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Holidays on Ludlow December 8, 6-9 p.m. *Presented by CTM and CBPA—All Welcome!*



Wind, rain, sleet nor snow will daunt the spirits on Friday, December 8 for the annual family-fun Holidays on Ludlow celebration. Santa will arrive for a visit, the street will be decorated, storefronts will be well lit, carolers will sing, the Belgians will be pulling the carriages, and many perennial activities will take place on Ludlow Avenue, beginning at 6 p.m. Come prepared to enjoy!

For One Day Only —2018 CTM House Tour

There are already speculations about what Clifton Homes will be on the tour list for the one-day event on Mother's Day Sunday, May 13, 2018, from 1-5 p.m. Outstanding examples of Clifton's diverse architectural home styles have already been confirmed for this triennial event.

As in the past, CTM expects nearly 1,000 visitors to tour the chosen residences. A beautiful house tour booklet with pictures and house biographies will be included with each ticket. Watch for details on ticket sales. Volunteers are needed—email contactctm@cliftoncommunity.org.

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Letter From the CTM President

Happy Holidays to all! Perhaps you celebrate Christmas as my family does or another holiday or no holiday. No matter, in Clifton all are welcome. I feel that this kind of message is particularly important now to be proclaimed by our leaders for the health and prosperity of our community and nation. Our community comes together for Holidays on Ludlow to warm the season. Please join us and focus a bit more on life and a bit less on work.

We had a very successful 2017 Clifton Town Meeting Golf Outing raising almost \$9,500 for the Fairview Clifton German Language School multi-use field. I offer many thanks to our sponsors and golfers for coming out once again to make this event so successful.

And how about CliftonFest and the fantastic weather! I was able to spend part of a Saturday afternoon there with my youngest daughter taking in the chalk art and walking around Ludlow while catching up with friends and neighbors. I hope you had a chance to make it out as well.

We also had the first ever live filming festival "Quiet on the Set" at the end of September, featuring three sets around the business district where you could come out

and watch live short films being made.

The New Clifton Area Neighborhood School will be moving to the Old Clifton School most likely in the Fall of 2019. Cincinnati Public Schools (CPS) has stated it will work with the community to make the location and school successful for the whole community, including plans to keep the Rawson Farm House and grounds look and feel consistent with the neighborhood. Let's come together and work hard to make this a great new asset to our community.

And speaking of assets, the Clifton Cultural Arts Center (CCAC) is still searching for a new home. This is your opportunity to maintain in Clifton what has become an artistic treasure for our community and indeed our region. Please consider supporting any way you can!

CTM will hold elections at the December meeting. I encourage you if you know a candidate, or active/former trustee to thank them for their effort. It is through their work and commitment that CTM succeeds. I am honored and grateful to serve this community with all of them.

—Eric Urbas, *President Clifton Town Meeting*

"Run your life not by the calendar but how you feel, and what you're interests are and ambitions." — *John Glenn*

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Meet The CTM Trustee Candidates

You must be a CTM member in good standing to cast your vote. If you are not up to date with your membership dues, you can pay online at cliftoncommunity.org, mail in a check along with the form on page 9, or bring payment to the December 4 election at the Clifton Recreational Center. Voting begins at 6 p.m. There are five positions to be filled by candidates receiving the most votes. The monthly CTM meeting begins promptly at 7 p.m. You are welcome to attend. Results will be announced during the meeting.

Patrick Borders

Hi my name is Patrick Borders. My wife, Helen Adams, and I both grew up here in Clifton. We raised our kids Tommy (Chicago) and Claire (Los Angeles) in Helen's childhood home on Bryant Avenue. I have quite a bit of experience serving on boards of non-profit and neighborhood organizations. In the 1990s I served eight years as the vice president of The New School's parent board. In the early and mid-2000s I held several terms on CTM, including one as secretary and two as president. I am also a founding member of the Clifton Cultural Art Center's board.

For the past 27 years I have worked at Multi Packaging Solutions – I sell packaging to pharmaceutical companies. I work from home, but I travel quite extensively. I'm also an instructor at World Peace Yoga on Ludlow.

If elected I'd like to work on supporting and improving our business district, help with fund raising, and pretty much help out with whatever needs arise. I appreciate your consideration.

Stephanie Gilbreath

Hello, neighbors. I'm Stephanie Gilbreath. My husband and I have lived in Cincinnati for 18 years, the last eight of them in Clifton. I am a former small business (retail) owner, mom of two teens, wife of a tech entrepreneur, and chief-general contractor/renovator of our home. My volunteer experience includes years of organizing and chairing fundraising efforts at The New School Montessori, foster work with Cincinnati Lab Rescue, and recently, petition work with Fair Districts/Fair Elections. I am a proud resident of Greendale Avenue and supporter of CCAC. We were attracted to Clifton for the beautiful houses, tree-lined streets, downtown proximity, walkability, and most of all, interesting and diverse residents.

I believe it is possible and important to make improvements to Clifton while maintaining its character in a collaborative and respectful manner, hearing and respecting every voice. A revitalized business district, environmentally and historically sensitive school development, vibrant arts

center, and traffic calming are not mutually exclusive prospects; while challenging they are part of the overall goal of keeping Clifton a great pace to live for our population in all stages of life.

If you've been thinking the same, I would appreciate your vote. Thank you.

Buddy Goose

I am a retired Chemistry teacher and have lived in Clifton for the last 11 years on Bishop Street.

Both Mary Rita and I have been active in the Clifton community from the beginning, taking part in many volunteer activities. I am a former CTM Trustee and currently a trustee of CliftonFest where I spend much of my free time in the summer organizing this neighborhood festival.

In the last few years I've noticed a division in our community that has left bad feelings and mistrust in the neighborhood that I love. Clifton is the Premier Cincinnati Neighborhood and we need to bring the schism together to go forward.

Our business district has seen a downturn due to the popularity of OTR and The Banks. We need to find ways to revitalize and reinvent this critical part of our neighborhood. A vibrant and welcoming business district is critical to attracting prospective buyers and businesses to our neighborhood. We must look to ourselves to champion

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development without destroying our village-like neighborhood character.

These things; increasing neighbor involvement, healing neighborhood divisions, revitalizing our business district and working to improve our families' ways of life will be my priorities as a trustee of Clifton Town Meeting.

Sean Hare

I moved to Cincinnati in 2015 and have always lived in Clifton during my time here. I fell in love with Clifton because it reminded me of the neighborhood I grew up in in Rochester, NY. I have looked at moving around in Cincinnati but no place seemed to offer me what Clifton does. I recently got my Master's Degree in Community Planning from the UC and I work as an Urban Planner and Designer with MKSK. I feel that my educational and professional background would allow me to provide meaningful insights into the issues our neighborhood is facing in the coming years, namely, the merchant lot development, the CCAC relocation, and the neighborhood school creation. I believe I would bring a positive energy to CTM and would provide a different perspective to the community. I am a young professional, recent UC grad, and a renter, which are all populations crucial to the future of our neighborhood. My intentions

would be to promote equity and inclusivity with decisions and changes taking place within Clifton and would be proud to represent this community that has welcomed me so graciously in such a short time.

Rama Kasturi

My name is Rama Kasturi and I am seeking your support to serve you in a second term as CTM trustee.

I have lived in Clifton with my family for the past 18 years. A Biophysical Chemist by training, I worked at P&G for three years and at the University of Cincinnati, College of Medicine for 20 years. I served for three years on the Clifton Market Board.

As CTM Parks Committee Chair, I have led four teams of UC student volunteers in clean-up efforts at Burnet Woods, Mt. Storm Park, District 5 and surrounding areas. I have fostered dialogue between TriHealth, Cincinnati Parks and CTM to facilitate better use of Burnet Woods. My Parks Committee is working with Cincinnati Parks Operations to support Burnet Woods trail maintenance, plant and maintain flower beds in Mt. Storm and Dunore Parks, and engage the new parks' director to ensure that Clifton parks get necessary attention and support.

I'm involved in "green" efforts in our business district and neighborhood, and I

will continue my efforts to showcase and celebrate the diversity of Clifton.

If re-elected, I will continue my quest to do as much good as possible for Clifton.


Gina Marsh

I am running as trustee for Clifton Town Meeting because I would like to help maximize efforts to enhance our business district, and to ensure these improvements respect the unique character of Clifton and allow for meaningful engagement from residents. I believe that implementing additional recommendations from the Ludlow 21 report will ensure our business district remains one of the best in the city. The success of the Clifton Market is important to that vision.

My professional experience includes over 10 years working for the City of Cincinnati, serving as an attorney for multiple city departments and leading a city council office. I currently serve as the executive director for a nonprofit. I would like to use my experience and knowledge to improve CTM's collaborations with city departments, and to ensure we have strong relationships with city officials.


My family and I have lived in Clifton for 12 years. During that time, I have served as a CTM trustee and participated in groups focused on improving our busi-

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ness district such as Ludlow 21. If elected, I will be a strong, collaborative, and enthusiastic leader on CTM who is focused on ensuring our neighborhood remains progressive and attractive to new families.

Shaun McCance

I have served the last three years as a CTM trustee. For the last two years, I have served as treasurer and improved our accounting practices. As a trustee, I've helped organize events such as the Memorial Day Picnic and Holidays on Ludlow. I've been active in Clifton outside of CTM as well. I was one of the founding organizers of Clifton Market, and I spearheaded the creation of Ludloween.

Professionally, I help build contributor communities around open source software. I have served four terms on the board of directors for a non-profit organization dedicated to software freedom and digital rights, including one term as president and two as treasurer. I have extensive experience building volunteer communities and coordinating events.

I love Clifton because it is friendly, walkable and full of passionate people. I believe CTM should invest more money and effort into improving our local and family-friendly business district to keep up with Cincinnati's urban renewal.

Vince Metzger

Hello, my name is Vince Metzger, and I'd like to be your CTM Trustee. My wife and I moved to Clifton three years ago and have two sons who were born in Clifton. While relatively new to Clifton we love living here—the neighborhood feel, walkability and the business district.

I grew up in Fairfax and have lived almost all of my life in Greater Cincinnati, and local issues have always been an interest of mine. I have been involved in local issues since I was in my teens, volunteering on the local fire department and working countless hours on fundraisers.

More recently, I have worked as an emergency room physician at TriHealth, mostly at Good Samaritan, for the past 10 years. As a member of my group's board we have addressed how to adapt to the ever-changing environment of health care and still focus on what we believe in.

Clifton is undergoing a lot of changes right now; helping us keep our identity while adapting to change is what I hope to do as a trustee.

Micah Ovadia

I have proudly called Clifton my home during several periods of my life, and have enjoyed the unique character and vibrancy for which the area is known. When it came time to establish my business, The Whole Bowl Cincinnati, I specifically targeted Clifton as my location of choice.

The community has been very welcoming to my establishment, and now I would like to give back. As a Clifton business owner, I have a keen interest in issues that affect the well-being of our community. Given the opportunity to serve as a CTM Trustee, I will be placed in a unique position to contribute to the management of these issues.

My bachelor's degree in Visual Communications and master's degree in Public Relations affords me the opportunity to help advance community engagement initiatives, as well as contribute in areas of marketing and advertising. My background in Web design and development would prove useful in our digital arena.

I've held Web Designer/Developer positions at Cardinal Solutions, University of Cincinnati, Miami University, Cincinnati.com and Time Warner Cable, and was employed in the The Cincinnati Enquirer marketing department.

It would be both an honor and a privilege to serve as a CTM Trustee.

Jonny Shen

I became a Clifton resident this summer, and I feel lucky, because it's my favorite place. I grew up moving between central Ohio, Southern Russia, northern Indiana, and Philadelphia. But silly as it may sound, I always had a dream to move to Cincinnati. In 2015, after finishing college in Philadelphia, I made my dream a reality. I first discovered Clifton because I had an interest in the Esquire Theatre. Two and a half years later, I'm now very happy to be a Clifton resident and to be entering my second year as General Manager at the Esquire (after a year and a half of part-time Esquire work while I was employed downtown at the Kroger HQ).

In my role at the Esquire, I've enjoyed becoming acquainted with the top-notch community members, organizers and business owners, who make up this neighborhood. I believe that Clifton has a natural charm and character to it that other neighborhoods have to bend over backwards to try to manufacture. There's a beauty, a simplicity, and a richness to Clifton. I'm enthusiastic about this neighborhood, and I'm excited to invest energy into it as I continue to get to know it better.

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CTM Golf Outing Volunteers at the Beat the Lady Bearcat Hole—Lila Jane and Lucy Whedon, UC junior Lady Bearcat golfer Anika Hitt and Natalie Justice

Save the Date—CTM Golf Outing 8.25.18

CTM Clifton Golf Outing Has Raised \$40,000 for Clifton Beneficiaries

This past August 26 Clifton friends gathered together at Avon Fields in Avondale for what is now an annual tradition, the CTM Golf Outing. A glorious day of sunshine, mid-70s temps and a slight breeze was enjoyed by this year's field.

"Beat the Lady Bearcat" one of several contests of the day was back again and featured University of Cincinnati women's golfer and junior Anika Hitt, who took on all comers on the number eight par three hole.

At the dinner on the deck after golf the annual "Friend of Clifton" award was presented to Dave Taylor of Gaslight Properties.

Organizers had their most successful year to date and raised \$9,500 for Clifton's turf field project. The funds will go to an all-weather turf field to be installed behind the Carriage house at Fairview German Language School and will be used by all Clifton children. In total, CTM Clifton Golf Outing has raised \$40,000 for Clifton beneficiaries, including Burnet Woods, The Cancer Institute at Good Sam, Clifton Cultural Arts Center and for audio visual equipment for Clifton Recreation Center.

Next year's outing has been scheduled and will take place on Saturday, August 25. Don't miss it!

—John Whedon



WINTER 2018 CLASSES begin January 8

Classes for all ages in:
Creative Writing
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Visual Arts
Performing Arts
Wellness

For full class descriptions, scholarship application, and registration information, please visit cliftonculturalarts.org

All classes take place at 3711 Clifton Ave.

CCAC Winter Activity Calendar

12/9: The 2017 Golden Ticket exhibition closes. Gallery hours 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.

12/10: Second Sunday Family Showtime – Celebrate the Seasons presented by Children's Theatre of Cincinnati, 2 p.m. (free for kids, \$5/adults)

12/9: Highly Improvable – Improv Performance, 8 p.m. (\$7.50/advance, \$9/door)

12/10: Winter 2018 Class Sampler, 2:45 p.m. (free!)

12/15: Opening Reception: Works by the Contemporary Arts Center's Art Handling Team, 6 – 8 p.m. Exhibit runs Dec. 16 – Jan. 12 (free!)

1/6: Madcap Puppets presents Jules and Verne's Excellent Adventure, 11 a.m. & 1 p.m. (\$8/ticket)

1/8: Winter 2018 Classes Begin, and run through March 17!

1/14: Second Sunday Family Showtime – Trip Jones & The Case of the Missing Music presented by ROKCincy, 2 p.m. (free!)

1/20: Opening Reception: 2018 Summerfair Cincinnati Emerging Artists, 6 – 8 p.m. Exhibit runs Jan. 21 – Feb. 2 (free!)

1/24: Sunset Salons – Cultural Cuisines, 6 – 8 p.m. (\$10/advance, \$12/door)

2/9: Opening Reception: Alienable, 6 – 8 p.m. Exhibit runs Feb. 10 – Mar. 17 (free!)

2/9: Opening Reception: As In The Mirror, 6 – 8 p.m. Exhibit runs Feb. 10 – Mar. 17 (free!)

2/11: Second Sunday Family Showtime – Pinocchio presented by Playhouse in the Park, 2 p.m. (free for kids, \$5/adults)

Visit Online for all CCAC Exhibits

Library Corner

As temperatures drop and winter arrives in our fair city, we find ourselves spending more time indoors. Make sure you have plenty of great books to read, as well as great tunes for your life's soundtrack. You can find these and much more at your local library. Plan to stay a while and check out the fun, free events we have to offer!

Visit Eric Davis' Library Corner in the online Clifton Chronicle.

Classes in Music, Dance, Drawing and More at CCAC this Winter!



Warm up this winter with an exciting new class: CCAC's Winter 2018 session begins on January 8 and run through March 17, 2018.

Returning Wellness favorites include Acro Yoga, Pilates, Nia Technique, Tai Chi Chaun, and Zumba® Fitness; Zumba® fanatics can extend their practice with Zumba® Gold and Zumba® Glow Parties this winter. MamLuft&-Co. Dance offers a full suite of modern, creative movement, ballet, tap and jazz classes for students of all ages, and Tap Dance for Spunky Grown Ups and Salsannati Salsa Classes offer students 16+ the chance to kick up their heels!



Music lovers have options for individual instruction in guitar, piano, voice, accordion, flute, piccolo, and recorder; Miss Nancy's Musikgarten resumes in January for families to make music together; and CCM's New Horizons Orchestra and Community Women's Choir will be accepting new students in the new year.

Aspiring writers can hone their technique in Creative Writing Workshop or Inspire(d) Writing Workshop, and visual artists of all ages will delight in a full series of offerings by Art Academy of Cincinnati.

All Winter 2018 classes take place at 3711 Clifton Avenue. You can find full class descriptions and registration information online at www.cliftonculturalarts.org!

New developments in Uptown Innovation Corridor

Brandicorp selected as Uptown Gateway hotel developer

Terrex Development & Construction has chosen Brandicorp as construction partner for their long-anticipated hotel in the Uptown Gateway development. Uptown Gateway, a \$150 million mixed-use project at Martin Luther King Jr. Drive and Reading Road in the Uptown Innovation Corridor, will also include office space, underground parking and pedestrian-friendly green space.

The dual-brand hotel is expected to include both extended-stay and limited-stay rooms, but final decisions are pending a study by Brandicorp. Terrex hopes to begin construction on the first phase of the project—an underground garage, office building and the hotel—by spring 2018 and to finish construction on phase one by 2020.

To see early renderings of Uptown Gateway, visit <http://www.uptowncincinnati.com/>

NIOSH consolidating Cincinnati locations at new Uptown site

In one of the most highly-anticipated

decisions in Cincinnati's current economic development landscape, the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) selected a site at the corner of Martin Luther King Jr. Drive and Reading Road to build a \$110 million research laboratory. The new location in the Uptown Innovation Corridor will consolidate two existing Cincinnati labs and employ roughly 550 scientists and support staff.

The location's proximity to other medical and research institutions such as

the University of Cincinnati, Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center, UC Health, TriHealth and the Environmental Protection Agency provide new opportunities for collaboration with the Cincinnati research community.

Construction on the NIOSH facility is expected to begin in summer 2018 and be completed by early 2021.



Read more Uptown news in the online Chronicle.

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The YWCA Announces 2017 Rising Stars

56 Young Professional Women Honored; three from Clifton Area

The YWCA of Greater Cincinnati has announced its 2017 class of YWCA Rising Star Award recipients. The YWCA Academy of Career Women of Achievement created the Rising Star Award and Network in 2002 as a way to mentor and support younger women (age 25 - 40) in pursuit of excellence in their careers. Nomination criteria include having the qualities of an outstanding performer, proven leadership

abilities, and the potential to attain marked achievement in her chosen career. Rising Star Award recipients become part of a network with special access to mentoring, networking, and educational opportunities. This year, 56 women join the more than 700 YWCA Rising Stars in Greater Cincinnati.

Following are three local young professional women awarded as 2017 Rising Stars:

Deirdre Willingham, Manager - Technical Services, The Western & Southern Financial Group

Miranda Millard, Development Associate, MORTAR

Shannon Yung, Program Manager, The Mayerson Foundation



Upcoming Programs at the Trailside Nature Center

Holiday Skies

Friday, December 8, 2017 – 7-8 p.m.
Come join us at the Wolff Planetarium as we experience the real holiday light show, the winter sky. Discover the mysteries of the Christmas Star, see a bright holiday “wreath” of twinkling lights, and hear the tale of the man being pulled across the sky . . . and his three baby goats! Programs are open to adults and children ages 5 and older accompanied by an adult. Fee: \$5 per person. Reservations required. Seating is limited. Please call 751-3679 to register.

The Secret Life of Stars

Friday, January 26, 2018 – 7-8 p.m.
Twinkle, twinkle, little stars . . . how I wonder, what you are. Well, now we know, and you can too! The big ones live fast and die young. Some . . . eat their neighbors. While others . . . go out with a bang! From nebulas and novae to star formation and more, this show has it all! Programs are

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The Stars in Your Eyes

Friday, February 16, 2018 – 7-8 p.m.
Join us for a special evening of romance under the stars. You’ll hear some of the greatest love stories ever told as we slowly make our way through the seasons. Programs are open to adults and children ages 5 and older accompanied by an adult. Fee: \$5 per person. The Wolff Planetariums . . . where the stars come to life. Seating is limited; please call 751-3679 for reservations.

Blizzard Blast - Winter Break Camp - Children K-3rd

The Trailside Nature Center – Burnet Woods
Thursday, December 20, 2017

9:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Bring on the snow!!! Join in on the fun as we go exploring, play seasonal games, get creative with arts and crafts and simply relax with a story. It will be snow-much fun!! Call 751-3679 for more information. Online registration for this camp ends at noon on December 18. Call 751-3679 to find out about the availability of camp slots after this time.

The New School Montessori Adds New Subject - Farming

Alexa Abner (with Skool Aid) is exploring farming with TNSM's elementary students. The children worked hard clearing honeysuckle to make room for sprouting lettuce and chives in their fall garden plot.



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Starting or renewing your membership will help us keep Clifton a vibrant, desirable, and fun place to live, work, and play. CTM also accepts donations, and you can do that at the same time you renew at <http://www.cliftoncommunity.org/products-page/membership/> or clip the form below and send a check or money order payable to Clifton Town Meeting, P.O. Box 20042, Cincinnati, OH 45220.

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Farah Hagar "Blackie," the owner of the Bohemian Hookah Café, said "After operating espresso bars, I noticed that people stopped communicating with each other. They started being more involved in their phones and laptops, rather than talking with each other. From this, I determined that people needed a way to start

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CANS has begun! Our boundaries were set in early September, and we’re building our student body one grade level per year. Our beautiful temporary location is Rising Stars Academy, 2120 Vine Street. Request a tour of the school with Principal Jaren Finney on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of every month at 9 a.m. Email us for reservations at cansadvisory@gmail.com Visit our website at www.CANSelementary.org to follow our progress!

“We are so happy to be part of the CANS family. Our daughter loves her new school, her new teacher and is learning so much. We love the diversity that CANS offers and the unique opportunity for our daughter to grow along with the school.” — Hannah Frick

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Our relocation to the permanent CANS location at 3711 Clifton Avenue in the former Clifton School building is projected for sometime in 2019 after the building is renovated to modern standards.

Save These Dates

- A **Holiday Cookie Party** on Saturday, December 2 from 3-5 p.m. at Rawson Farmhouse, 3737 Clifton Avenue. Meet-and-greet neighbors for an afternoon of baking cheer!
- An **Open House** for families interested in CANS at Rising Stars, from 3-5 p.m. on January 23.

“My son is excited to go to school every day and comes home happy. He is learning, making friends in a comfortable, caring, small-scale environment that is perfect for him. Gaining more literacy and mathematical skills while enjoying it – these objectives have certainly been met. I am so glad that we are part of CANS’ inaugural year!” —Christina Smart



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Clifton Market Continues to Evolve—Holiday Events Arriving Soon

Clifton Market is a community-owned cooperative market in the heart of the Gaslight District that opened its doors in January 2017. With 10 months under its belt, Clifton Market continues to adapt and grow with new programs, prices and services. One featured program, Produce Perks, supports healthy eating for Ohio Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT) guests. When guests with EBT cards buy fresh fruits or vegetables, they receive up to \$10 in free produce at checkout. Clifton Market is the first grocery store in the city to provide this service for the community.

“Our vision is to create a one-stop shopping experience for our guests with a blend of conventional and natural, organic products,” says Assistant Store Director Amy Rion. Each department in Clifton Market offers about 15 percent local products, including Hen of the Woods kettle chips and 80 Acres Farms produce.

The Market also offers delivery within five miles of the store for a flat \$10 fee. Online guests can opt for curbside pick-up for a \$2 fee. The Market’s online store already has over 2,500 items and continues to grow each week with new items.

In addition to the online ordering, an order-to-go deli menu has been released. The new menu makes it easy for guests to place orders for sandwiches and pizzas over the phone and pick up orders at their convenience (guests within five miles can opt for delivery). The deli and bakery will also expand their selection of party trays

for the upcoming holiday season. Interested guests will be able to place orders for party trays over the phone or online!

Clifton Market is also preparing for a Holiday Open House in early December! This event will feature gourmet foods, delicious drinks, celebration and cheer for the holidays! Follow Clifton Market on Face-

book at www.facebook.com/cliftonmarket for up-to-date deals and events, including information on the market’s weekly Happy Hour, which runs every Friday from 5 to 7:30 p.m. for \$5 + tax.

For additional information about Clifton Market and to order online, visit www.cliftonmarket.com.

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Primitive War Story Coming to Film

Covington resident Ethan Pettus is adapting his debut novel, *Primitive War*, to a short film. *Primitive War* is a tale of mental and primordial terror at the height of the Vietnam War.

Primitive War is currently being adapted to an episodic mini-series by author Ethan Pettus and amateur director Zak Roth. Local musicians Robell Sahle and Brent Olds of The Cliftones are composing the project.

Be sure to follow the project on facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/PrimitiveWarNovel/> and read more in the online *Clifton Chronicle*.



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Great American Cleanup Aims to Keep Clifton Tidy

A group of 23 University of Cincinnati student volunteers participated in the Great American Cleanup effort at District 5 Headquarters, Mt. Storm Park and Edgewood Preserve on Saturday, October 14 from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Rama Kasturi, front row, far right, was their team leader.



Introducing Wade Walcutt, Director of Cincinnati Parks

Wade Walcutt, the new director of Cincinnati Parks, is accessible, easy to talk to, and refreshingly open about his philosophy regarding parks and other green spaces. A Zanesville, OH native and a graduate of Ohio University, Walcutt and his wife and two children are happy to have recently moved back to Ohio from Greensboro, NC.

A strong proponent of the use of Cincinnati parks and preserves as health spaces, Walcutt laments the "Nature-Deficit-Disorder" that seems to plague most people today and is eager to help get more people into our beautiful parks. He envisions more programming in parks such as Burnet Woods

in partnership with TriHealth and UC to "activate" parks by attracting more mothers/fathers and children, and young adults thereby enhancing overall safety. Cincinnati Parks and Cincinnati Parks Foundation are excited to partner with the Clifton Cultural Arts Center (CCAC) in 2018. The CCAC will host "Wednesdays in the Woods" — free concerts throughout the summer at the Bandstand at Burnet Woods.

"We're delighted to partner with another community partner to offer free and fun-filled programming within another one of your top-rated Cincinnati parks," said Walcutt. Dates and times are still being coordi-

nated at this point. His "5 Pillars Principles (CARES*)" summarize his vision for our city parks. They involve using city parks for:

- Creating an economic impact
- Advancing Conservation
- Rejuvenating Health and Wellness
- Enhancing Quality of Life
- Social Equity

Walcutt has graciously accepted an invitation to attend the January CTM to outline his vision for Cincinnati and Clifton parks. Please welcome our new director of Cincinnati Parks.

—*Rama Kasturi, Chair, CTM Parks Committee*



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CRC Clifton Center Serves Community with Festive Cheer

Cincinnati Recreation Commission (CRC) Clifton Center was fortunate to celebrate the fall season with our neighbors at Scarlet Oaks Retirement Center, where many of our little goblins and super hero's appeared much to the delight of the residents, guests and children participating in trick or treat. The Clifton Center staff also helped locate homes for 25 turkey dinners provided by Scarlet Oaks to share the holiday spirit with friends and families and local organizations that appreciated the thoughtfulness.

Fall sports included Tumbling with novice to advanced levels represented in competitions as CRC hosted citywide meets. Soccer youth team was awarded Regional Championship, with a special shout out to our coaches, John, Hunter, Jake and Tiffany.

Clifton Center partnered with My Nose Turns Red Theatre Company <http://www.mynoseturnsred.org/> as they hosted nationally known aerial artist and choreographer, Dreya Weber, for an advance student workshop in aerial silks. Clifton Center welcomes Dreya in a Listening Room special event on Thursday,

December 21, 6:30-8 p.m., to include videos of her latest works. Dreya has designed and developed new works for performers including Katie Perry, Taylor Swift, Pink and Cher. Multi-talented, Dreya was inspired to "fly" as a young gymnast learning trapeze. She is motivated by the pure experience of being in the air and really loves the expressiveness of being able to fly. Committed to the physical storytelling process she finds in creating music videos, cabaret acts and live concert performances, Dreya says her advice to young talent is to find their passion and not take their abilities for granted, but encourage and trust themselves.

She is also the director of Groucho, performed by Frank Ferrante at the Playhouse in the Park Shelterhouse Theatre through December 17. Even the tamest fan of the Marx Brothers will be delighted with the talented escapades as Frank tells an intimate story of the famous comedian's life. Dreya works with many groups and organizations, and is available to train, teach and perform a variety of skills.

Sign up for classes or call 961-5681 to inquire about Pottery, Fencing, Karate,



It's always a great day to be a Clifton Camper, having fun everyday—above are the Clifton CRC champions for ages 9 and under league. (Photo by Tiffany Thomas)

Pickleball or Chair Volleyball. Look for Summer Camp registration information coming in February. Happy Holidays!

—Tom Reese, Service Area Coordinator, Cincinnati Recreation Commission, Clifton Center

Annual Lantern Walk Maintains German Tradition Despite Rain



Heavy rain and wind were not enough to stop the Clifton Lantern Walk. The annual tradition survived on Sunday, November 5. With the help of the staff at the Clifton Cincinnati Recreation Center (CRC) the event was moved indoors. The

Fairview-Clifton German Language School choir performed in the gym at the CRC illuminated only by lantern light. The lanterns were safely lit with glow sticks and electric tea lights. After the choir performed a parade of children made two loops in the

dark gym. While it was a shame that the parade could not take its normal luminary lined course up Middleton Avenue, fun was still had by all. Hot chocolate and popcorn were for sale in the CRC lobby to help pay for the event.

On Friday, November 3 the Fairview-Clifton German Language School hosted a lantern

making and spaghetti dinner pot luck event in their cafeteria. The event was open to anyone in the community who wanted to make a lantern for the Clifton Lantern Walk. More than 110 craft paper lanterns were made. (Photo by Tom Reese)

CliftonFest Draws Big Crowds on Beautiful Day

Thanks to nice weather, nationally known chalk artists and lots of activities, the 2017 CliftonFest attracted large crowds on Friday night October 6 and all day Saturday October 7 to celebrate businesses and attractions along the Ludlow Avenue business district. Clifton Plaza was packed Friday night for wine tastings and live jazz from Rags to Riches and Jump 'n' Jive Big Band. Saturday was busy from mid-morning until a storm blew in around 10 p.m., which happened to coincide with a complete sell-out of all West Sixth Brewing beverages.

Renowned visual artists Truman Adams and David Zinn created 3-D chalk drawings throughout the festival, from a giant blue grasshopper on Clifton Plaza to smaller figures tucked into street corners and building facades.

Ludlow Avenue was closed to traffic all day Saturday, allowing Adams, Zinn and local chalk artists to decorate the street, sidewalks and alleys. The Faux Frenchmen kicked off the day's musical entertainment, followed by Buffalo Wabs & the Price Hill Hustle, Michael McIntire & the Marmalade Brigade, Krystal Peterson & the Queen City Band, Baoku and the Cliftones.

Cincinnati Parks hosted children's games and activities around the Diggs Plaza fountain at Clifton and Ludlow Avenues, while inflatable rides and games kept families busy in the Habanero parking lot. Other popular activities included the annual 5k run/walk in Burnet Woods, the pet parade, a return of the Clifton Chase competition and two dozen arts, crafts and food vendors.



The Chase



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Artists



CliftonFest 2017 Images cont.



Entertainers



Runners

Painters



Images of CTM Golf Outing 2017



From left: David Taylor was recognized as the 2017 Friend of Clifton. John Whedon, golf outing coordinator, and Eric Urbas, CTM president, made the presentation.



From left: Lila Whedon, Lady Bearcat Anika Hitt, Lucy Whedon and Natalie Justice enjoy the 2017 CTM Golf Outing.

UC Simulation Center Opens in 1819 Innovation Hub

The UC Simulation Center, a partnership between P&G and the University of Cincinnati, celebrated its opening at UC's 1819 Innovation Hub. The center, which is the first tenant to move into the recently renovated building, features computer simulation and virtual modeling capabilities for students and businesses to help develop new, creative methods and products and solve problems. The partnership provides high-performance modeling to P&G, creates experiential learning opportunities for UC students and develops a talent recruitment pipeline for P&G.

For more information, visit www.min.uc.edu/ucsc.

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Amy Herman, Trainer to the FBI, CIA, Uses Monet to Teach Cops

More than fifty police officers, detectives, first responders, fire training officers and criminal justice students spent training hours with Amy Herman, international visual trainer for multiple criminal and law departments.

Herman was invited to come to Cincinnati as part of a fundraising benefit for the Residents at the Little Sisters of the Poor Cincinnati on Riddle Road.

"Words count," she said. Substituting the word road for the word trail delayed finding the body of Chaundra Levy, the young woman who disappeared while jogging in Rockwell Park in Washington, D.C.

Using art, she asked her audience to describe the differences in three Monet reproductions of Water Lilies. Only one had a white border around the slide presentation that set it apart from the other two. To UC Medical Students, she cautioned, "Stick to the facts that you see. Let the diagnosis follow the facts."

"Look up," she said. "For ten minutes a day, put down your phone and look around you. You can train yourself to notice details, especially ones that could be threatening or critical."

Herman's work has led to a contract with Fox television to develop a TV series with the lead character named "Amy."

The Little Sisters of the Poor care for the elderly in need at St. Paul's Home for the Aged. Their work has continued since 1838 in Cincinnati. Care for the elderly is increasing in numbers and needs. Your donation is not just a gift; it is an investment in continuing their work: www.littlesistersofthepoorcincinnati.org.



Meet Lisa Hamrick, the New Branch Manager at the Clifton Library

What made you decide to become a librarian?

I wanted to work with people to support their interests and information needs. Originally, I thought I wanted to teach, but then realized being a children's librarian was even more rewarding. I became interested in management because that offered me the opportunity to not only help customers directly, but also work with staff members to develop their information skills and customer service techniques. After working for the Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County, I have always been pleased that as my skill set increased, there were advancement opportunities available that has kept me engaged with the profession and offered me new opportunities to learn and grow.

What's your career at Library been like?

I have had many different job titles at the Library. My first experience was as a summer employee at the Main Library during the summers while I was a full-time college student. This introduced me to the cool world of the Main Library. After I received my MLIS degree, I went into Children's Librarianship. What's better than being hugged by 2-year-olds after a storytime, or being called "teacher" by a 5-year-old? Not much in my opinion! I honed my storytelling skills for three years

at the Groesbeck Branch Library and got to be involved in the building of the new branch. This meant I spent one year at the original branch, one year in a temporary location and the final year at the newly built branch. It was a place that changed often.

Eventually, I was chosen to be the manager of the Children's Learning Center at the Main Library. Here is where I combined my love of working with children and their caregivers and my interest in managing. I did this for 10 years before I started yearning to return to a branch location. I went to the North Central Branch Library for almost six years and now, I am fortunate to be the manager here at the Clifton Branch Library.

Are you originally from here?

I was born in Cincinnati and raised here (with a quick one year stint in Lima, Ohio when I was only 4). I went to St. Dominic school for grades 2-8, but instead of attending Seton High School, I went to Oak Hills High School where I was active in every band group you can think to name – jazz, pep, concert, contest, symphonic and marching, I was in them all. My senior year I was the field commander in the marching band – I had a whistle and wasn't afraid to use it! After college, I married another Library employee and local who went to Elder High School, University of Cincinnati, the Union Institute and the University of Kentucky. Our first apartment was in Price Hill (Upper as some like to clarify) and have lived in our home in Westwood for almost 25 years! I've visited many other places, but have always loved Cincinnati best so I've stuck around.

What do you like best about working at the Clifton Branch?

Waaaay back when I was a floater, my favorite branch to help out at was always Clifton. I still remember being in awe over all of the boxes of chocolate the branch got as gifts from the customers during the holidays. I had never seen anything like it – nor had I ever

seen such friendly, engaging, unique and interesting customers at any other location. And this was when the branch was teeny tiny and only a handful of people could fit into the Library at any one time. The community and people were so very cool and there was such a positive energy surrounding the library.

Obviously, Clifton made a positive and lasting impression on me and I've been interested in working here as the manager ever since. Now, I get the pleasure of working in this great community, in an incredible building and with a fantastic staff. It is really a dream come true. Thanks, Clifton, for inspiring me for almost 25 years and for being my work "home". Sometimes I have to pinch myself just to prove I'm awake, that's how ridiculously thrilled I am to be here.

What's on your to-be-read pile?

I am a voracious reader. My iPad is constantly full of ebooks from the Library. And I am not a particularly picky reader – the cereal box has been fascinating me for years if nothing else is available! Right now, I'm reading the Friday Morning Book Club book *Between the World and Me*. I also have magazines on my pile like *Real Simple*, *the Economist*, *Psychology Today* and *Better Homes and Gardens*. I also often get books mentioned in WVXU interviews because they make them sound so interesting. That's what I want to do for you, make the books, magazines and other materials at Clifton Branch Library sound too irresistible to pass up.

Any favorite childhood memories of the library?

Growing up the Delhi Branch Library was where we most often went to get new books. I remember vividly being able to write my name in cursive so that I could get my first library card. The application was on green card stock and I tried so hard to make Lisa D. Hamrick look pretty on that application – unfortunately, my mother always said I had handwriting like a doctor – practically indecipherable. And the good Sisters of Charity at school agreed, it was always my lowest grade. Remember when we got a grade for penmanship?! But it didn't matter because I HAD A LIBRARY CARD!!!! It's still one of my most favorite possessions.



Lisa Hamrick



Sr. Mary Imelda Celebrates 50 years of Service to the Elderly

Sr. Mary Imelda celebrated her Golden Jubilee in October. Fifty years of service as a Little Sister of the Poor caring for the elderly all over the world. Sr. Mary Imelda was born and raised in Juarez, Chihuahua in northern Mexico alongside her eleven siblings. She moved to El Paso when she was two years old and then Colorado, finally settling in California at age seven. California is where she was introduced to the Little Sisters through her school when she was thirteen.

“I decided to enter into service because of my great love for the Residents. I decided that I wanted to become a Little Sister after spending time at the Home in Los Angeles and seeing and experiencing the great care the Residents received at the home run by the Little Sisters. I have so many blessings in my life, but I give credit to my wonderful parents who instilled such a great faith in me and helped shape me into the person I am today. Our Residents also give me great strength and joy. I know that this was the best choice for me in my life to follow Christ and help those in need.”

For those who might not know, Sr. Mary Imelda is a great cook. She is the one behind the spaghetti sauce and homemade meatballs at St. Paul’s Home annual Spaghetti Supper in June and she is the famous baker for the now annual Bake Sale during Mother’s Day weekend. Sister is a blessing at St. Paul’s Home with her humbling spirit, infectious smile, and of course her cooking!

For more information about the Little Sisters of the Poor in Cincinnati visit the website about St. Paul’s Home, <http://www.littlesistersofthepoorcincinnati.org/>

Clifton Market Is a Community Gem Come Sample Its Many Offerings



Halloween night at Clifton Market. Keith Brock, GM, with Mary Rose Ventura, former CM board member, earlier this evening. Keith is dressed up as Chef Boyardee.

The New School Montessori Has Added a New Subject to its Specials Program — Farming

Alexa Abner (with Skool Aid) is exploring farming with TNSM’s elementary students. The children worked hard clearing honeysuckle to make room for sprouting lettuce and chives in their fall garden plot. They harvested acorns, chokeberries, buckeyes and pokeweed from TNSM’s campus for use in various projects. The bright purple dye of crushed pokeweed berries were used in creating covers for their field notebooks. The 4th-6th graders established a table of contents, outlining the permaculture principles students will be considering each week as they design their farm together.

We invite you and your family to visit our open house on Sunday, January 21 between 2-4 p.m. Children are encouraged to explore the Montessori materials in the classroom and to tour the building with you.



To learn more or to schedule a private visit, call (513) 281-7999 or go to www.newschoolmontessori.com

Library Corner with Eric Davis

As temperatures drop and winter arrives in our fair city, we find ourselves spending more time indoors. Make sure you have plenty of great books to read, as well as great tunes for your life's soundtrack. You can find these and much more at your local library. Plan to stay a while and check out the fun, free events we have to offer!

Saturday December 2 at 11 a.m.: Breakthrough Cincinnati STEM Event! Say "Hello World" with the power of Raspberry Pi (mini-computer), take a virtual trip to anywhere in the world (Google VR), and test your circuit skills with Makey-Makey! Fill up your passport as you cruise to various stations and explore our world through STEM. Join Breakthrough Cincinnati's 6th and 7th graders as they serve as your captains and lead you through hands-on learning stations. Ages 7-12. Registration required.

Saturday January 6 at 11 a.m.: Happy New Year Get Fit Dance Party! Start the year off on the right foot and have some calorie-burning fun dancing to awesome, upbeat tunes! For kids and their families. No registration required.

Saturday February 17 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.: Celebrate Chinese New Year 2018 – The Year of the Dog! Crafts, snacks and music for kids and their families. No registration required.

Saturday March 17 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.: St. Patrick's Day Leprechaun Party! Enjoy fun crafts, snacks and be sure to get your picture taken with The Library Leprechaun! For kids and their families. No registration required.

Teens (ages 11 – 18) may join us for a special event on the first Tuesday of every month at 4 p.m.

For adults, the Clifton Library has two book clubs a month to choose from. The second Friday of each month at 10:30 a.m. is the branch book club, one of the city's longest-running book clubs at over 50 years! Join your friends and neighbors to discuss great books in a beautiful space.

Speaking of space, did you know that we have a book club that focuses exclusively on science fiction and fantasy novels . . . called Space Wizards?! How cool is that! Join Sara and Emily, your terrestrial, biblio-moderators, the third Tuesday of each month at Lydia's on Ludlow at 6:30 p.m.

Copies of books for both clubs are available at the library.

And who said crafts are just for kids? The second Saturday of each month at 11 a.m. is Craft and Create, a fun and inspiring crafting event for adults. December's craft is calligraphy-inspired holiday cards . . . ho timely! Registration is required.

Are you a newcomer to the United States or the English language? You are welcome to join us at the library on Thursdays at 1 p.m. for an English Conversation Group. This informal discussion is

a great way to practice speaking English with moderator Liz and your neighbors from all over the world. The group meets in our meeting room and no registration is required.

For a complete list of events, classes and story times, please visit our website. The list defaults to all library locations but can be narrowed to just Clifton: <http://www.cincinnati.library.org/programs/>

Primitive War Story Coming to Film



Covington resident Ethan Pettus is adapting his debut novel, *Primitive War*, to a short film. *Primitive War* is a tale of mental and primordial terror at the height of the Vietnam War. The unfortunate antiheroes at the center of the tale must grapple with their mistakes, their faith, and their sanity in order to survive a perilous jungle filled with prehistoric nightmares. *Primitive War* was published in the second week of April, and it's quickly building an online following. The novel is the first in a planned trilogy, with a series of short stories being released monthly in preparation for the release of the first sequel.

A bountiful array of artwork by young paleoartist Raph Lomotan brings the story to visual life online. Key scenes from the novel, as well as concept artwork for the many ancient terrors that plague the story's protagonists, can be found on the project's facebook page. *Primitive War* is currently being adapted to an episodic mini-series by author Ethan Pettus and amateur director Zak Roth.

The mini-series is in pre-production, with location scouting taking place around Red River Gorge and Daniel Boone National Park. Local musicians Robell Sahle and Brent Olds of the Cliftones are composing the project, and a whole slew of talented people around the world are contributing the special effects and physical puppetry. Be sure to read and review *Primitive War* on amazon, and follow the project on the novel's facebook page.

Clifton Community a Perfect Backdrop for Growing Up

Editor's Note: *In response to a CTM Facebook post by CTM Trustee Kevin Marsh, former Clifton Resident Jim Cox wrote a personal account of his youth in the community.*

The following has been written for the present citizens of Clifton, that they might have a depiction what it was like for me, a young person experiencing Clifton in the late fifties and early sixties. Growing up in Clifton was quite likely one of the most peaceful, idyllic childhoods one could possibly have experienced, and the fifties and sixties were great decades in many ways. As I recall, it was a much simpler time.

In 1957, after my father died, my mother and I moved from Clifton Heights to the Gaslight District to start a new life. At the time, I was 11. My mother purchased an apartment building at 319 Terrace Avenue. The kids at St. Monica's, my old school, had warned me about my new school, Annunciation. They told me that everyone there lived in big mansions, arrived to school in chauffeur driven limos, and took ballet lessons (even the boys). I didn't change schools until the seventh grade, the next full school year, so I had a bit of an adjustment period. I also got a paper route right away, which really helped me to get to know the area. The kids that worked with me were a little bit older, which proved to be a distinct advantage. They clued me into everything they thought I should know, including the facts of life. They told me that they would speak to the kids at Annunciation and tell them that I was okay.

The paper routes were owned by Cliftonite George Siebert, who lived down on Ludlow and also had a TV repair business. His sons, Bucky and Barry, also had paper routes. George would always talk and joke around with us and I couldn't believe how nice he was. I always marveled at how lucky Bucky and Barry were to have George as a father. On my route, many of my customers were very famous people. For instance, there was Dr. Albert Sabin of Polio sugar cube fame, Charles Ibold who owned a large cigar company and drove a new Corvette, and a Mr. Hunifeldt who owned a company that manufactured household appliances. His claim to fame was that he invented the oven door with a window in it that is still used today. Dennis, one of my friends, swears that Dr. Sabin used to go to the Sinclair Gas Station

next to the Ludlow Garage (it really was a garage) on weekends, and work on cars just for fun. Everyone else who lived there was a doctor or a head of a business. These people all lived in Clifton. I was beginning to think that maybe I could become important also. Come Christmastime, many of these customers would give me as much as a five dollar tip. This was really a lot because I was only making three dollars a week as it was.

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On my first day at my new school just about everyone introduced themselves and put me at ease right away. No sign of any limos. Shortly after the day began the nun asked who would be signing up for dance classes. Perhaps my friends at the old school had been right, these kids were taking ballet classes. Months later I found out that it was really ballroom dancing. To this day I can't dance because I didn't sign up.

The one thing that was true about my new school, is that most of the kids did live in the big mansions out to the north. I began running into some of them as I delivered papers to their houses. I started hanging out with several of the new guys and was eventually welcomed into those big houses. Right away I noticed that these kids were quite normal, in fact they were fantastic. It wasn't their fault that they were rich and it appeared that money didn't give them a sense of entitlement. A really funny thing began to happen, their parents actually talked to me and were interested in knowing who I was as a person. These were all professionals, but they were really nice and put me at ease. Believe me when I tell you this, in my old neighborhood, I had never spoken to an

adult before, never. I was impressed by these fathers and how open they were with their kids. I made a mental note that this is how a real father should act. My mother eventually remarried to a man who was both verbally and physically abusive. The only time he spoke to me was to yell and I tried to stay out of the house as much as possible. I made up my mind back then that if I ever got married, I would be the best father that I could possibly be, like the fathers I had met in Clifton.

Had I not moved out to the Gaslight District of Clifton when I did, things would have been very different. Virtually all of my life has been influenced by this community. Each Saturday the Esquire had movies for kids that only cost like fifty cents and you could spend half the day there. On Sunday, they would show black and white, "art movies" most of which weren't meant for someone my age. Never mind that, my mother knew the ticket lady and she would let me in for free. My mother had no idea what I was seeing and I was seeing a lot. Between these movies and the older kids that I worked with, my horizons were definitely broadened.

Many evenings during the summer I would bike out to my friend Jerry Hunter's house. His father was a neurosurgeon and they had a house at 333 Lafayette that was huge. In fact, it was on the Clifton tour one year. Once there, other friends would join us and we would have a ball. Many nights we would make up weird ingredients for pizzas and have them delivered by Pasquale's Pizza, which had just opened on Ludlow. Our favorite was dill pickle pizza and they eventually put it on the menu. You could buy a hot loaf of garlic bread for fifteen cents and it was fantastic. Their delivery vehicle was a three-wheeled Izetta.

Many times during these gatherings I would take my guitar with me and we would play and sing. Once when I got there early, Jerry said that he wanted me to play for someone. He took me into the back den and assembled there were about fifteen doctor's wives of Clifton. This was his mother's bridge club. I proceeded to play for about twenty minutes and although I was scared to death, they seemed to like my playing. It was good training for the future. Most of the time during the summer, I didn't get home until around 2 a.m.

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Growing Up

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This was a sore point with my mother, but she knew that I was safe so I was allowed to continue. During my long bike ride home along Clifton Avenue I pedaled as fast as I could, but never had any problems. I'm not saying everything was perfect for us in Clifton, but as long as we stayed within its confines we were safe. We knew to stay away from Corryville because there was a gang there that didn't particularly like us. Later there was a serial killer (The Clifton Strangler) who killed a friend's mother. Despite these occurrences, overall Clifton was a very safe place. It was the kind of place where a doctor would actually walk to our house on a house call. How many people remember that?

When it came time for high school, all of us good Catholic boys at Annunciation wanted to go to St. Xavier High, which was still downtown. Thirteen of us took the test and we all passed. This was unheard of and I'm sure that this was some kind of record. My stepfather suddenly had a new admiration for me. Living in Clifton, it was easy to get to the old St. X High downtown. We could just grab the bus at Clifton and Ludlow and end up right there.

About this time, I was given a real shot of freedom. For some reason one could drive a motorbike in Ohio if you were 14 and the bike was less than five horsepower, this was crazy. Most all of my close friends and I got a license and motor bikes right away. Many sweltering evenings during the summer we would gather in a group and drive to various destinations in Clifton. There might be as many as 10 of us. We could hit Mount Storm Park and then go get a cone at the UDF. On really hot nights, we might get a watermelon from Kroger's on Ludlow, take it back to Mount Storm and eat it by hand. I have to admit that on many of these nights the local police would tail us just waiting for us to break the law. It never happened. We were all good kids.

One thing that was consistent in my early life is that I always had a job, always in Clifton. One of my best jobs was working as a dishwasher on weekends at the Bathesda Home. The lady that was head cook there was a trained professional chef. Every Sunday she served the same lunch of fried chicken, mashed potatoes, corn, and string bean casserole. Because I

worked there I got to eat all that I wanted. The design of the home itself was fantastic. It was an old mansion, Scarlet Oaks, that was transformed into a senior living facility. One of my duties on Sundays was to take meals down to a separate building, the infirmary, where the really sick people were. About 10 meals were loaded onto a rolling cart and I would wheel them down a long, dark underground tunnel. At the end was an old, rickety elevator. I would open the door, get in, and lower the contraption down with a rope pulley system. Scary!

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As I started to drive a car I found that I was able to fix it myself. I got a job at the Texaco station right on Clifton Avenue. I'd like to say that I worked on cars all of the time, but mostly I pumped thirty cents a gallon gasoline. There was a mechanic who worked there named Bob Koch and he was the best in town. All of the doctors from Good Samaritan brought their cars there for him to repair. Bob's son Bobby (who would later own the station) also worked there. He was a few years older than me and drove a 1956 Ford. At night when the boss had gone home, us young guys would work on our friends' cars, saving them a lot of money. Sometimes we would have as many as 10 of our friends there all with their hot rods. Luckily, the boss lived in Finneytown and couldn't get back there very fast. Most of the time we would spend the night just talking about cars. Bobby eventually left to work at the Ford transmission plant. A few weeks later he came back and questioned, " Why do

you want to go to college when you can come out to the factory with me and make five dollars an hour?" That would have been a huge increase, because I was only making a dollar an hour at the Texaco station. I remember once when a friend and I received our pay envelopes there was a note inside reading, "Dear Mark and Jim, you will notice that I have given you a five cent per hour raise. Keep up the good work and more will come." Once again Clifton provided everything. On the side I also would work at Angie's record store (AirWay) and he would give me fantastic discounts.

During our teen years as we were driving our cars, there was a famous cop that hung out at the four way stop signs at Warren and Middleton. His name was Officer McCarthy and he was just waiting for someone to run those signs. Many times he got bored and fell asleep. I was still hanging out with my friend Jerry and this was the road that I would use to get to his house on Lafayette. I would stop at the sign on Middleton and then go flying past McCarthy on the other side of the street. In those days there was no radar and the police would need to get behind you to see how fast you were going. By the time McCarthy woke up and turned around I would be at Jerry's house and he didn't know where I went.

One day I met John Bonner, one of my friends on Ludlow, and he told me that the Beatles were coming. Puzzled, I asked, "Who are the Beatles"? He walked me down to the record store and there in the window was a life size cutout of the Fab Four. I immediately became a fan. Right away some of my Clifton friends and I formed a band and after several months of rehearsal, we got a job in that little cafe next to the firehouse.

One of our favorite pastimes was hanging out at Pete's News, also on Ludlow two doors down from the Firehouse. We would go in there, get a couple candy bars, and try to read our favorite magazines, never buying any. The owner Pete was a real grouch and would kick us out when he saw that we were not going to buy any. On the other hand, his son, Louis, was a great guy and didn't care how long we stayed. After all, I would buy a *Mad Magazine* once a month.

The first time that I ever tasted pizza was at Pasquales. Sometimes when we had some extra money we would eat at the

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Clifton

Holidays on Ludlow



Holidays on Ludlow December 8

On Friday, December 8 the annual family-fun Holidays on Ludlow will be unveiled beginning at 6 p.m. Come join the community event with music, lights, carriage rides, Santa. Create memories. (Photos by Tom Lohre from the 2016 event)



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Busy Bee. That was a fantastic restaurant with great fried chicken. I really shouldn't reveal this, but I remember several Christmas Eves eating there at night with my friend John Stenger and then going to Annunciation Church just at the end of midnight mass, getting a church paper to show our mothers that we had attended mass. Years earlier the Busy Bee was a hangout for writer Rod Serling of Twilight Zone fame. When I moved to LA I worked with Rod one day and we talked about Cincinnati the whole time. He was interested in what Ruth Lyons was doing and since I had worked on her show, I filled him in.

Sadly, most of my friends went on to Xavier University which I could not afford. I went to the University of Cincinnati (UC) and most of the time I walked there from my house on Terrace. I loved going to UC and I was the very first one from all of my extended family to complete college. As much as I loved it I still didn't know what I was going to do with my life. In my second year I found out about their radio and TV department and transferred. True to my working-class roots, along with going to school full time, I got a job at WLW as a stage manager. It was great fun and I immediately decided that I wanted to become a director.

Without a doubt I can say that if I had not grown up in Clifton, my life would be so different. Clifton gave me friends that I still have today. Virtually everyone who went to Annunciation with me became a success. Clifton gave me confidence. In fact, it brought me out of my shell so much, at one point I thought I should be an actor. Best of all, Clifton gave me a wife. I met a student nurse from Good Samaritan Hospital. I gave her a ring at Mt. Storm and were married in 1966. We moved into an apartment in Clifton. Together, we raised two incredible children, and I had the opportunity to be the father I had learned about from my role models in Clifton. Living there changed me in so many ways and taught me so much. Well, I never did become an actor. . . . but I did become a director, in Hollywood. What more could I have asked for?

Thank you, Clifton. — *Jim Cox*

Wintertime Fun at CCAC!

Warm up this winter with fun family performances, vibrant conversations and engaging exhibitions: your local community arts center has a schedule chock-full of things to do! Visit our website for event details: www.cliftonculturalarts.org!



Second Sunday Family Showtime

Our fantastic family performance series continues into the new year! Join us for a new performance each month, all of which are followed by a special community reception. Shows start at 2 p.m., and are free for kids and just \$5 per adult.

December 10 *Celebrate the Seasons*, presented by ArtReach: A Division of The Children's Theatre of Cincinnati

January 14 *Trip Jones and The Case of the Missing Music*, presented by ROKCincy (FREE for all ages)

February 11 *Pinocchio*, presented by Playhouse in the Park

March 11 *Bee Happy*, presented by Wump Muckett Puppets



Sunset Salons

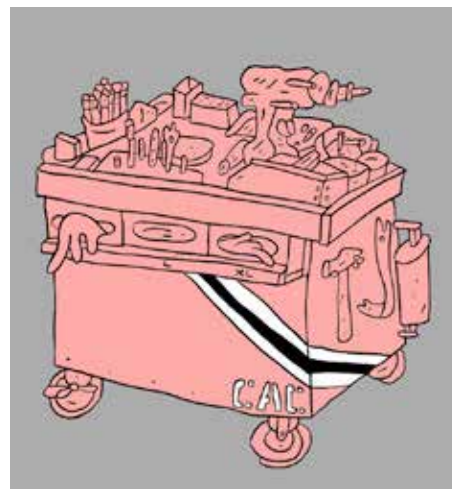
Feed your head with our wildly successful series of mid-week, participatory panel discussions. Interesting experts and compelling, contemporary topics fuel each evening with inspiring, animated conversation and discovery. Doors open at 6 p.m.

for light supper and mingling, with featured conversation beginning at 6:30 pm. Tickets are \$10 in advance, and \$12 at the door.

January 24 *Cultural Cuisines*: Take a trip around the world, all on one plate: Cincinnati's cultural eateries come together to discuss our city's diverse (and delicious!) food scene and share samples of their favorite dishes.

March 21 *Chocolate*: Learn all there is to know about chocolate from Lisa Cooper-Holmes, the Proprietor, Queen, and Choco Boss of Haute Chocolate in downtown Montgomery, OH. From the origin and history to correctly tempering and storing to ensure your sweets stay sweet, Lisa will also guide us through the preparation and making of a springtime treat: chocolate, of course!

Upcoming Exhibitions



Works by the Contemporary Arts Center's Art Handling Team | CAC Crew
Opening Reception: December 15, 6 – 8 p.m.
Exhibit Dates: December 16 – January 12, 2018

This exhibition features individual and collaborative works by the Contemporary Arts Center's art handling team, "Crew." Working behind the scenes to ensure that artwork is handled safely and strict deadlines are met, Crew has installed some of the city's most groundbreaking exhibitions. As artists themselves, the daily presence of contemporary art serves as inspiration for their own work; when the workday ends, they travel to their studios to build scul-

tures, practice woodworking, sketch, paint, build sound installations, and fabricate new ideas. Finally in the spotlight, this exhibition features the work of the C.A.C.'s Chief Preparator, Joe Civitello, the Registrar, Kristin Riepenhoff, and Crew: Tyler Hamilton, Aaron Delamatre, Meredith Waddell, Claire P. Talbot, Justin West, and Brittany Hargrave.

Alienable | Karay Martin



Opening Reception: February 9, 6 – 8 p.m.
Exhibit Dates: February 10 – March 17, 2018

As an emerging feminist artist, Karay makes art as celebration as well as defiance. She intends to unapologetically and unabashedly speak aloud, gently and not-so-gently shouting out those things in life that aren't easily spoken by using colors, visions, and the media of installation and collage. While she created pieces that are private and intimate in nature, uttering "the personal I" throughout her works, she wished to speak with and listen to "the universal and eternal we." In other words, although she hopes to speak up and have her voice heard, she is more interested in listening to those who have yet to find their voices. While her intent, without question, is political, it is also personal and therapeutic, and she is most interested in exploring the questions of how we came to be where we are, as individuals, and where we've been, and where we'll go, collectively.

***As In The Mirror* | Ellina Chetverikova**
Opening Reception: February 9, 6 – 8 p.m.
Exhibit Dates: February 10 – March 17, 2018

In cultures that constantly show us that we are not good enough as we are, it takes a great courage and awareness to keep observing, studying, and developing love for our own selves. This series of self-portraits was done while looking into the mirror.

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Through their work the artist encourages viewers to never stop learning more about themselves, to practice their awareness of themselves and of their surroundings. It is a long journey of discovery to self-love.



TriHealth Names Kevin Joseph, MD Chief Medical Officer

TriHealth announced on October 18 that Kevin Joseph, MD has been named Chief Medical Officer for the health system. Dr. Joseph replaces Dr. Bob Collins, who recently announced his retirement after nearly 35 years of extraordinary service to our patients, our health system and the community.

Dr. Joseph joined TriHealth in January 2017 as the System Chief Quality Officer. In this role, Dr. Joseph held system-wide responsibility for management, coordination and integration of all quality, clinical performance improvement and patient safety functions across the full continuum of acute, ambulatory and post-acute services. He will maintain these responsibilities in addition to his new role as Chief Medical Officer.

An emergency medicine physician, Dr. Joseph joined TriHealth from UC Health where he served as the Senior Vice President of Inpatient Services. Prior to that role, Dr. Joseph was President and CEO of UC Health's West Chester Hospital, as well as Medical Director of the hospital's

Department of Emergency Medicine.

"I am grateful to Dr. Collins for his leadership and the outstanding foundation he established as TriHealth's Chief Medical Officer," said

Dr. Joseph. "While I am focused on enhancing healthcare delivery, leveraging modern technology and implementing innovative solutions to improve patient care and hospital efficiency, I also look forward to working with our entire TriHealth team to provide the highest levels of quality and safety for our patients."

Dr. Joseph received his undergraduate degree from Johns Hopkins, completed medical school at Vanderbilt and served his residency in Emergency Medicine at UC Health.



The Spirits of the Season Return to Cincinnati Playhouse "A Christmas Carol" Runs Through December 30

The Cincinnati Playhouse in the Park's joyous, time-honored celebration of the true meaning of the holidays returns for its 27th season as First Financial Bank presents Charles Dickens' A CHRISTMAS CAROL. The beloved, iconic story will be performed through December 30 in the Playhouse's Robert S. Marx Theatre.

Nearly 600,000 people have enjoyed the timeless classic at Cincinnati Playhouse over the past 26 years. An immediate hit when Dickens wrote it in 1843, A CHRISTMAS CAROL is often credited for revitalizing the celebration of Christmas as we know it today.

"More than 20,000 people return each year to the Playhouse to make A CHRISTMAS CAROL a part of their holiday traditions," explains Blake Robison, artistic director. "The timeless message of A CHRISTMAS CAROL helps to make it one of the Playhouse's most popular productions each season and a perfect way to introduce children to the joys of theatre."

Adapted by Howard Dallin, Dickens' narrative comes to vivid life with spectacular effects and hundreds of costumes that illuminate Ebenezer Scrooge's time-traversing pilgrimage with the spirits one magical Christmas Eve. From his kind-hearted sister Fan and first love Belle to his generous employer Fezziwig and humble clerk Bob Cratchit, Scrooge is repeatedly shown the saving grace of love and concern for humanity.

Bruce Comer returns to fill Ebenezer Scrooge's miserly shoes for the 13th time this season, the longest run among the four actors who have played the role. Michael Evan Haney also returns as director.

"This story of redemption is timeless because, as human beings, we need to be reminded that we are all connected — that we are all fellow travelers to the grave," Haney says. "As Scrooge learns this lesson for the first time, we are reminded that our greatest challenge during our time on earth is to help and love our fellow man. It is also our greatest joy."

All show times for A CHRISTMAS CAROL are at 2 p.m. for matinees and 7 p.m. for evening performances to accommodate families with children. Please note the earlier curtain time. There will be no performances on Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day and selected weekdays in early December. There is an added performance on Friday, Dec. 22, at 2 p.m.

Prices for A CHRISTMAS CAROL start at \$40 for all performances depending on seat location. Tickets for children and teens are \$45 or \$30 depending on seat location. Prices subject to change. Student tickets are just \$15 on the day of the show. In addition to calling the Box Office, tickets can also be purchased by visiting the Playhouse website at www.cincyplay.com.

A CHRISTMAS CAROL is suitable for all general audiences, including children ages 5 and older. Due to the full-length nature of the show, children younger than 5 cannot be admitted.

Hebrew Union College–Jewish Institute of Religion Announces Fall and Winter Program and Exhibition Schedule

Three exciting programs are being offered this fall and winter at the Skirball Museum, The Jacob Rader Marcus Center of the American Jewish Archives, and in the S. H. and Helen R. Scheuer Chapel on the historic Cincinnati campus of Hebrew Union College–Jewish Institute of Religion, 3101 Clifton Avenue 45220.



Re-Art: The Many Faces of Israel

The community is invited to witness an extraordinary collaboration between five artists from Netanya, Israel and five artists from Cincinnati, Ohio at the opening of the exhibition *Re-Art: The Many Faces of Israel*. Each of the 10 artists created works of art that reflect personal understanding of and connection to the state of Israel. In turn, the 10 artists have reinterpreted, re-envisioned, or augmented each other's work, resulting in a unique collaborative exhibition of 70 powerful works.

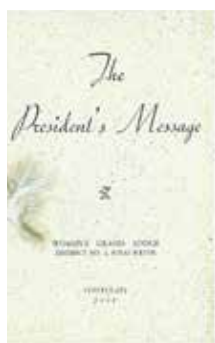
The Cincinnati artists included in the exhibition are: Deborah Brod, Alan Brown, Cindy Loon, Sam Stampler, and Gary Kesler. The Netanya artists are: Smadar Barnea, Yehuda Yahav, Tami Suez, Philip Golan, and Rodrigo Uriartt. The exhibition will travel to Netanya in 2018 and the Cincinnati artists plan to attend the opening there.

On Sunday, December 3 from 1–3 p.m. at the Skirball Museum, the Cincinnati *Re-Art* artists will be joined by their Netanya counterparts via Skype for a lively and enlightening conversation about the process and challenges of this unique exhibition.

The exhibition and program are free of charge and open to the public and take place in Mayerson Hall on the Clifton campus of HUC–JIR, 3101 Clifton Avenue. The Skirball Museum is open Tuesdays and Thursdays from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sundays from 1 pm to 5 p.m.. Reservations for the panel discussion recommended at Mayersonjcc.org or (513) 487-3098. The exhibition opened on November 16; closing day is Sunday, January 7.

Thursday, December 4, 2017, 5–8 p.m. B'nai B'rith at 175 Years and Drawing from the B'nai B'rith Klutznick Collection

The Skirball Museum and The Jacob Rader Marcus Center of the American Jewish Archives (AJA), in conjunction with B'nai B'rith of Greater Cincinnati—Alfred M. Cohen Unit #4, invite the community to participate in the celebration of the 175th anniversary of the 1843 formation of B'nai B'rith. B'nai B'rith is America's oldest Jewish service organization. Chartered in 1849, Cincinnati's lodge is the fourth oldest and became the international headquarters during Mosely Ezekiel's service as the B'nai B'rith International president. The exhibitions continue through June 10, 2018 at the AJA; and through January 7, 2018 at the Skirball Museum.



Opening at the AJA at 5 p.m., B'nai B'rith at 175 Years will highlight documents and photographs from its extensive B'nai B'rith collection with a special emphasis on the Cincinnati chapter. Special guest Mr. Daniel S. Mariaschin, CEO and executive director of B'nai B'rith International, will speak about religious pluralism in America through the “insider” lens of the leader of a prominent and historical Jewish organization. In the United States and abroad, Mr. Mariaschin has met with countless heads of state, prime ministers, foreign ministers, opposition leaders, influential members of the media and clerical leaders. His goal is always to advance human rights, help protect the rights of Jewish communities worldwide and promote better relations with the state of Israel.

At 6:30 p.m. in Mayerson Hall, guests are invited to a festive reception followed by the opening of Drawing from the B'nai B'rith Klutznick Collection, a selection of 18 acrylic and colored pencil drawings inspired by Judaica from the Klutznick collection by world-renowned Jewish artist Mark Podwal. Initially known for his drawings on The New York Times Op-Ed page, he is the author and illustrator of books focusing on Jewish legend, history, and tradition for children and adults. His work is represented in the collections of the Metropolitan Museum of Art, the Jewish Museum in Prague, and the Library of Congress, among others. The artist will offer commentary about his deceptively whimsical drawings, which offer profound and nuanced commentary on Jewish customs and history.

The Skirball Museum is open Tuesday and Thursday 11 a.m.–4 p.m.; Sunday 1–5 p.m. Drawing from the B'nai B'rith Klutznick Collection closes on January 7, 2018. The AJA is open Monday–Thursday 9 a.m.–5 p.m.; Friday 9 a.m.–3 p.m. B'nai B'rith at 175. Years closes on January 7, 2018. Reservations for the opening events are recommended. For more information or to make reservations, please call (513) 487-3098; or email jmendelson@huc.edu.

Sunday, January 28, 2018, 4 p.m. International Holocaust Remembrance Day

Hebrew Union College–Jewish Institute of Religion, in partnership with The Jacob Rader Marcus Center of the American Jewish Archives, Isaac M. Wise Temple, and the Holocaust & Humanity Center, will present a program on the Jews of China, with guest speaker, Dvir Bar-Gal, Israeli historian and guide from Shanghai. He will discuss China's open door policy for Jews escaping from the Holocaust. This program will take place in the S.H. and Helen R. Scheuer Chapel on the campus. For more information or to make reservations, please call (513) 487-3098; or email jmendelson@huc.edu.



CANS 2017-2018 School Year Kicks Off—Come Visit!

CANS – Clifton Area Neighborhood School - serving Clifton, Spring Grove Village and CUF. Request a tour of our temporary location, Rising Stars Academy, 2120 Vine Street. cansadvisory@gmail.com

SAVE THESE DATES:

- A Holiday Cookie Party on Saturday, December 2 from 3-5 p.m. at Rawson Farmhouse, 3737 Clifton Avenue. Meet-and-greet neighbors for an afternoon of baking cheer!
- An Open House for families interested in CANS at Rising Stars, from 3-5 p.m. on January 23.



Lessons



Pizza

Vine Street



Crafts



Gymnasium



Fun on the porch



Krystn, Laura and Bill



The Marsh brothers

Rawson House Reception

Calendar

Send Calendar items to
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Quarterly

Community Newsletter *Clifton Chronicle*

Deadline for Fall

Monthly

1st Mon. 7 p.m. CTM Meeting.
Meeting location to be on second floor of Clifton Recreation Center (CRC).

2nd Wed. 10:30 a.m. Book Discussion at Library

2nd Sun. from Oct. to May 2 p.m.
Family Showtime at CCAC

3rd Mon. 3 p.m. Clifton Business and Professional Association Meeting downstairs at U.S. Bank. All welcome.

3rd Thur. 7 p.m. Bedtime Story Time at Library

Winter Laurel and Hardy Film Club, Masonic Lodge, 218 Ludlow Ave.
chimpltent@live.com

Tongue and Groove updates on TheCliftonHouse Facebook page
Tongue & Groove/Cincinnati

Weekly

Mon. 5:30-8 p.m. Clifton Farmers Market on Ludlow Plaza (Summer)

Tues. 10 a.m. Preschool Story Time at Library

Tues. 6-9 p.m. Game Night at Lydia's on Ludlow

Wed. 7 p.m. Music on the Green at the CCAC, June through August 13

Thur. 1 p.m. ESOL Conversation Group at Library

Thur. 6-9 p.m. Dogs Night Out at Graeter's Ice Cream

Thurs. 7-9 p.m. Open Mic (writers and poets) at Lydia's on Ludlow

Fri. 6-9 p.m. The Third Voice Live Podcast at Lydia's on Ludlow

Fri. & Sat. 5-8 p.m. Ludlow Wine & Beer, Wine Tastings

Sat. 9 a.m. It's Yoga at Clifton Plaza, spring, summer & fall, free

Sat. 11-Noon, Make sandwiches and

dinner for Lighthouse at Immanuel Church, 3445 Clifton Avenue
Sun. 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Live Jazz Brunch at Lydia's on Ludlow

Daily

Dec. 1, winter *Chronicle* expected in mailboxes

Mon. Dec. 4, 7 p.m. CTM board meeting, CTM Trustee election prior to meeting from 6 to 7 p.m., CRC

Fri. Dec. 8, 6-9 p.m., Holidays on Ludlow, Carriage Rides

Sat. Dec. 9, Dec. 9 6:45 p.m. Chimp Tent holiday program at the Carson Masonic Lodge

Fri. Dec. 22, 5:30 p.m. Family Candlelight Christmas Eve service at Immanuel Presbyterian Church

Sun. Dec. 24, 5 p.m. Family Christmas Eve Services at Calvary Episcopal Church

Sun. Dec. 24, 9 p.m. Christmas Eve Services with choir at Calvary Episcopal Church.

Sun. 24, 5:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Service with Children, **7:30 p.m.** Communion Service, **11 p.m.** Candlelight Service, Clifton United Methodist Church (www.cliftonumc.com)

Mon. Dec. 25, 9 a.m. Christmas Service.

Mon. Jan. 8, 7 p.m. CTM board meeting. Clifton Rec Center.

Jan. 24, Deadline for spring *Chronicle*
Jan. 29 to Feb. 4, Annunciation School will celebrate National Catholic Schools Week

Mon. Feb. 5, 7 p.m. CTM board meeting, Clifton Rec Center

Mon. March 1, spring *Chronicle* in mailboxes

Mon. March 7, 7 p.m. CTM board meeting. Second floor or Clifton Rec Center.

Early March Over-the-Rhine Bock Festival

Early March, noon to 5 p.m. Fairview-Clifton School Fasching Kids' Festival

Early April, Clifton Heights Music Festival

Fri. March 30, Good Friday

Sat. March 31, 10 a.m. Community



Rocking Three Hours—Raising Dollars for the Year

Friends, family, and Residents will be “rocking” Saturday, March 3, 2018 from 1–4 p.m. This is the second year for the Little Sisters of the Poor St. Paul's Home Rock-a-Thon fundraiser. After introducing the new event last year and its great success the Home is honored to provide another opportunity for pro-rockers!

“Rockers” raise funds by gaining pledges from their own family and friends to rock in a chair for three hours. Individuals are welcome as well as team rockers of up to three people. One person must be rocking in each chair at all times for the three hours. A prize goes to the best decorated chair as well as the chair that receives the most money in sponsorship.

Mystery Balloons will be available for a donation of \$5. Pick a balloon and take your chances on winning a gift card. Light snacks and drinks will be available to purchase.

For more information or if you wish to rock for the Residents contact Sarah Steffen at prcincinnati@littlesistersofthepoor.org or call (513)281-8001. Visit the website to learn more about St. Paul's Home, www.littlesistersofthepoorcincinnati.org

Easter Egg Hunt at Immanuel Presbyterian Church, rain or shine.

Sun. April 1, Easter

Mon. Apr. 2, 7 p.m. CTM board meeting, second floor or Clifton Rec Center

Sat., April 7 noon to 5 p.m. Fasching Festival at Fairview School

April 17, Deadline for summer *Chronicle*

Late April early May, Fairview - Clifton School Father Daughter Dance

Mon. May 7, 7 p.m. CTM board meeting, Clifton Rec Center.

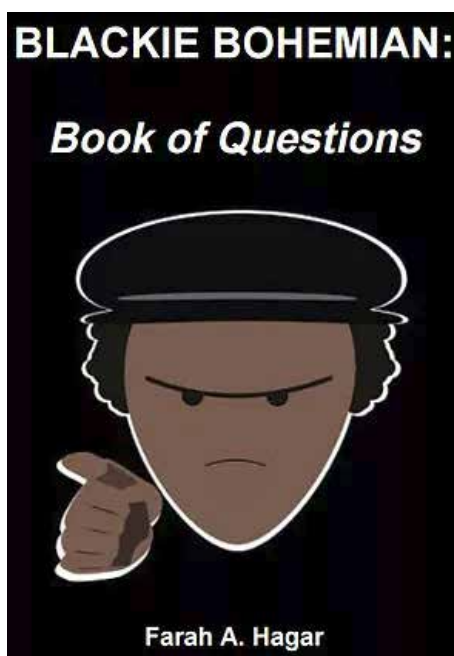
1st Sun. May, Flying Pig Marathon
Sun. May 13, CTM House Tour
May 20, *Chronicle* in mailboxes
Late May, Coho Swim practice begins
Late May, Clifton Meadows Opens with an adult event
Wed. May 16– Sunset, Beginning of 30 Days of Ramadan and will continue for 30 days until Sunday, the 25th of June.
Mon. May 28, 10:30 a.m. Memorial Day Parade at McAlpin and Middleton
May 29–June 10, Fringe Festival
Fri. June 1, National Donut Day
Early June, CoHo Tie Dye Day
Early June, Annunciation Summerfair
Mon. June 4, 7 p.m. CTM board meeting, Clifton Rec Center
Thurs. June 14, Ramadan ends
Mon. July 2, No CTM Meeting, unless otherwise decided at June CTM Meeting
Sun. July 15, National Ice Cream

Day
Tues. July 24, Deadline for fall *Chronicle*
Mon. Aug. 6, 7 p.m., CTM Meeting, CRC
Sat. Aug. 4, PaddleFest
<http://www.ohioriverpaddlefest.org/>
Sat. Aug. 25, Avon Fields, CTM Golf Outing
End of Aug. Community Art Centers Day at the CCAC, music, ice cream social and a mini-parade
Mon. Sept. 1, fall *Chronicle* in mailboxes
Mon. Sept. 3, Labor Day holiday
Sun. Early Sept. Clifton Meadows pool closes
Sun, Sept. 9, sundown, Rosh Hashanah begins
Mon. Sept. 10, 7 p.m. CTM board meeting. Second floor of CRC.
Tues. Sept. 11, End of Rosh Hashanah
Tues. Sept. 18, sunset, Yom Kippur begins

Wed. Sept. 19, nightfall, Yom Kippur ends
Mid Sept. 7 p.m. – Community Fund Dinner at The Cincinnati Woman’s Club (513) 751-4355
Late Sept. Mid-Point Music Festival
Sat. Sept. 23, 5 – 8 p.m. New School Montessori Harvest Moon Festival
Early Oct. Immanuel Presbyterian Church Apple Festival
Mon. Oct. 3, 7 p.m. CTM board meeting, second floor of CRC
Early Oct. CliftonFest begins
Wed. Oct. 12, nightfall, Yom Kippur ends.
Tues. Oct. 24. Deadline for winter *Chronicle*
Wed. Oct. 31, 6-8 p.m. Halloween
Early Nov. 6-9 p.m. Lantern Walk
Mon. Nov. 5, 7 p.m. CTM board meeting, Clifton Rec Center.
Tues. Nov. 6, Election Day

Volunteers are always needed and greatly appreciated by CTM. Upcoming opportunities include the May 13 CTM House Tour and May 28 Memorial Day Parade and Cookout. Visit the CTM website for more opportunities and to sign up. www.cliftoncommunity.org

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MAY FESTIVAL

SURROUND YOURSELF IN SONG

Cincinnati May Festival Re-releases Christmas with the May Festival Chorus

Recording features traditional holiday favorites performed under direction of Robert Porco

The Cincinnati May Festival Chorus announces the re-release of its popular holiday recording, Christmas with the Cincinnati May Festival Chorus. This album, recorded and produced under the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra’s Fanfare Cincinnati label, is a full repertoire of a capella pieces that bring forth the true spirit of the holidays.



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Hide Your Stuff

In an effort to reduce thefts from cars, the Cincinnati Police Department is asking that you remove all valuables from your vehicle or secure them out of sight in the glove compartment, console or trunk and lock the car.

Nextdoor Clifton

<http://www.clifton.nextdoor.com>

Nextdoor Clifton is a private website created by you and your neighbors, and supported by our company, Nextdoor, Inc. Nextdoor is a private social network for your neighborhood. It's the easiest way for you and your neighbors—and only you and your neighbors—to talk online.



MoBo Bicycle Cooperative

Mission of MoBo:

The MoBo Bicycle Cooperative is a non-profit volunteer-run cooperative dedicated to making cycling accessible and practical to everyone in the greater Cincinnati area. We build community by providing a welcoming and communal workspace, knowledgeable staff, and the tools and parts for cyclists of all ages and skill levels to repair, maintain and acquire bicycles.

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Youth Crisis Center

An emergency shelter and hotline service that provides crisis intervention and a haven for young people when their living situation is disrupted or endangered, the Lighthouse Youth Crisis Center is the only facility in the Cincinnati area where unaccompanied boys and girls ages 10-17 and homeless 18-year-olds who are full-time students can seek shelter and safety. The Youth Crisis Center is a 20-bed emergency facility open 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. The Youth Crisis Center also operates a 24-hour youth crisis line at

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Food Pantry Pushing into High Gear

Call Janet at 751-8771 or email her at stgeorgepantry@zoomtown.com.

CTM Golf Outing

Saturday, August 25, 2018

event details to be announced. Email CTMGolfOuting@cliftoncommunity.org for more information or participation in this event.

CliftonFest 2018

Early October

Clifton Area Neighborhood School (CANS) is a new neighborhood school in the Cincinnati Public School System that will unite families in the Clifton, CUF and Spring Grove Village. Classes begin with PreKindergarten and Kindergarten students in August 2017, hosted at the Rising Stars Academy on Vine Street while the permanent location is being prepared at the former Clifton School on Clifton Avenue. To contact the CANS Advisory Group: CANSAdvisory@gmail.com



The Uptown Consortium is a nonprofit organization made up of Uptown's five largest employers: Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center, Cincinnati Zoo & Botanical Garden, the Health Alliance of Greater Cincinnati, TriHealth Inc. and the University of Cincinnati. Uptown generally includes the neighborhoods of Avondale, Clifton, Clifton Heights, Coryville, Fairview, Mt. Auburn and University Heights. Together, the center city and Uptown compose the core of the region.

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Recreation Center

Located next to the Cultural Arts Center. All City membership cards are honored at any CRC center: Junior/Teen \$10, Adult \$25, Senior \$10.

<http://www.cincinnati-oh.gov>
Phone: (513) 961-5681
320 McAlpin Ave., 45220



Clifton Town Meeting Web Site
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Contact them at: contactctm@cliftoncommunity.org

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Call (513) 591-6000 for answers to all your City of Cincinnati questions.

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The CBPA meets the 3rd Monday at 3 p.m. (U.S. Bank downstairs)
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Child Study Group

Moms' group since 1938

Clifton Child Study Group has been bringing Clifton-area mothers together to socialize and discuss ideas since the 1930s.

Meetings are at 7 p.m. the second Tuesday of the month, September-May. New members always welcome! Contact Mindi Rich at cliftonmom@gmail.com

Shop Ludlow web site:

<http://www.shoponludlow.com/>

Community Fund

This endowed fund is managed by the Greater Cincinnati Foundation.

The yearly profit from the fund is available for the beautification, preservation, and cultural enhancement of the Clifton community.

We urge all lovers of Clifton to contribute to this endowment so it can become even more effective. Every penny counts, so write your check today payable to the Greater Cincinnati Foundation/ Clifton Fund and send to:
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Cincinnati 45202-2602
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