

Begin at Brookline and Ludlow to view three historic stone houses by architect **Samuel Hannaford**. **(1) The home of “Boss” Cox**, now Clifton Branch Library (1895) is built in the Chateausque style; a **(2) Queen Anne style home** (1898); and the **(3) Richardsonian Romanesque home** (1890) with conical tower and rusticated limestone. Hannaford’s firm designed over 300 buildings from the mid-19th century into the 1960s.

Enter **Burnet Woods** on Brookline, walk towards **Burnet Woods Lake** and pass Carl Freund’s **(4) Trailside Nature Center** (1939). A devotee of Frank Lloyd Wright, Freund designed over 30 buildings for Cincinnati Parks. Walk across **the bridge and overflow** along the west side of the lake, up the hill towards Martin Luther King Blvd. At ML King look up the hill to the **(5) Henry Hobson Richardson monument**, a grouping of intricately carved stone ruins from the Chamber of Commerce building that burned down in 1910. His influential late 19th-century buildings gave rise to the style “Richardsonian Romanesque”.

Walk west on ML King and cross it at Clifton Avenue, cross Clifton westward and continue on ML King to the left fork onto Riddle Road. Turn left on Marshall Avenue, walk downhill. Around the bend you’ll discover **Coy Field**, a hidden Recreation Commission playfield. Walk through the park to a stairway leading to Wagner Street, continue on Wagner one block to Tafel. Take a second set of steps to Straight Street, carefully cross, continue on Luna. Turn left on Clemmer Street and at the end of the street find steps leading up to McMillan Avenue.

Turn left on McMillan, cross Ravine Street to **(6) St. Monica Church** (1928). Peek inside to view the German-made stained-glass windows. Cross McMillan, cross Ravine, and walk down Old McMillan, a short dead-end street seemingly from a different era. Double back and turn right on Fairview Avenue, an extra wide street that once was a streetcar route. The top landing of the **(7) Fairview Incline**- one of five 19th century inclines- was at Warner and Fairview Avenue.

Double back on Fairview to Warner, walk downhill to Ravine, turn right to enter **(8) Fairview Park**. The view from the Overlook includes downtown, Over-the-Rhine, the West End, Union Terminal, Price Hill, the Ohio River and the Kentucky hills. Return to Ravine, walk back uphill to Warner, turn right. Walk eastward down Warner Street, passing **(9) the original Fairview School** (1889). Now apartments, this Richardsonian Romanesque structure is one of Henry Siter’s few remaining buildings. Cross Clifton Avenue, continue uphill to Ohio Avenue. Turn right and walk a block to **(10) Bellevue Park**, site of another incline and another Carl Freund-designed building. Built in 1955 the pavilion features a cluster of columns supporting a rounded canopy and offers another stunning city view of downtown, OTR and Mt. Adams.

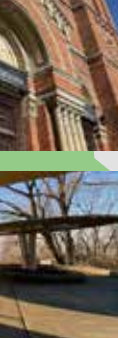
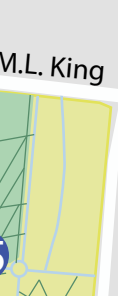
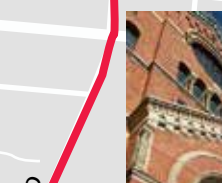
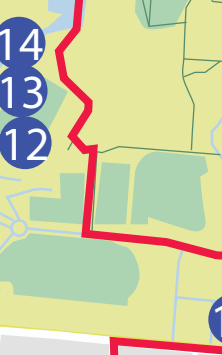
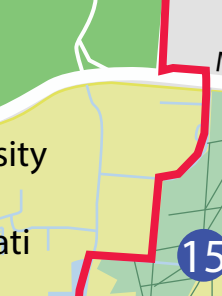
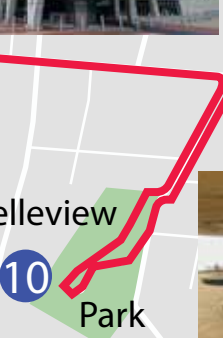
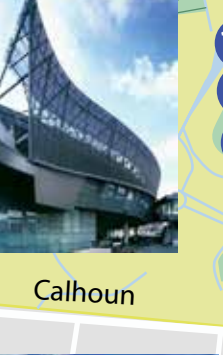
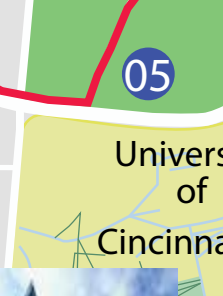
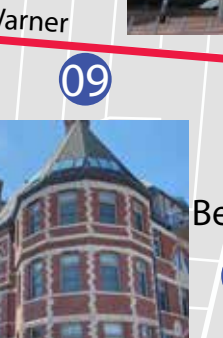
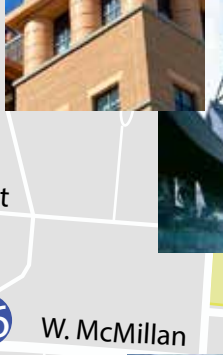
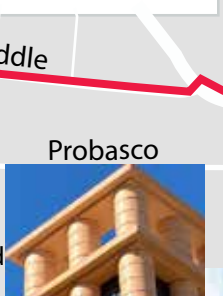
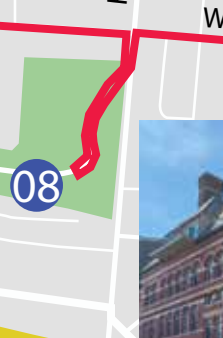
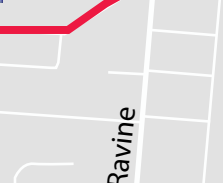
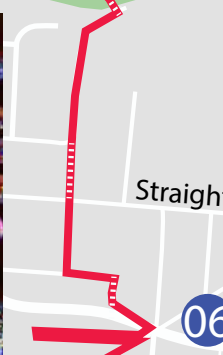
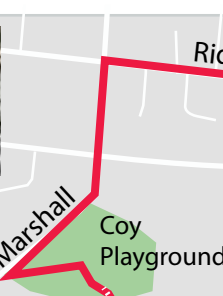
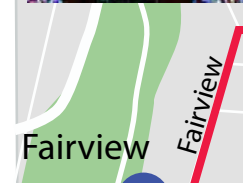
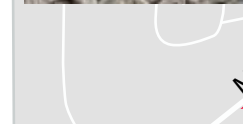
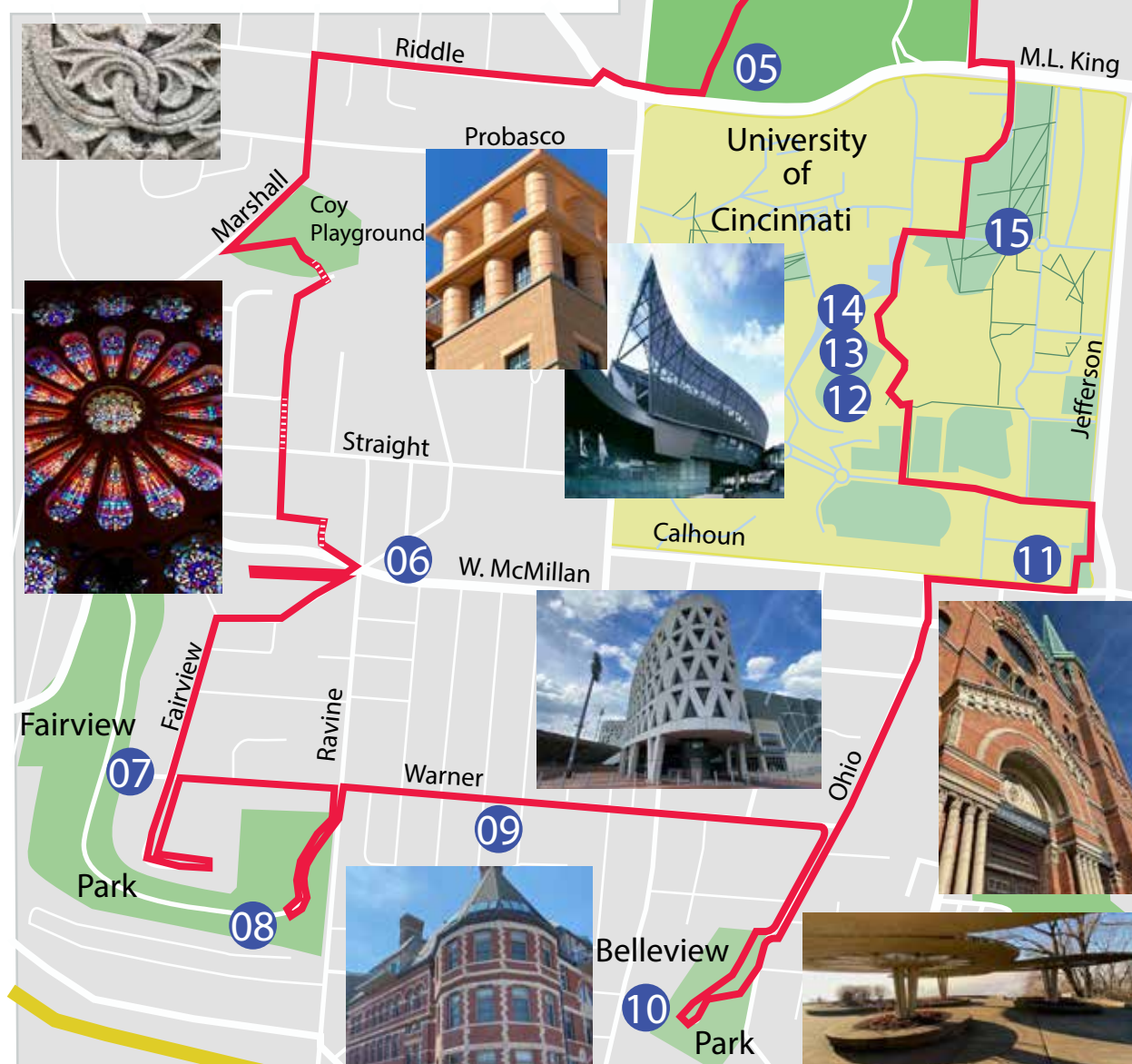
Leave the park, walking north to the end of Ohio Avenue. Cross McMillan and Calhoun, turn right and pass **(11) the former St. George Church** (1879),

another Hannaford design and now home to the Crossroads congregation. The steel open lattice twin steeples replaced the originals which burned in a 2008 fire. Walk on toward Jefferson Avenue, cross Classen Park, then proceed north on Jefferson to Corry Street. Turn left to enter the UC Campus which was transformed by landscape architect George Hargreaves who eliminated surface parking lots and organized buildings around greenspace. Hargreaves also created the original master plan for Smale Riverfront Park.

Turn right on the walkway along Sheakley Lawn, and bear left at **(12) The Richard E. Lindner Recreation Center**, a boomerang-shaped building with triangular shaped openings, designed by Bernard Tschumi. Staying close to the building, descend the steps at the end of the walk and take the elevated walkway beneath the **(13) UC Campus Recreation Center** that skirts the north side of Nippert Stadium. Designed by Thomas Mayne, the complex building of rounded forms and angles includes recreation facilities, classrooms, a food hall and residences, all fit into a tight site. Look left to the **(14) Mantei Engineering Center**, a massive brick and stone building with a barrel-shaped roof designed by Michael Graves, a UC graduate who, like Mayne and Tschumi, has designed prominent buildings around the globe. Continue walking northward through **(15) The Campus Commons Green**, formerly a parking lot, to ML King Blvd. Cross and turn left on ML King, turn right on Bishop to enter Burnet Woods down a flight of stone steps. At the bottom turn right and

walk along the east side of **(16) Burnet Woods Lake** to return to your starting point.

- by Steven L. Schuckman



Reflections in a lake

— by Rama Kasturi

As you walk east from Diggs's Plaza on Ludlow Avenue toward Brookline Avenue, turn right to find yourself in an Audubon-designated Important Birding Area. You are in Burnet Woods! An old majestic white oak with exfoliating trunk and branches is on your right. On your left the gently sloped valley is surrounded by several 80 to 100-year-old pin oaks and beech trees with smooth elephant skin-like bark.

Trailside Nature Center and the famous concrete slide are further south. Both were constructed during the Great Depression as part of the WPA. The lower playground and picnic shelter are behind the nature center. Further south is a large man-made lake, a magnet for migrating birds and anglers of all ages. Red-winged blackbirds sing throatily, hoping to be rewarded with a mate. Geese and ducks dot the lake and engage in loud confrontation when rivals approach their mates. Migrating warblers sing by the lake in spring and fall, their presence sought out by avid birders.

Red-tailed hawks soar above the mature tree canopy on sunny days, and a walk at sunset offers you sight and sound of a barred owl. As a Cooper's hawk hunts in the woods, you can hear birds in the trees raising the alarm about its presence. A blue heron has been a frequent visitor for the last two years, perching atop a slippery elm tree by the edge of the lake at sunset.

I never tire of the many reflections in the pond. Reflected images of slowly leafing bald cypresses and dawn redwoods are overlaid with the pink of flowering redbud trees in the spring. Can you picture a rainbow arching into the lake on a hot summer's day, fall colors rivaling the color palettes of the Impressionists, a beautiful sunset in winter? All this beauty is just a walk away. You just have to be there to witness it.



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CPS BOE member Eve Bolton, CANS Principal James Zoller, CPS Superintendent Iranetta Wright, and Mark Jeffreys of Cincinnati City Council

Cincy VegFest in Clifton



On Saturday, June 10, Cincy VegFest will be serving up a day of inspiration in Burnet Woods via yoga, music, and food! Delicious and diverse plant-sourced meal choices are exquisitely prepared and offered by a variety of vendors. Enjoy culinary demos while eating mouth-watering dishes and connecting with community at the Burnet Woods bandstand. More info at <http://www.cincyvegfest.com>

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CCAC's Wednesdays in the Woods

Clifton Cultural Arts Center's 15th annual summer concert series celebrates art, music, community, diversity, and connection — all at the historic 1911 Burnet Woods bandstand. We'll welcome back a variety of food vendors, Kids Art Corner, and partner again with HighGrain Brewing Co. for beverage options. As always, **Wednesdays in the Woods** is brought to our community free of charge through the generosity of many partners and sponsors.

2023 Schedule of Performers:

May 31 Comet Bluegrass All-Stars
June 7 Daglio
June 14 Positive Vibe Band
June 21 Tracy Walker
June 28 The YOLO Band
July 5 Raquel & The Wildflowers w/Community Grill Out
July 12 Burning Caravan
July 19 Dayton Salsa Project
July 26 Sound Body Jazz Orchestra
August 2 Jake Speed & The Freddies
August 9 Remember w/Dog Days of Summer Dog Parade

CCAC also hosts free Saturdays in the Park, featuring live music and brunch options every Saturday from June 3 through July 22, 10 am – 12 pm at the recently renovated Inwood Park playground and picnic area in Mt. Auburn. Find more info on bands, food trucks, and events at cliftonculturalarts.org/WITW



Award-Winning Summer Camps at CCAC

Voted one of City Beat's top-three "Best of Cincinnati" summer camps, CCAC makes summer art camps feature an exciting slate of week-long sessions on drawing, design, sculpture, collage, and more. With options for kids ages 3 am-12 pm, camp themes have students exploring new art forms and making new friends. **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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Art/ Entertainment

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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 (CTM) | 3408 Ormond | 513-201-7153 |
| Clifton Cultural Arts Center | 3412 Clifton | 513-497-2860 |
| Manifest Galery | 3464 Central Pkw | 513-861-3638 |
| Vada Galery | 3408 Telford | 513-259-7446 |

Park/ Public Space/ Cemetery

| | | |
|---------------------------|-------------------|--------------|
| Burnet Woods | 282 Ludlow | 513-357-2604 |
| Mt. Storm | 600 Lafayette | 513-357-2604 |
| Cincinnati Zoo & 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 |
| Bowdle 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 | 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

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| 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 |
| Apple Tree School | 3766 Clifton | 513-221-8353 |
| 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 |

Restaurant/ Bar

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| 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 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

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| 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

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|------------------------|-----------------|--------------|
| 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

| | | |
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| 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 | |

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| 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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| Good Samaritan Hospital | 375 Dixmyth | 513-862-1400 |
| 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 (Orthopaedic Surgeon) | 3345 Whitfield | 513-221-3232 |
| Holistic Counseling Care of Cincinnati - Yager & Associates Counseling | 3345 Whitfield | 513-665-4444 |
| | 3345 Whitfield | 513-334-2026 |

Pharmacy

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| 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

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

Transportation

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| 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

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

Hair/ Nail

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| 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

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| 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

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| 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 |
| Parks Advisory Councils (Burnet, Mt. Storm, Bowdle, Dunore) | www.cincinnati-oh.gov/cincyparks/get-involved/cincinnati-parks-advisory-councils/ |

Apparel/ Novelties

| | | |
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| 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

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| Adrian Durban Florist | 302 Ludlow | 513-221-7673 |
| ACE Hardware | 344 Ludlow | 513-281-9600 |
| Ludlow Wines | 343 Ludlow | 513-751-3727 |
| two seven two bakery | 272 Ludlow | |
| 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 | |



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Clifton: Home to Generations

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— by Barbra Druffel

In the late 1980's a woman called to say that, after more than 30 years of living in her Clifton home, she was set to move to Scarlet Oaks. Climbing stairs and the many daily requirements of living alone had become impossible for her. "I will leave the front door unlocked, just come on in," she said.

I knocked on the door and a voice welcomed me into the charming two-story cottage. A bright-eyed elderly lady sat in her wingback chair. Apologizing for the mess, she explained that she could not walk well. Her bright smile nearly overrode the room's visual chaos and odors. I sat down and we discussed her plans and the urgency. Sadly, her son was not present to help.

She asked me to tour the house on my own. I began in the kitchen which told a bleak story, as did

the day bed in the solarium. The basement laundry room had been long abandoned. But examining photos on the walls, I could see beyond her current shaky existence into an earlier life, one of happy travels and family vacations. Times of a lovely home kept with pride, obvious in nicely upholstered chairs, in wallpaper chosen with care. Artworks stood out, possibly originals? A whimsical Miro, a small Picasso portrait, other pieces of outstanding quality.

Returning to the living room, I sat again and we talked about the artworks. Her family had been collectors, and her favorite pieces could move with her to her new accommodations. She was ready to be gone from this home. Though a painful meeting, I knew that I could help her begin a manageable new life chapter. I contacted a young family that

had a limited budget but also was handy and capable of taking on the challenge of renewing this house. After just one showing, we agreed: they would get rid of stuff the owner would leave behind and then they would purchase the home.

Years later, I had the opportunity to sell that home again – renovated and reimagined by the new owners who had raised two children there.

Barbra Druffel grew up in Clifton, daughter of Jane Druffel who proceeded her in the real estate business. She has lived in many Clifton homes and has helped many others find and resell theirs.



CANS FOOD PANTRY and Community Learning Center

Clifton Area Neighborhood School is both a neighborhood school and a resource hub for our neighborhood. We take our role as a Community Learning Center (CLC) seriously and are always looking for ways to provide support to our Clifton, Spring Grove Village, and CUF families. In 2021, CANS leadership created a CLC committee consisting of community members, parents, and staff to focus on how to increase CANS' useful presence. Last year, the committee organized social events such as park clean-ups and picnics. For the 2022-23 school year, the committee set a goal to increase resource-sharing opportunities within

the community. In partnership with the CANS Girl Scout Troop, we've started an initiative to build an outdoor food pantry for our neighborhood.

Like a Little Free Library, this pantry will be outdoors and accessible to the community regardless of need. Due to extreme seasonal temperatures, stipulations will be placed on what sort of donated products it can hold. While the CANS Girl Scouts are helping to launch this project, long-term success will depend on the community's ongoing involvement and support. The pantry can only serve its purpose if we all take an active

role in stocking and using it! It will require regular donations and monitoring throughout the year.

The committee will establish the location, choose a design, and work on production throughout the summer months. Stay tuned for updates on this new neighborhood outdoor pantry!

Questions can be directed to the CANS Resource Coordinator Julia Bonfield at jbonfield@costars.org.



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Honored (left to right) Kelvin Hanger and Bridget Lewis of TriHealth Good Samaritan Hospital; Angelica Kennedy, Karen Magness-Lewe and Tamie Larkin of Cincinnati State; Nerissa Morris and Kim Hull of Cincinnati Children’s Hospital Medical Center; Annise Anderson of St. Francis Seraph Ministries; Lisa Blank and Lois Post of St. Elizabeth Healthcare; and Stacy Sherman of The Gorilla Glue Company

At the February 8 event, Good Samaritan TriHealth Hospital and St. Elizabeth Healthcare were named Corporate Partners of the Year. In addition, four more partners were honored for five years of collaboration and dedication to student success: Cincinnati Children’s Hospital Medical Center, Cincinnati State Technical & Community College, The Gorilla Glue Company, and St. Francis Seraph Ministries.

DePaul Cristo Rey’s Rey of Light Scholarship Benefit continued its incredible streak of success on April 22 with a sold-out crowd, generous sponsors, eager bidders, and dedicated volunteers coming together to create an evening to remember, raising over \$775,000 for students. Held at the Clifton school and chaired by Michele and Mike Schuster (shown below with DPCR President Siobhan Taylor, center) it included a cocktail hour, dinner, raffles, and silent and live auctions. Among the most popular live auction items were three sets of tickets to Taylor Swift’s upcoming Cincinnati concert.





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The Balch Carriage House (1880-1961) Old McDonald's Enigmatic Remnant

— by Jan Checco



Majestic iron gates marked with a B for “Balch” stand guard at the eastern end of Wood Avenue, the back door to what originally was Alexander McDonald's grand estate. Just beyond lies a newish, very popular petite soccer pitch, shaded in the mornings by the very vacant, yet hopeful **Balch Carriage House**, one of 43 properties listed in 1978 by the National Register of Historic Places as part of the Clifton Avenue Historic District. Cincinnati Public Schools owns the building.

volunteers frequently repaired plexiglass window coverings.”

CPS again owns this stepchild of a structure. Asked what aspirations her school community might have, Fairview Clifton Principal Savannah Rabal said, “We would love for the Carriage House to be an outdoor learning space. If the doors and windows were removed in a way to create an open-air space, that would be awesome. Having a climate-controlled storage space would also be ok, just not our first pick.”

Any use of the building would require substantial work, costing well over a million dollars. Community use would be possible, as are all our public school facilities, with the submittal of a Building Use Permit Application to CPS Facilities. As we know in Clifton, where there's a will, there is always a way! This charming and valuable historic structure could be enjoyed in our collective future with discussion and a new plan.

Clifton preservationists, meet a new cause!



More About It:

The Alexander McDonald Mansion — “Dalvey” — was built at 3645 Clifton Avenue by Samuel Hannaford for the president of Standard Oil of Kentucky who was also director of the Big Four

Railroad (Cleveland, Cincinnati, Chicago and St. Louis), the Third National Bank and the Carnegie Trust Company. A lover of the arts, McDonald served as vice president of the Cincinnati Art Museum and director of both the College of Music and the May Festival. Valued at \$15 million when he died in 1910, and leaving no will, his estate was passed to his two granddaughters Laura and Helena McDonald Stallo who shared equally. Investments were managed by their father who, unfortunately, saw them reduced to nothing. As part of many transactions, Dalvey was sold in 1911 to Mrs. Edith Woodford Balch for \$1. She and her husband George moved from another important Hannaford house on Greendale Avenue, just a block away. Widowed in 1932, Edith continued living in the great mansion until her death in 1957 when the 6.6-acre property was willed to the Episcopal Diocese of Southern Ohio, which in turn sold the property to Cincinnati Public Schools in 1958, allowing for the expansion of Clifton School. No longer practical for mid-century uses, the mansion was demolished in 1961.

Still, the sturdy carriage house remains.

Laura and Helena McDonald Stallo were the daughters of Laura Alexander and Edmund Stallo. Their mother died young, leaving the girls in the care of their wealthy grandparents

Alexander and Laura Palmer MacDonald. (Yes, there were many generations of Lauras!) “...the young heiresses married a French prince (*Murat, a nephew of Napoleon's nephew) and an Italian prince. (Rosspigliosi)... [but] the whittling down of the daughters' inheritances soon led both baronial princes to throw in their wedding towels for divorce papers by 1930... [BTW] Helena's grandson is New York-born actor Rene Murat Auberjonois, noted for his role as Father Mulcahy in the 1970 film version of MASH.”

- Anecdote from Bonnie Jeanne Williams *The Clifton Carriage House Sisters*, on *Tracing Paper* blog, WordPress



Alexander McDonald 1836-1910



If you've had no reason to visit the back side of Fairview Clifton German Language School, you might not know

or care about the existence of this extraordinary one-and-a-half-story rusticated random rock-faced stone structure with gambrel roof. But there it is, a treasure on Clifton's hilltop campus.

For a while in 2008 the Carriage House was in the possession of Clifton Cultural Arts Center. Leslie Mooney, director of CCAC says, “In 2014 we raised funds to replace the entire roof and paint the upper gables to preserve the building for future use. While it was in our care, CCAC's community



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The Lost Mansions of Lafayette Avenue

— by Geoff Gelke, *The History Buffs*



Darby Estate

Nostalgic Clifton, let's remember a few grand structures that are now just "castles in the air." Much has been written about Lafayette Avenue's existing mansions, but not about three more splendid homes that existed on the north side of the street between Clifton and North Cliff avenues. Replaced by the Cincinnati Women's Club and the Middleton Court subdivision in the 1960s, we can now only imagine their splendor. Let your imagination wander here...



McAlpin Mansion

At the northwest corner of Clifton and Lafayette avenues we pass the location of Clifton's very first chapel — a two-floor frame structure "without architectural merit" that served early Clifton families from 1843 until 1867 as a social hub and meeting hall. This is when its congregation moved south on Clifton to the new Hannaford-designed Calvary Episcopal Church, still with us today. The little old chapel now only exists as a tiny church icon on old maps, but its parsonage still stands, if a little remotely, at 3960 Clifton Avenue.

Continue westward to 318 Lafayette to envision the "Sunflower House" built around 1884 by George Washington McAlpin of department store fame. Many sunflower motifs decorated the architecture of his grand new home, the scale of which was a considerable change from his former 1870s home at 429 Resor Avenue. You may have guessed that McAlpin Avenue takes its name from this family.

Still strolling west in the direction that now leads to Mount Storm Park (but in the day was the approach



Jergen Mansion

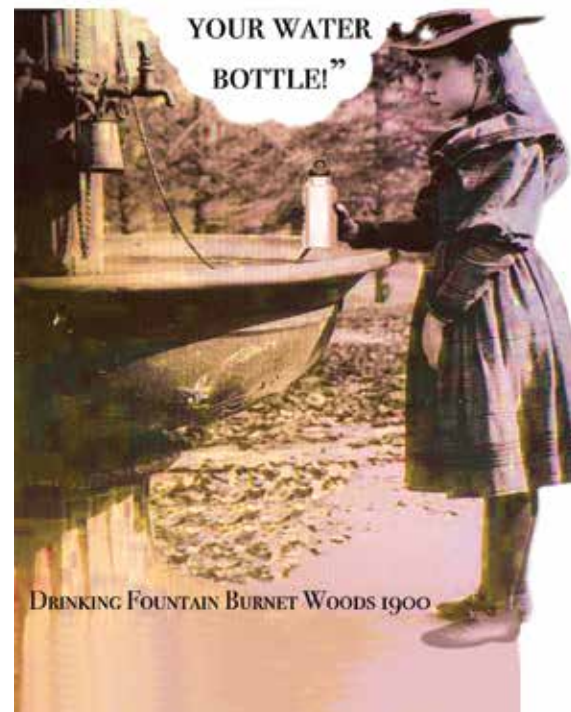
to the magnificent Bowler estate, greenhouses and gardens), you come to the splendid mansion of H.W. Darby at 352 Lafayette, built just before the Civil War. Mr. Darby owned Darby Publishing, located downtown at the northwest corner of Fourth and Elm streets in a handsome building that still proudly stands.

Finally, you are before 378 Lafayette Avenue, the palatial property of the Wilson family, built in the 1850's. Later known as the Jergen Estate (as in Jergen's lotion), it was admired for its striking Italianate architecture, vast front lawn (frequently used for golfing), and the finest carriage house in Clifton.

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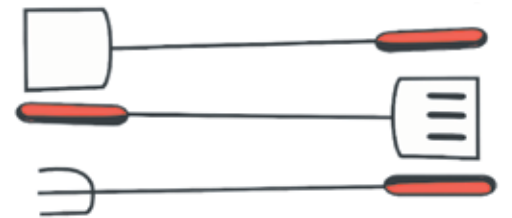
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This Spring, we reintroduced our Spring Egg Scavenger Hunt around the neighborhood, partnering with many businesses and organizations to bring Clifton-area residents a unique opportunity

to embark on an adventure and win fun prizes. Partners who donated to the prize pool were given a special egg to hide at their locations while we posted a clue on Fridays and Saturdays on the All About Clifton Gaslight Facebook page March 23 through April 1. Thanks to our partners Ace Hardware, Graeter's Ice Cream, Adrian Durban,



Esquire Theatre, Hansa Guild, Clifton Natural Foods, Toku Baru, Cincinnati Reds, FC Cincinnati, Dewey's Pizza, Biagio's Bistro, Woodburn Games, and the Clifton Area Neighborhood School PTO.



At the Summer Party

*It was so chilly the sun arrived
wrapped in a sky-blue blanket.
Breezes supplied fresh fragrance of
pine.*

*As always, windy waves provided the
music,
creating sweet harmonies
and choppy blues rhythms.*

*Whooshes and sloshes
drummed from under the docks
then gurgled and murmured away.*

*A shrill jet ski smacked and slapped
the water, drowning out
everyone else, the show-off!*

*Guests did their best
to talk over its bluster and swagger.
Aspens stage whispered the news*

*from distant, lonely islands
which the wind carried in at dawn.
Loons wailed on about lost loves.*

*Crows cackled among themselves.
As ripples smoothed to a glass of
blueberry wine
I watched the last guest, a lone gull,
perch on a piling, then cry, and take
flight —*

— Nancy Heuck Johanson

Romero Academy at Annunciation

In August 2023, Clifton children in grades PK-5 will have the new opportunity to attend Romero Academy at Annunciation, an independent Catholic school that partners with families to develop the intellect, form the character, and engage the faith of children from a variety of backgrounds, often at no cost to parents through full-tuition scholarships from Ohio's EdChoice Scholarship Programs.

Nora, a mother and member of the Clifton community, says she's "most excited about the vibrancy new Romero students will bring to the historical Annunciation campus," as well as the opportunity for Clifton children to be "part of something bigger than themselves."

"My husband and I moved to Clifton to raise our children in an international, diverse, intellectual, and historic community," says Nora. "Romero brings a modern educational model to a historic Catholic institution in an updated and inclusive way, while still retaining traditional values like faith, courage, wisdom, self-control, and justice."

Annunciation will be the second Romero Academy in Cincinnati following the 2020 opening of Resurrection, a successful PK-8 school in Price Hill. Recent test scores show Resurrection students growing nearly 78% in math and 77% in reading year over year, faster than their peers across the country. Inspired by the words of St. Oscar Romero, Annunciation students "will aspire not to have more, but to be more."

Families can visit <https://romeroacademies.org/> to learn more about the school and to enroll.



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Cincinnati State Students Honored at National Competition

— by Mark Deacon

Students from the Landscape Horticulture, Sustainable Horticulture, and Turfgrass Management programs at Cincinnati State spent their spring break competing at the 47th National Collegiate Landscape Competition at Mississippi State University. They earned fourth place out of the 46 colleges represented. Besting their honor of fifth place in 2022 at North Carolina State University, and matching their fourth place in 2019 at Colorado State University, 13 students also earned top 10 finishes in their respective events:

Maureen “Mo” Comella in Employee Development and in Business Management; Brittany Dove in Turf and Turf Pest Identification; Ben Gressle in Safety First; Catherine LaGasse in Irrigation Troubleshooting; Isaac Ludke in Irrigation; Troubleshooting and Irrigation Assembly; Jacob “Mel” Melvin in Truck and Trailer Operation, in Landscape Lighting, in Irrigation Assembly, in Small Engine Repair, in Arboriculture. Mel was the highest scoring in our group, earning ninth place out of 600+ students competing; Nat Kutcher – A first-time attendee, Nat won first place in Robotics and Technology and eighth in Safety First; Alexis Permann in Plant Problem Diagnosis and in Employee Development; Jon Smotherman in Construction Cost Estimating; Tayla Smart in Computer-Aided Design; Ricci Sena in Arboriculture; Sawyer Sanders in Truck and Trailer Operation; Kelsey Vance in Plant Problem Diagnosis



At the scholarship reception, team member Tiffany Chen received the TruGreen Environmental Stewardship Scholarship Award of \$2500 towards her tuition and fees at Cincinnati State.

While on the trip, students also enjoyed a brief stop and picnic lunch at the 14,000-acre Bernheim Forest and Arboretum outside of Louisville and toured the Opryland Hotel indoor gardens in Nashville. Also of note, one of the new participants was Tuskegee University, the first HBCU (Historically Black Colleges and Universities) to ever attend.

The faculty and team members send out a big thank you to all our coaches and company sponsors, without them we would not be nearly so successful! The Cincinnati State team also congratulates first place overall winner Cuyahoga Community College, one of our sister colleges from the Cleveland area.

The National Collegiate Landscape Competition is held yearly by the National Association of Landscape Professionals at colleges and universities around the country. Next year's event will be hosted for the third time by Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah. More information can be found at the NCLC website, <https://www.landscapeprofessionals.org/NCLC/>

Clifton Branch Library

This summer our community will be bustling with activity and excitement. Visit us at the library to explore all the services and materials we offer and sample fun and educational programs and events.

Discover Summer is the library's annual summer reading and learning program for curious minds. We welcome kids from infants to age 18 to participate from June 1 until July 31. Sign up, choose a free book and an activity booklet of fun activities, and set learning goals to make the most of your summer. Earn prizes as you reach goals and enter to win grand prizes! The Clifton Library's kickoff party on Saturday, June 3 from 11 a.m.- 1 p.m. features games on the front lawn, refreshments, and more.

Check out these cool teen events:

Airbrush Art for Teens — Tuesday, June 6, 6 p.m. Try airbrushing with a beginner's kit that uses markers, create spray paint graffiti art with stencils and freehand drawing. Pick up your Discover Summer prize book and enjoy an ice cream treat! Registration is required.

Attention Swifties! Taylor Swift Bingo — Tuesday, June 20, 6 p.m. is an evening of musical bingo featuring Taylor Swift songs. Bring your friends, win prizes, and share your excitement for the tour! For teens and young adults. Registration is required.

Escape the Bakery — Tuesday, July 18, multiple time slots. Help Granny Goodness - the owner of For Goodness Bakes magical bakery - stop the Bitter Baker! Teams work to solve puzzles, open locks and escape the bakery in 30 minutes or less. Enjoy a sweet treat at the end! For 'tweens and teens. Registration is required.

Our Summer fun and educational programs for adults include:


Clifton Historical Series explores our city's history with quarterly events on Monday evenings at 6 p.m. On August 14: Meet local preservationist, historian, and educator Anne Steinert

Plant Club — Gather with friends to discuss the wonderful world of flora. We meet on the third Saturdays of each month at 10:30 a.m. On June 15: Elyse Roalef, Outreach Specialist with Hamilton County's R3SOURCE Program, discusses composting.

For more information about Discover Summer and a schedule of our summer events, please visit our website: <https://chpl.org/>

New School Montessori The Invisible Teacher in Washington, D.C.

This spring, twelve New School Montessori 6th graders took a tour of Washington, D.C. with their classroom teacher and our school's director. As Montessorians, we understand “the environment” (whether in the classroom, in a museum or walking among commuters on a busy city street) as the invisible teacher. And in many ways, it can teach lessons that cannot come from direct instruction. During the students' time on their 4-day trip, there were glimpses of the invisible teacher of D.C. weaving its way into their everyday moments. Whether learning in museums, deciding what to order for dinner within their meal budget and how to account for the tip, or silently watching the discipline and precision of the Honor Guard at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, these students were taking it all in and letting it become a part of them. Their chaperones noticed when a student walked away from the group to quietly thank a member of the military for his service. They were touched when 3 students began singing, beautifully and sincerely, the “Star-Spangled Banner” when looking at the war-torn flag that inspired Francis Scott Key to write the song. They were delighted by the look of rapture on one student's face as he stood in the exact spot where Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. stood when he delivered his “I Have a Dream” speech, looking out toward the Washington Monument. All these moments added together make an extended trip with students so valuable. Seeing their lives play out among friends, teachers, and strangers in the sublime expanse of Washington, D.C. is an important part of their education and growth as people and citizens in this complicated, admirable, and courageous country.



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The Clifton Child Study Group

— by *Nora Fink*

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Our CCSG has evolved over the years, and it is what we make it! Are you interested in joining the group to meet fellow mothers? Would you like to help plan our next year of CCSG events? Or if you would like to speak to the group or have a talent to share, please let us know. We would love to continue the CCSG tradition of learning from one another.

Contact us to learn more: cliftonmoms@gmail.com, or reach out in person to Mindi Rich, Abby Moran, or Nora Fink. Stop by our table at the CCAC summer concerts in Burnet Woods. Clifton moms with children of all ages (even grown!) are invited to join.

New School Visits Washington D.C.



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your visits, you will be greeted by the same familiar personnel ... I want you all to know how much I will miss interacting with you and how much I will miss dentistry. Practicing in Clifton has been an honor and a privilege. I have made many friends and acquaintances that I will always cherish."

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A Cliftonite Overheard



Salmon P. Chase (aged 23) to Alexis de Tocqueville (aged 26) in December 1831 during the French writer's nine-month tour of America which included a four-day visit to Cincinnati. A French aristocrat, Tocqueville and Gustave de

Beaumont had received permission to travel to America to research prison reform. But they also wanted to study democracy and society in America, harvesting ideas to help mold France's political future. Imagine the three young men, sitting at the fireplace in Chase's Clifton farm, tucked in just behind the gates that today mark Cypress Gardens Avenue.

After Andrew Jackson won the presidency in 1828, Chase was disdainful of how such candidates were elected. He intoned, *"By flattering everybody, a thing which men of character will never do; by mixing with the mob; by basely flattering its emotions; by drinking together... I think, and I am convinced that there is not a man of distinction in the Union but feels that a very extended suffrage is a fatal thing. But they cannot fight against the flood of public opinion which is flowing perpetually in this direction."*

Borrowed from Alexis de Tocqueville's Democracy in America, and his notebook Journey to America

Fairview Clifton German Language School



Ten Fairview-Clifton Student Council students worked together to apply for the "Love Thy Nati" awards hosted by Keep Cincinnati Beautiful. They won this year's **Golden Lightbulb Award!** These amazing service-driven youth are hoping to use the funds for a series of peer education lessons and a composting initiative on campus to encourage sustainable practices in their school and community.

A community garden is back in the works for Fairview-Clifton. Our gardening club, a group of sixth-grade students, partnered with Civic Garden Center to start their first set of spring vegetables. Fairview is next looking to partner with Turner Farms and their garden-class exchange program

Who Is That Guy?

— by Larry Holt

If you've seen him walking up Ludlow hill with hiking sticks to "the village" as he calls it, to relax with a cup of coffee and a morning cigar, you might have asked, "Who is that guy?" Someone's reply might be, "He's probably playing at the Ludlow Garage". Close...but not exactly.



He's Jackson Underwood and yes, he is a musician and he's played in a lot of places around the world. But that's his hobby. His real job (before retirement) was an archeologist and cultural anthropologist (Ph.D. UCLA). He worked for environmental firms in San Diego doing

archaeological environmental impact reports, mostly for big construction projects on government lands. Visualize pipelines, wind farms, military housing, and new roads. Before college, he was an Eagle Scout and senior class president of Bakersfield High until an adolescent adventure made him a minor folk hero.

He's either a man of many talents or a short attention span. Well, not that short since he also spent 25 years running marathons. Did I mention he splits his time between good old Clifton and Antigua, Guatemala where he plays music occasionally in various dive bars? He's also been known to live on a boat in LA Harbor, Mission Bay, and San Diego Bay. Last year he outfitted a van with solar panels and a tiny refrigerator (gotta have a cold one!) and motored through the western states.



So, the next time you see him, you now know who he is. Maybe he'll sing you a song or tell you a story. He's got a lot of them. If you'd like to hear Jackson's music you can listen to his old band, Underwood

Rock and Cattle Company, on Spotify.



to add garden beds and increase the outdoor education components available to students and families here at Fairview and throughout Clifton!

Deer Population Falls 39% in Seven Years



In the chilly pre-dawn hours of February 12, volunteers with the Clifton Deer Program quietly watched as 1.5-year-old Doe #95 awoke in an Amazon Avenue yard and strolled off to rejoin her family after being spayed by a veterinarian. She was the seventh and final deer to be treated during Clifton Deer's 2022/2023 field season.

One deer treated this season (Doe #90) immigrated into the study area last summer and resides in the Scarlet Oaks area. The other six were captured near Clifton Avenue, along the northeast border of our study area (approximately 1 sq. mile bounded by I-75, Ludlow Avenue, and Clifton Avenue). These deer appear to have home ranges that lie mostly east of Clifton Avenue (outside of the study area) but that overlap with the northeast corner of the study area. Because they are only in the study area part-time, capturing them took a lot of patience and skill from our intrepid darters!

Our annual post-operations population survey demonstrated continued progress toward the goal of an eco-sustainable deer population: The study area deer population is down 4.8% since last year and 39% since the program began. With an aging herd and very few new fawns (approximately 98% of the adult does within the study area are sterilized), we expect the population level to continue its gradual decline as long as immigration stays relatively low.

Thanks to our dedicated volunteers and the generosity of UCAN Nonprofit Spay and Neuter Clinic, our annual operating costs remained below \$8000 for the second year in a row. The Clifton Deer Program is grateful to our generous donors, enthusiastic and unflappable volunteers, and gracious neighbors who volunteer their yards for bait sites and who report deer sightings through the "Report Tagged Deer" portal at www.cliftondeer.org.



Clarification:

The Golf Outing (article on page 4) is not a CTM event. In the past, CTM has partnered with the Golf Outing as their “Fiscal Agent.” In 2023, the Fiscal Agent of the Golf Outing is the Cincinnati Parks Foundation.