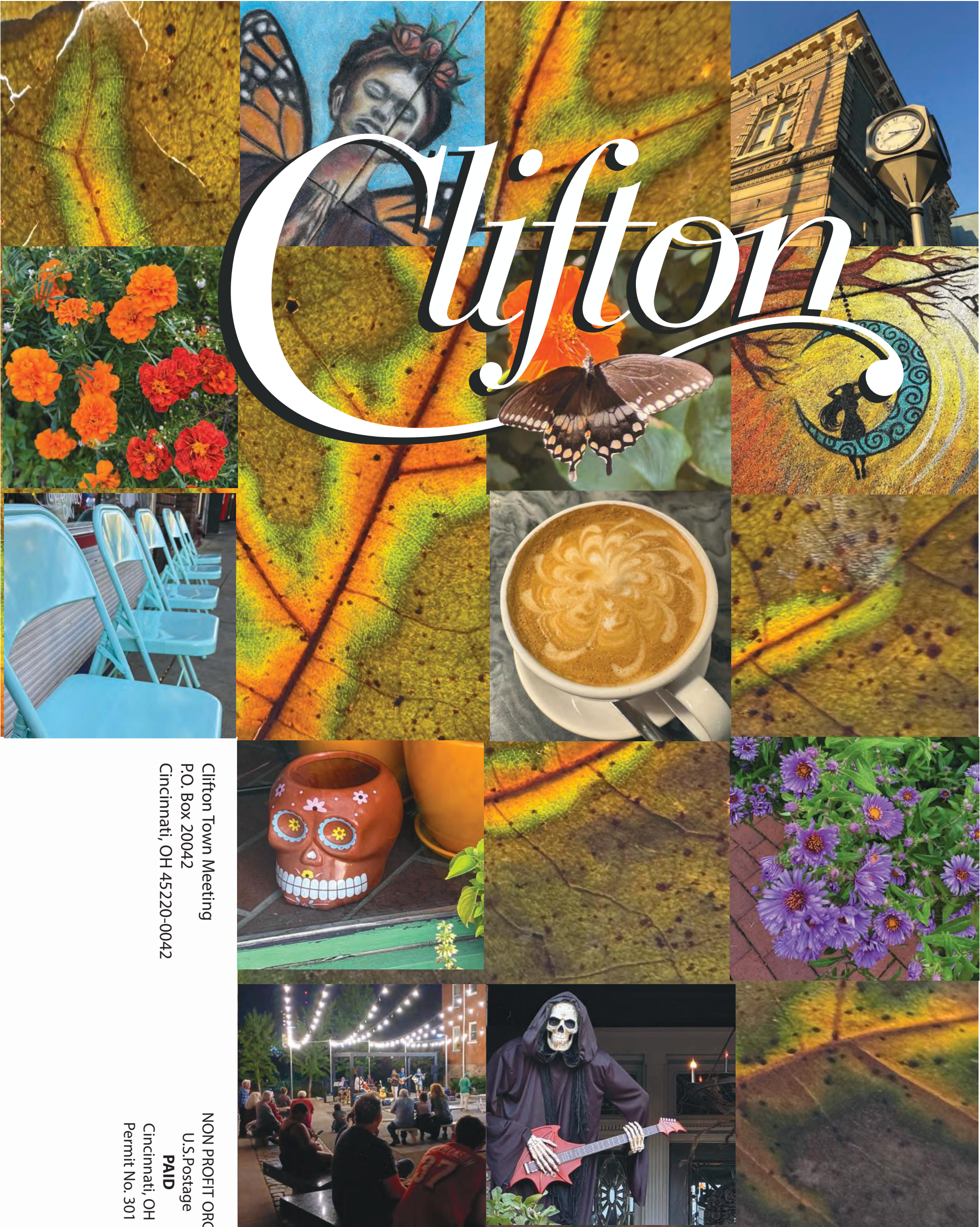




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Representing and Advocating for Clifton — by Ben Pantoja, CTM President

Does the Clifton Town Meeting (CTM) — our community council — truly represent and advocate for our neighborhood? Last December, a viral blog post criticized Cincinnati's community councils, pointing out something that is true in many cases: only a fraction of residents become members and qualify to vote on issues, and even so, not all members attend meetings to cast ballots. Community councils face steep challenges in engaging everyone. For instance, while two-thirds of Clifton residents are renters and one-third are homeowners, it is predominantly homeowners who become CTM members, serve on the board or committees, attend meetings, and opt in to our mailing list.

The same blogger critic suggested that the City should pivot its focus to Community Development Corporations (CDCs). But residents don't vote for CDC leadership. Community councils remain the democratically elected local bodies for representation. Despite possibilities for weak management or insularity, it is equally possible that a board sincerely strives to serve every corner of the community,

including people who aren't actively participating. Through CTM's dedicated volunteers and strong partnerships with City government, the Clifton Business Association (CBA), the Clifton Cultural Arts Center (CCAC), and other local leaders, we drive real change. Together, we have addressed public safety, advocating for removal of the Bohemian Hookah Café when its customers triggered disruptive weekend street takeovers. We've improved traffic safety, requesting that the City install stop signs, lower speed limits, and add safer crosswalks. We foster a strong community by maintaining annual traditions such as the Clifton Golf Outing fundraiser and the Memorial Day Parade and Picnic. We partnered with the CBA to build, light, and maintain the Clifton Plaza, an important gathering space. We are nearing the completion of the Clifton Neighborhood Plan, co-created with the Cincinnati Planning Department and shaped by substantial community input, a blueprint of our collective voice to be expressed in City Hall. At a recent CTM meeting, Vice Mayor Jan-Michele Lemon Kearney assured us that the City references neighborhood plans before making decisions that affect us, helping each neighborhood to achieve its vision.

People sometimes ask: why serve on our community council, especially when discussions get heated or controversies arise? I'm glad to navigate these challenges because I know this work makes Clifton a better place to live. If you want to ensure that your voice is heard, please join us. Attend our meetings on the first Monday of every month at 7 p.m. at the Clifton Recreation Center. Reach us at contactctm@cliftoncommunity.org and we will respond with opportunities: join our email mailing list, have the Clifton Chronicle delivered to your home, become a member of CTM, join a committee, or even run to be a 2027 Board Trustee in our November election.



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Established in 1961 and officially recognized by the City of Cincinnati, our objective is to preserve and develop the community, recognizing that Clifton is one of the city's first suburbs and possesses a traditional charm and unique creative character.

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pop up puppy party

at Burnet Woods Dog Park

THIRD MONDAY OF THE MONTH

6-8 PM

July 20
August 17 *
September 21
October 19 (Halloween PUPP)

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When you have contacted our law enforcement officers to report something, **Clifton Town Meeting would like to know about it, too.** You can share dates, times and the subjects of your calls with CTM's Neighborhood Safety Committee members by an email to contactctm@cliftoncommunity.org

Thanks for helping to keep our neighborhood safe!

LUDLOWEEN

TRICK - or - TREAT on LUDLOW

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31, 5-7 PM

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6 - 9 PM ON CLIFTON PLAZA

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- SANTA, PETTING ZOO, & NEIGHBORHOOD CHEER!

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Clifton Town Meeting (CTM) is your community council, advocating on behalf of the Clifton community. We sponsor many activities and festivals throughout the year, but to continue this important community work, we need YOUR INPUT. Membership is open to all neighborhood residents aged 18 or older, property and business owners. **Membership dues cover 12 months, are our second largest means of support, and are tax deductible.** CTM also accepts donations.

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Still a CTM Member? Check your status by scanning the QR Code and join us again as we work to support our community, advocating on your behalf!

Fall Fest in Burnet Woods

— by Lisa Haglund



On Saturday, October 17, from 12:00 noon to 4 p.m., please join us for Fall Fest in front of the Trailside Nature Center, 3251 Brookline Avenue near the lake. The Burnet Woods Park Advisory Council is pleased to invite everyone to enjoy a free pumpkin carving and decorating party for kids, with music, entertainment, educational exhibits, and a food truck. The Trailside Nature Center will be open, thanks to Nature Education of Cincinnati Parks. BPAC also acknowledges the Cincinnati Parks Foundation, who gave us a generous grant to support this event.



World Peace Yoga

Community Yoga in Clifton

World Peace Yoga has three different options for class participation: in the studio, online live stream, or at Trailside Nature Center in Burnet Woods. For those new to World Peace Yoga, your first month of unlimited classes (both in the studio or online) is FREE! Go to their “reserve your class” page at www.worldpeaceyoga.com for the details.

You might also like to check out the FREE community classes offered at Burnet Woods thanks to Cincinnati Parks Foundation’s Stewards of Burnet Woods at Trailside Nature Center on Saturdays, 11:00-11:45 a.m. (low intensity, all levels).

Rooftop Sunset Yoga at CCAC September 14-October 5, Mondays, 7:30-8:30 p.m.
More info: www.cliftonculturalarts.jumbula.com/2026/RooftopSunsetYoga

Yoga for the Common Good with Peter Block and Anna Ferguson
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The 2026 Cincy VegFest

took place on Saturday, June 13, at the Burnet Woods bandstand, a day of peace, plants and purpose. In its eighth year, the event featured vegan food vendors, live music, yoga sessions, interactive chef-led culinary demonstrations, guided wild edible plant walks, and a popular Vegan Chili Cook-Off benefitting Chilis on Wheels.



A Clifton Tradition Unlike Any Other

Please join us for Clifton Golf Outing’s 13th annual event on Saturday, August 29. This year’s Golf Outing proceeds will go to support the new golf team at DePaul Cristo Rey High School. In addition, the first 90 golfers to register (see instructions below) will receive an all-white Cincy hat with green trim. Hat proceeds will support Cincinnati Bengal Ted Karras’ “Adults with Disabilities” charity.

Registration will be at 1 p.m. with shotgun start at 2 p.m. Post-golf refreshments, dinner on the deck, awards and raffle will begin at 6 p.m. Nongolfers are welcome to join for dinner (\$10 per person, kids 12 and under eat for free).

This year’s Duke Energy Friend of Clifton Award will be presented to Josh Lea. As a volunteer, Josh has led Clifton SAY Soccer for many years, providing enjoyment to thousands of Clifton children. In addition, Josh initiated and led a very successful tennis program at Clifton Meadows, allowing hundreds of kids and adults to enjoy time on the hardcourt.

Clifton Golf Outing has raised over \$175,000 for local charities and is a CTM event. We hope to reach the \$200,000 milestone this year!

Register and pay for up to four players using this QR code:



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August 29

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Artist talk Sunday 09/6

Closing Wednesday 10/14

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Opening Friday 10/30

Artist talk Sunday 11/8

Closing Wednesday 11/18

A New/Old Bookstore Comes to the Gaslight!

— by Larry Holt



You may have heard that a new bookstore will be opening on Ludlow in the former location of the Proud Rooster! While owner Brandon DeSabatino may not be serving goetta and eggs, he *will* be offering a wide array of pre-owned and hard-to-find books.

Brandon is not new to the Cincinnati area or to selling books. He's been operating out of his current Conveyor Belt Books shop in Covington for over four years. Before that he was one of New York City's legendary street book vendors. Books have been written about these NYC booksellers. In other words, Brandon knows books!

Before his New York book vending career, Brandon actually began life in central Ohio. The pandemic (and lower costs) brought him back again, just a river away from his home state. So why move now? The new bridge being constructed across the Ohio River is certain to, shall we say, seriously hamper traffic during its long construction. So, it seemed like a good time to relocate to a neighborhood that's been craving a bookstore for decades. Plus, Brandon and Conveyor Belt Books have already been sponsoring once-a-month screenings of films at the Esquire.

When he's not selling books or screening films, Brandon is also a produced playwright. His most recent play was shown at the 2025 Court Street Fringe Festival.

The target date for the grand opening of Conveyor Belt Books in Clifton is in October. Needless to say, there are many design, construction and updating challenges to be conquered between now and then...not to mention the moving of all those books! Own a van or station wagon? Maybe you can help transport some of those books to the new shop in October!

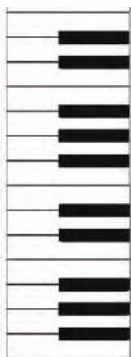


Clifton Plaza Music Series

On May 12, CowBot – Clifton resident Matt Weirauch and music partner Dylan Ward – played the first of the summer concert series, performing on a multitude of instruments and vocals. Straddling the worlds of music and academia, Matt is a professor at Cincinnati Children's Hospital and part of the University of Cincinnati medical school, studying human disease genetics and bioinformatics. Dylan teaches at UC's Geology department.



CLIFTON PLAZA FRIDAY MUSIC SERIES



AUGUST 7 WILD CARROT
AUGUST 14 THE TURKEYS
AUGUST 21 RICKY NYE
AUGUST 28 MARIA, ETC.
SEPTEMBER 4 PHIL DEGREG AND BRASILIA
SEPTEMBER 11 JESS LAMB
SEPTEMBER 18 JENNA REEL TRIO
SEPTEMBER 25 TRACY WALKER
OCTOBER 2 ¡ZUMBA! LATIN BAND

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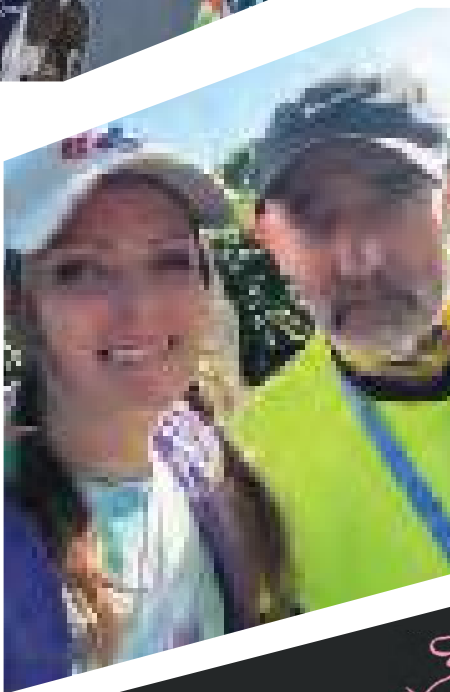
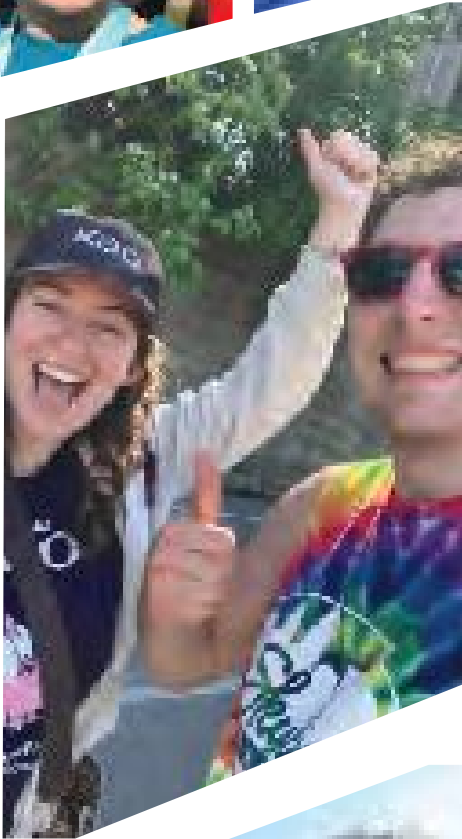
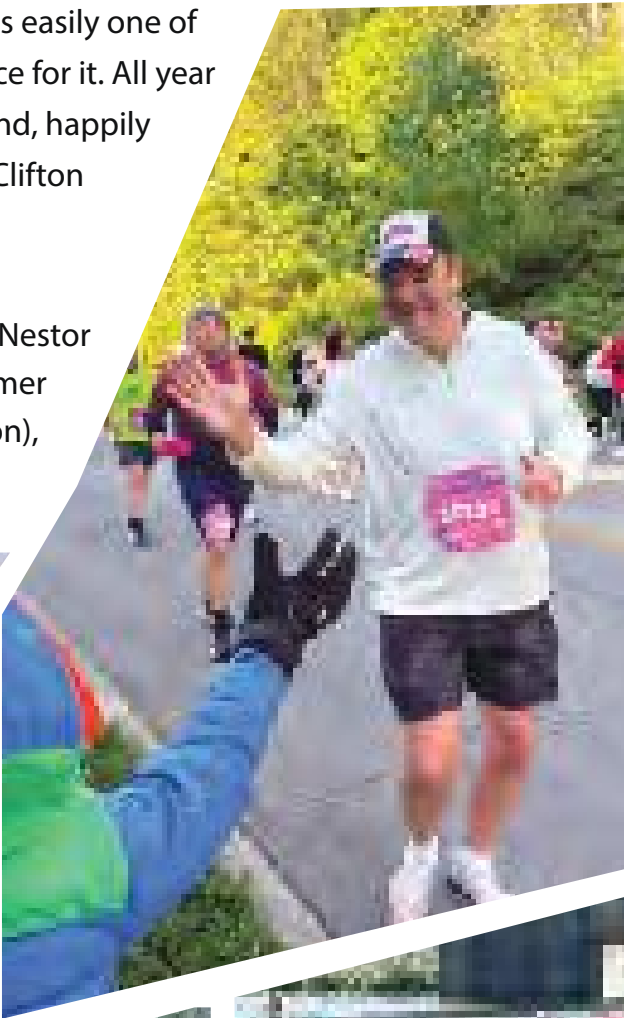
Presented by Clifton Business Association

Clifton goes to the Pig!

With 45,000 participants, 8,000 volunteers, and 100,000 cheering spectators, Flying Pig weekend is easily one of the city's biggest and most delightful events. And when it comes to training, Clifton is just the place for it. All year long, our streets play host to a cheerful parade of walkers and runners of every age and background, happily piling up the miles as Pig weekend trots closer. So no wonder that during the races, it feels like a Clifton parade with so many of your neighbors participating.

Cliftonites at the Pig, from left to right, top to bottom:

Schwetschenau-McCarren Family (5K), John Juech (Half Marathon), Alison Yeggy (Half Marathon), Nestor Melnyk (Marathon), Bridget Waller-Kent (1M, 10K), Owen Waller (1M, 10K, 5K, Marathon), Alice Palmer (Half Marathon), Shaun McCance (1M, Half Marathon), Tom Lienhart (10K), Mark Mitalski (Marathon), Amanda Checco (5K), Gerald Checco (1M, 10K, 5K, Half Marathon), and Stuart (Flying Fur).



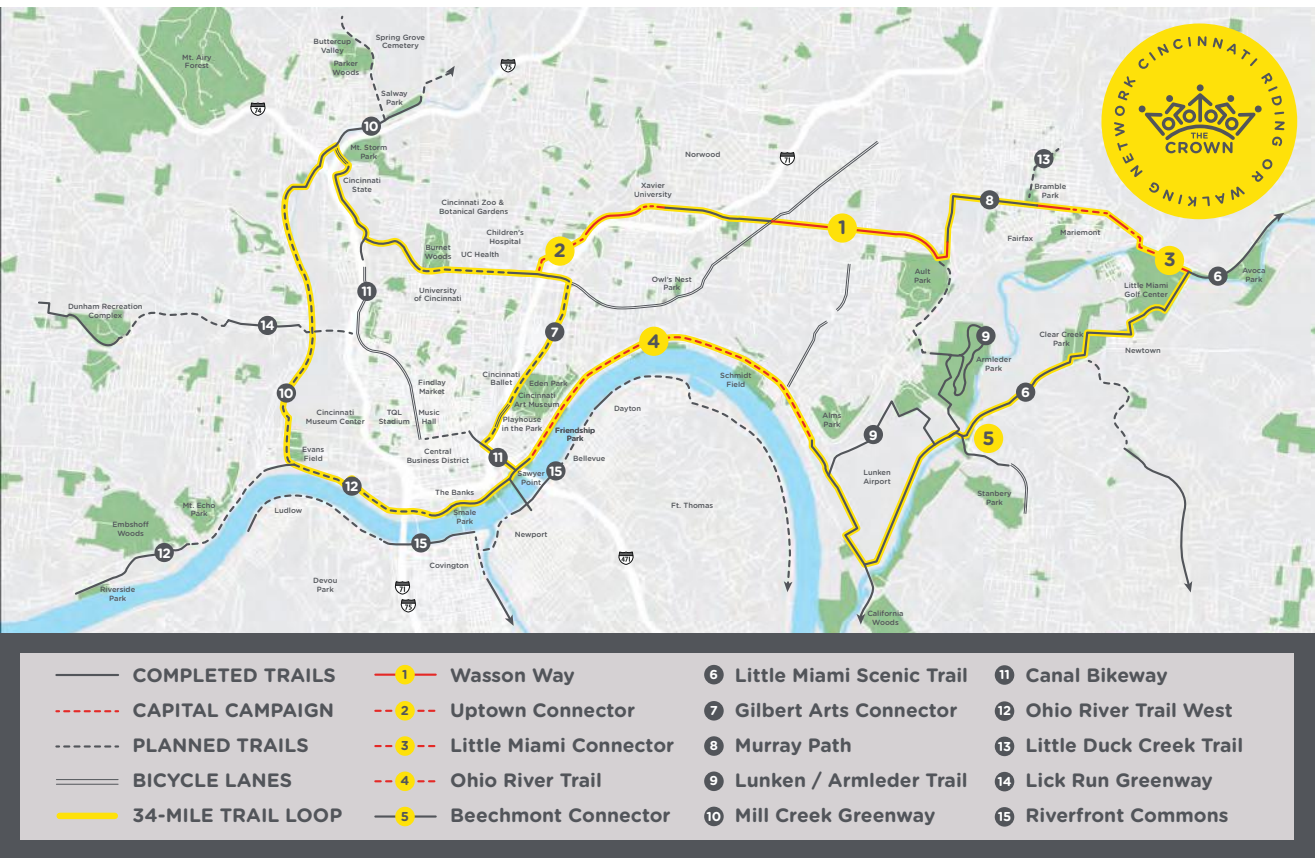
Connecting Clifton to Trails

— by City Councilman Mark Jeffreys

Trails such as the Wasson Way and the proposed 34-mile CROWN trail are not just cool amenities on which people can walk, run or bike. They connect residents to neighbors and neighborhoods, connect residents to nature, and connect residents to history and a sense of place. That connection is needed now more than ever as technology has isolated so many people. That sense of connection is also one of the reasons why people love living in Clifton where we have vibrant business districts, walkable neighborhoods and beautiful greenspaces.

Plans are being put in place to increase those connection points with an expansion of the CROWN and other trails in the next few years. Here are some of the ones that will bring trails closer to Clifton:

- Wasson Way Phase 7b: In 2027, the Wasson Way will be extended from the campus of Xavier University to Blair Court in Avondale, and then from Blair Court to Reading Road. That would mean a direct connection from Reading Road to the entire Wasson Way and Little Miami Trail.



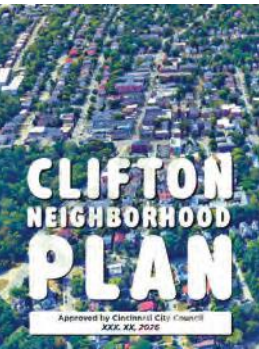
- Mill Creek Trail: Just over the Ludlow Viaduct in Northside there is work to connect the existing Mill Creek Trail (by Salway Park) to the Yellow Bridge and a new Mill Creek Trail that would run along the Mill Creek south toward the river. This all-nature trail will be a beautiful addition.
- Northside-College Hill Connector: Perpendicular to Old Timber Hill by Spring Grove and the Mill Creek Trail, we are doing a design study to install a 3.5-mile trail through woods up to Groesbeck Road in College Hill.

These are all pieces of a jigsaw puzzle that will put trails within a mile of most of Clifton. As a Clifton resident, I'm excited for what this will mean for the quality of life in Clifton and the stronger sense of community this will build throughout Cincinnati.

As always, please reach out to me at Mark.Jeffreys@cincinnati-oh.gov if you have questions or comments. I appreciate the opportunity to hear from residents and to serve the people of Cincinnati.

Clifton Plan Update

— by Kyle Gibbs, City Planner and
Gérald Checco, Plan Chair



The Clifton Neighborhood Plan has now entered the Approval Phase of the planning process. After a pause during the COVID-19 pandemic, work on the plan resumed in January 2025 and has continued with strong community participation. Since then, the plan has been shaped through more than

30 public meetings and engagement efforts involving over 600 Clifton residents.

The next step is formal review and approval. To be approved, the plan must receive support from Clifton Town Meeting, City Planning Commission, and City Council. Residents are encouraged to stay involved by sharing comments throughout the Approval Phase, and all comments will be considered by the reviewing bodies. Comments may be submitted to Kyle Gibbs with the Department of City Planning and Engagement at kyle.gibbs@cincinnati-oh.gov.

Residents can review the draft plan and find additional information on the City's website: <https://www.cincinnati-oh.gov/planning/plans/ongoing/clifton/>.



A Clifton Historic District?

Join us for a community conversation about the future of Clifton's historic character.

Date: Monday, October 12, 2026

Time: 7:00 p.m.- 8:30 p.m.

Location: Clifton Recreation Center, 320 McAlpin Ave, Cincinnati, OH 45220

In November 2025, Clifton Town Meeting voted to study the creation of local historic districts within the Clifton neighborhood, intended to align with preferences expressed in the Clifton Plan.

This conversation will cover:

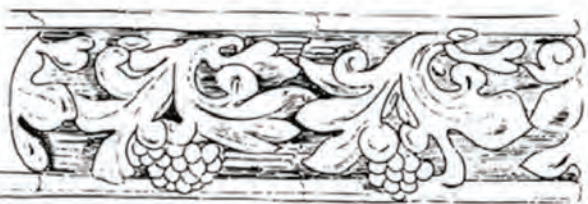
- What is a local historic district — and what it is not
- How local historic district designation could affect individual property owners
- What a historic district might look like in Clifton
- Opportunities for community questions and feedback

Your input will help guide next steps as we consider together whether and how a local historic district might move forward.

All Clifton residents, property owners, and stakeholders are encouraged to attend.

For more information, please contact Cincinnati Preservation.

Info@cincinnati-preservation.org 513.721.4506



A Greenspace Worth Preserving

A Once-in-a-Century Opportunity
— by Gérald Checco

In cities developed largely in the 19th and 20th centuries, opportunities to preserve large undeveloped tracts are rare. Clifton has one now. The Mount Storm Greenspace, a 27-acre parcel next to Mt. Storm Park, has returned to the market. The neighborhood attempted to purchase it several years ago without success. This time, the community is partnering with the Cincinnati Park Board and Hillside Trust to seek a Clean Ohio Fund grant that could cover up to 75% of the purchase price. Acquiring this land would expand Mount Storm by 50%, to 81 acres. When added to other nearby Parks-owned properties – Edgewood Grove, Rawson Bird Preserve, and Sacred Heart – the protected area would add up to 127 acres, or roughly 10% of our neighborhood.

A citywide heat map shows why this land matters: Clifton is the only neighborhood along the I-75

corridor that is not heavily affected by heat generated by the highway’s 150,000 daily vehicles. The wooded hillside along I-75 from Mt. Storm to Vine Street Hill Cemetery (which includes the Mount Storm Greenspace) helps to buffer negative environmental effects. Preservation of greenspace is now urgent since progress in the reduction of pollution and greenhouse gas emissions remains painfully slow.

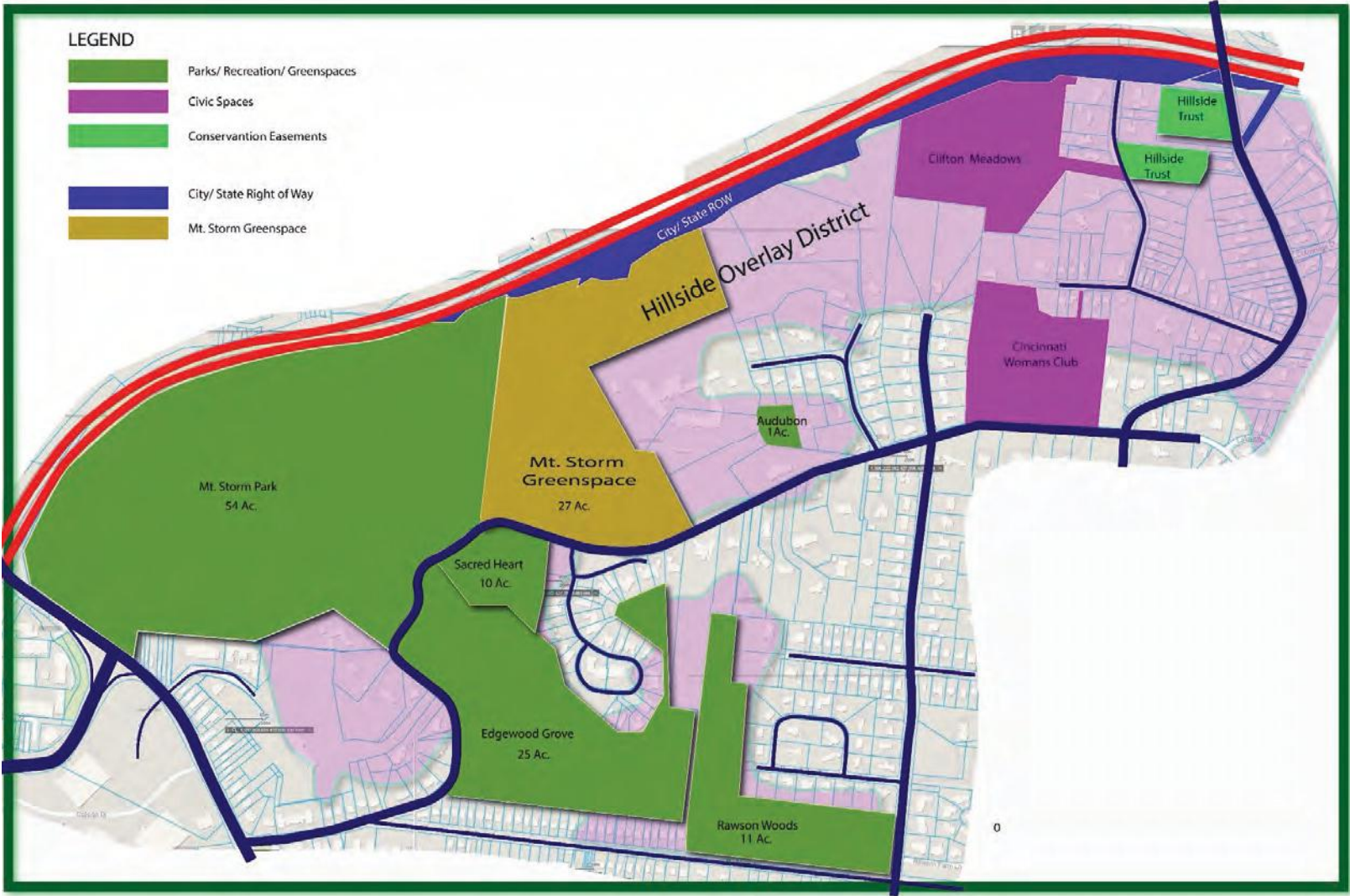
The Mount Storm Greenspace contains a diverse canopy of mature trees that cool the area, improve air quality, and protect the neighborhood’s verdant character. An important wildlife corridor, it provides connected habitat and safe passage for birds and other animals. It also offers potential for a bike and hike trail that could eventually safely connect Mt. Storm with Clifton Meadows swim and tennis club.

The Hillside Overlay District protects this land as environmentally and geotechnically sensitive. Lessons were learned after the development of housing at Central Parkway and Marshall Avenue created problems uphill within just months of completion. For the record, in 2025 CTM voted against development of the Mount Storm Greenspace area, and the new Clifton Plan supports preserving this land as permanent greenspace.

About the price of acquisition: In response to official appraisal, the Park Board has offered \$1.2 million for the property and anticipates receipt of a \$900,000 grant from the State of Ohio. The community must raise the remaining \$300,000, plus cover any fundraising costs by September 1, 2026. Every dollar raised turns into four dollars in value with addition of the state’s grant match. That works out to less than \$40 per Clifton resident for an investment that will benefit us all for generations.

But time is short. Within a month of starting the fundraising campaign, we have raised over 50% of our goal. Please help us to protect this irreplaceable greenspace from development – forever.

To make your tax-deductible donation towards the purchase, scan the QR code:



Cars in the Park

On Father’s Day afternoon, June 21, Clifton Community Fund held its fourth annual celebration of 36 vintage and notable vehicles in Mount Storm Park, with free admission for people and four-wheeled curiosities. Perfect weather, free water and popcorn were enjoyed by all. CCF is a Clifton organization that supports art installations, business district improvements, and events that bring the community together. Find out more here www.cliftoncommunityfund.org



The Clifton Home and Garden Show

This year's show, on Mother's Day, featured eight beautiful properties including two cultural centers and six residences. Visited by 600 guests and produced by the Clifton Cultural Arts Center, this walkable event celebrated the architectural variety and charm of our timeless neighborhood.



The Clifton Memorial Day Parade and Picnic

Held in our traditional fashion, the May event included several hundred neighbors riding/walking/skating/scooting from McAlpin to Mount Storm Park along with our local fire engine and Grand Marshals Amira Beer and Mark McKillip. At the park everyone enjoyed socializing, live music by VOL, and a holiday cookout hosted by Clifton Town Meeting, all prepared by loyal volunteers.



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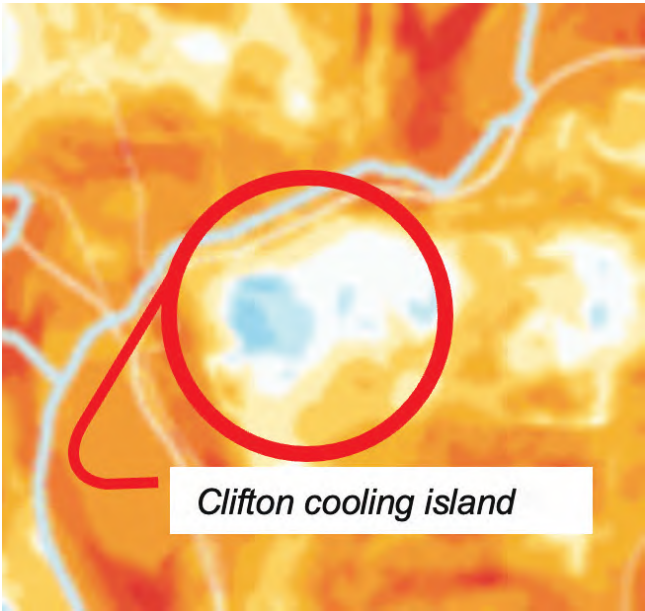
The Cooling Effect of Clifton’s Tree Canopy – by Gérald Checco

Clifton residents enjoy a unique blend of historic homes, lively streets, and green spaces, but one of our community’s most undervalued assets is hiding in plain sight: our neighborhood trees. As summer temperatures climb and heat waves become more frequent, the leafy canopy covering Clifton does more than just beautify our streets; it plays a vital role in cooling our homes, sidewalks, and gathering places.

One of the greatest benefits of trees – often overlooked or misunderstood – is their remarkable ability to lower temperatures right where we live. A heat island map of Cincinnati clearly demonstrates the correlation between a dense tree canopy and a cooler local environment. A more appropriate title for this map would be “Cooling Islands” as it demonstrates that most areas of the city are affected by extreme heat, and only a limited number of places such as Clifton offer relief from high temperatures. Neighborhoods with mature, well-maintained trees consistently record lower surface and air temperatures compared to areas with fewer trees.

Now for a little bit of science: Trees cool the air primarily through **evapotranspiration** and **shading**, acting as natural air conditioners that can significantly lower local temperatures. They release water vapor through their leaves (transpiration), absorbing heat from the air to evaporate, and blocking solar radiation with their canopies, keeping surfaces cooler. Remarkably, a single large tree can release up to 100 gallons of water per day, providing a cooling

effect comparable to multiple air conditioners. (A subsequent article will address the origin of this water.) Shaded surfaces can be 20-45°F cooler than those exposed to direct sunlight. Additionally, unlike concrete and asphalt that absorb and radiate heat, trees and other vegetation store much less **heat energy**, effectively helping to mitigate the urban heat island effect.



In contrast, because most of our tree canopy consists of deciduous trees, their leafless state in winter permits sunlight to reach surfaces that are shaded during the summer months. This results in

a beneficial effect by generating radiant heat during the colder season. We can all definitely experience this phenomenon by driving on Interstate 75 or using Central Parkway in the middle of the day in summer. The tree-shaded Central Parkway route is clearly cooler.



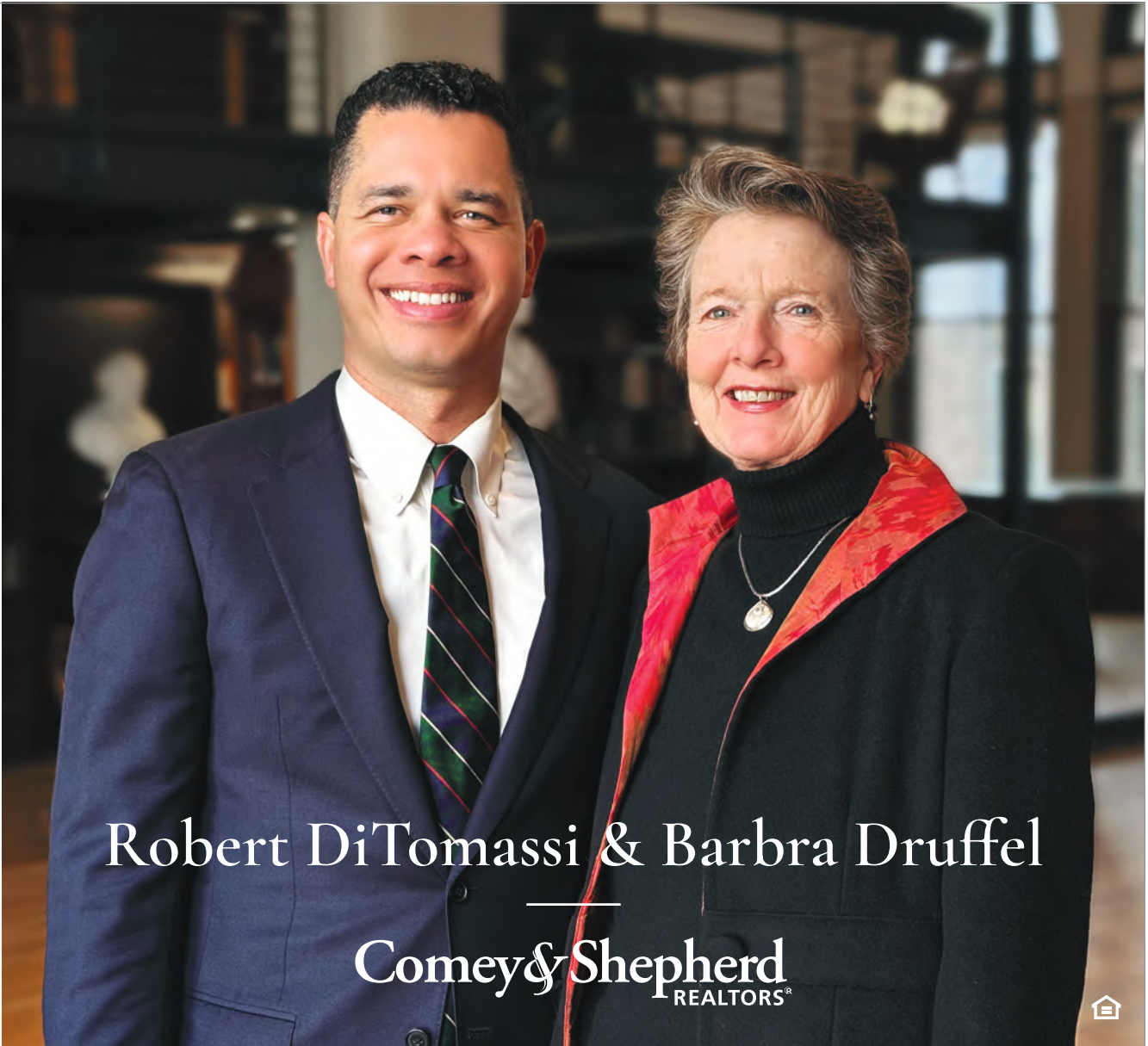
Clifton’s dense tree canopy makes our neighborhood 3.0°F to 8.0°F cooler than nearby developed areas without greenery. By strategically planting trees around homes, especially on the west facing side, residents can reduce air conditioning costs by 25% or more, offering significant savings for both households and the environment. Maintaining and growing our urban tree canopy goes beyond simply making the area look attractive. It benefits the community by improving comfort, resilience, and long-term sustainability. Whenever you stroll our leafy streets or relax in a shaded backyard, keep in mind that by safeguarding existing trees and planting new ones, we help ensure that Clifton stays cool and green. This conservation is increasingly important as many trees near the end of their natural lifespan and climate change challenges their ability to survive in shifting climate zones.

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– Charlene Ventura



Two Cliftonites at two-seven-two, enjoying pastries and the Chronicle’s Spring crossword puzzle. Guess which one was a classmate of Sarah Jessica Parker at SCPA.



There are many beautiful flowers in and around Clifton. Long time residents Joe Penne and Sarah Dumplings have begun to document them using a homemade flower press constructed from plywood and ratchet straps.



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An Education on Immigration (from Someone Who Knows)

— by Barb Wriston-Ruddy

At a time when many of us feel helpless about our country’s treatment of immigrants and refugees, my husband Rich and I felt the need to get educated. A few months ago, we attended a talk on immigration by the executive director of our local Immigration and Refugee Law Center (IRLC) and learned much about the important work they do to protect the rights of immigrants and refugee families in our community.

We remembered the saying, “If everyone does one small thing, together we could make a big difference.” Our small thing would be to give others the opportunity to learn what we did about immigration by opening our home to Mayra Jackson, Executive Director of the Immigration and Refugee Law Center (IRLC), asking her to share an up-close and personal evening about the status of immigration in our community, state and nation. Neighbors and friends attended this 90-minute information session on May 19, a full house of 31 attending.

Mayra is an engaging, friendly woman who, despite the hard subject matter, presents a hopeful outlook. She has navigated immigration herself, coming to the U.S. from Peru. She spoke English well enough then, but it was still not easy working through the system. Mayra has been in Cincinnati for over 20 years, working as an immigrant liaison prior to her role as Executive Director of IRLC.

She explained the difference between being an immigrant and a refugee, and reviewed permanent residency and the various visa categories, which can get quite complicated. Emphasizing the many ways that immigrants benefit our country – by being taxpayers, creating businesses and purchasing homes – she underscored America’s many financial benefits due to the important roles immigrants play in our hospitality, agricultural and building/construction sectors.

At present, people who were in the process of becoming American citizens have been delayed indefinitely. Due to these delays, restrictions and ICE threats, the work of the IRLC is more critical than ever in assisting the immigrants in our community. Founded in 2018, the IRLC provides free legal assistance for low-income immigrants and refugees in Cincinnati, along with the necessary tools/documents to be prepared when encountering immigration enforcement. These include:

1. Knowing your rights: You have the right to remain silent, to not open your door and to not sign anything.
2. Developing an emergency response plan: Keep all important documents together and memorize important phone numbers.
3. Being in Immigration Detention: Know what your rights are in detention, how long a person can be detained and what happens if you are placed into deportation proceedings.

Mayra took time to answer questions, especially the reoccurring “What can we do to help?” Spreading the word about who the IRLC is and what services they offer is always helpful. Volunteer opportunities exist through IRLC and local partner organizations. Mayra believes that once people begin to understand the pain immigrants feel from leaving their homes behind to find safety and a better life, empathy will follow. When people care, they will stand up for the cause.

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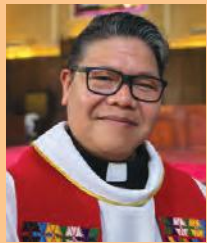
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Notable Living Clifton Residents

Dr. Thurman Henderson

— by Geoff Gelke, Director/Clifton Historical Society

This story begins in 2022 when I discovered the missing millstones from Israel Ludlow's 1790 grist mill. They were on Dr. Thurman Henderson's Clifton Avenue estate, just up the hill from the Mill Creek site. The real find, however, was meeting and befriending Thurman. I learned that he was an extraordinarily accomplished engineer, scientist and professor. In addition, he has the demeanor of a Southern gentleman with the looks and wit of Sir David Attenborough. Fortunately for Clifton, the six millstones he donated are now on display on Clifton Plaza. (Clifton Chronicle, Summer 2022)

Before the Revolutionary War, Thurman's ancestor Richard Henderson purchased about half of what is now Kentucky. When the Continental Congress reclaimed most of it, the family stayed and Richard hired Daniel Boone to cut a trail, now known as the Wilderness Trail. Richard's younger brother went to Tennessee, establishing a community which eventually became Nashville. In 1932, Thurman was born in Berea where he attended the one-room schoolhouse. His family sold their farm and moved to Hamilton, Ohio, as did many Kentuckians (eventually giving the town its "Hamiltucky" nickname).

After high school, Thurman served in the U.S. Army. Following his service, he received a fellowship to continue his electrical engineering studies. At 21, he married his 19-year-old sweetheart Betty, and continued his education through six colleges, including SMU, Harvard and MIT, and was awarded a National Science Foundation Faculty Fellowship. In Texas, he worked for LTV Aerospace and was a junior engineer on the US Air Force's Project Dina-Soar (Dynamic Soarer, X-20), a direct conceptual ancestor of the Space Shuttle.

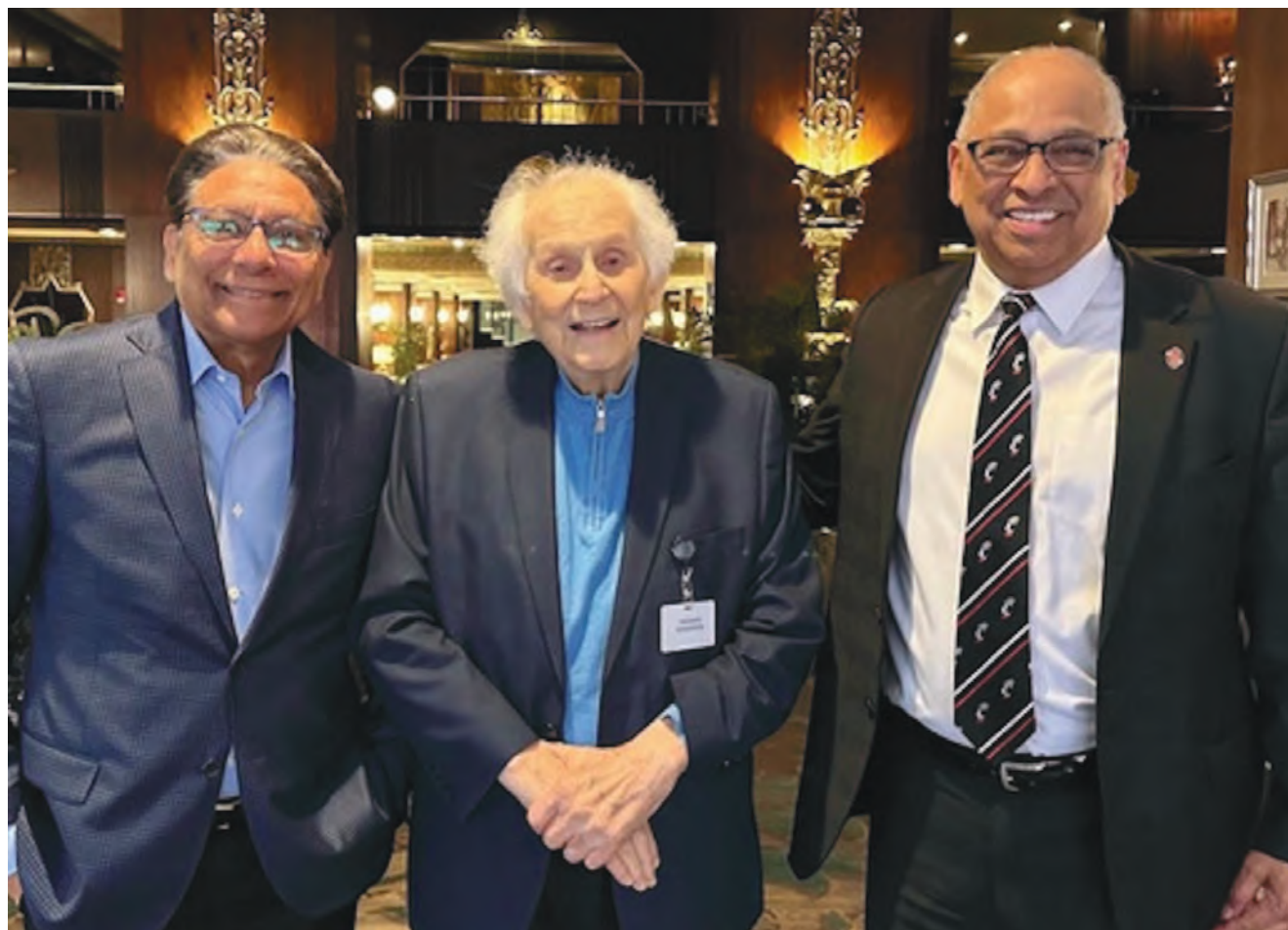


Line Art by Lisa Govan

His teaching career began at the University of Texas at Arlington with the equivalent of two doctorates and six STEM degrees. In 1968, he came to the University of Cincinnati engineering college and helped establish UC's first co-op program. He brought the first research grant to UC's electrical engineering department and designed the "clean room" concept for building microchips. His efforts were

largely responsible for UC's standing as one of the world's top microchip development programs, along with Stanford and UC Berkeley.

Science News praised Thurman's essential role in developing the microchip as one of the most significant contributions in the field. Vinod Dham, considered the "Father of the Pentium," has praised the professor's lectures and guidance for giving him the knowledge to excel in the industry. Other former students played vital roles in Taiwan's development as the world's microchip superpower.



At the U.C. Alumni annual celebration in April 2026, Vinod Dham was reunited with his mentor Dr. Thurman Henderson and U.C. President Neville G. Pinto.

During Nixon's cultural exchanges with China in the early 1970s, the National Science Foundation selected Thurman as one of the 6-10 participants China requested on the topic of micro-electronics. He holds multiple patents related to micro-thermal devices and electro-mechanical developments.

Thurman and Betty raised three children (none of whom, Thurman noted, became scientists or engineers). In 1985, they purchased Shady Side, an 1851 Italianate mansion in Clifton, as an investment with other partners. Betty loved the house, so they

bought out the partners and kept it as their family home.

Thurman has excelled in many roles throughout his career. He explained, "Some people have a narrow focus in their careers, but I never knew how to stay in my lane." Since his retirement, he has enjoyed a wide circle of friends, family and cohorts. He has always enjoyed interacting with imaginative, humanist people and as a member of the Clifton Historical Society, he appreciates our neighborhood's history and diversity.

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Architectural Styles of Clifton: *Part 1: Federal*

— by Geoff Gelke, Clifton Historical Society

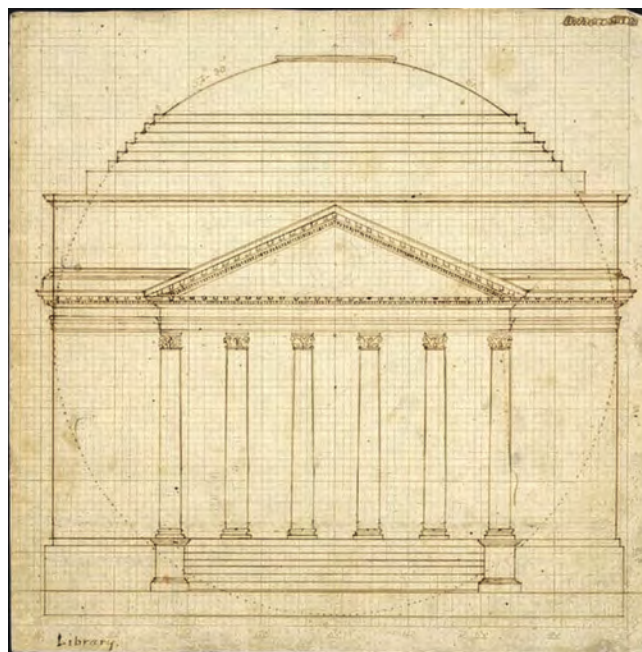
Architecture done well can be so inspiring, giving us feelings of exuberance and awe, uplifting our spirits with pride. One wonders what passions led early architects to invent seminal forms that have led to familiar contemporary design – the intrigue of architecture.

Clifton's earliest styles are called Colonial and Victorian, "catch-all" terms. "Colonial" can include many variations: CapeCod, French Colonial, Dutch Colonial, Spanish Colonial, Georgian Colonial and Federal. The term "Victorian" covers designs dated from 1837 to 1901 (Queen Victoria's reign) and includes Greek Revival, Gothic Revival, Renaissance Revival, French Second Empire, Queen Anne, Richardsonian Romanesque, Chateau, Swiss Chalet, Colonial Revival, Italianate, Italian Villa and "Folk Victorian" for more modest homes. The lengthy Victorian period saw combinations of styles, creating a visual cornucopia for the burgeoning population of buyers and, I believe, for the amusement of architects. After 1900, Clifton finds American Four Square, Beaux-Arts, Prairie, Craftsman, Bungalow, Art Deco and the Moderne styles creeping in.



Maison Carrée, Nîmes, France

Our earliest Colonial style is Federal (1815-1840), both "Vernacular Farmhouse" simple and high-style subsets such as Georgian Colonial, Jeffersonian and Palladian. The earliest and still standing example of Vernacular Federal style (440 Wood Avenue) was the home of Elijah Wood, who in 1827 purchased his homestead that stretched from Wood to Clifton Avenue. Settlers Jessie Miles, James Bryant and Aaron Ireland had similar farms, no doubt with Vernacular Federal farmhouses, typically rectangular with sidelights to the front door and perhaps fan windows above. Higher style Federal appeared in 1819 Cincinnati with the Martin Baum house – now Taft Museum on Pike Street, designed by Latrobe – and in the nation's capital at the White House and Capitol buildings by Hoban.



Thomas Jefferson's sketch of the rotunda for University of Virginia

Thomas Jefferson, while Minister to France in 1785, stood before the Maison Carrée, a perfect Roman Temple (style circa 8 AD) in Nîmes, absorbing its beauty for hours. He returned home to Virginia with a clay model for reference but couldn't find

an architect to draw up designs based on the style, intended for University of Virginia Rotunda, the new State House and his home. Being Thomas Jefferson, he designed them himself, establishing the "Jeffersonian" subset of Federal. Clifton's Annunciation Church and Probasco Auditorium reflect Roman Temple design, with freestanding columns in front only, Christianized into a cross as viewed from heaven with apses, naves and transepts. Annunciation Church makes use of a palmette at the peak of its pediment and acroteria at the lower roof edges, giving balance and "lift" to its appearance.

Palladianism, a high style subset of Federal, did not find its way into Clifton until the 20th century in the form of Federal Revival, well displayed at 1 Belsaw Place (1927 with Palladian elements), 3502 Cornell Place (1928 Georgian Colonial) and The Woman's Club on Lafayette Avenue. Venetian Renaissance architect Andrea Palladio (1508-1580) created an amalgamation of Greek and Roman styles and proportions, giving us distinctive windows, swags, portico columns and loggias. His protégé Vincenzo Scamozzi solved a pesky problem with the traditional Ionic column capital with the Scamozzi Capital, overcoming the "corner limitation," making all four scrolled faces identical. It's found throughout Clifton.

For more, read *What Style Is It?* by the National Trust for Historic Preservation.



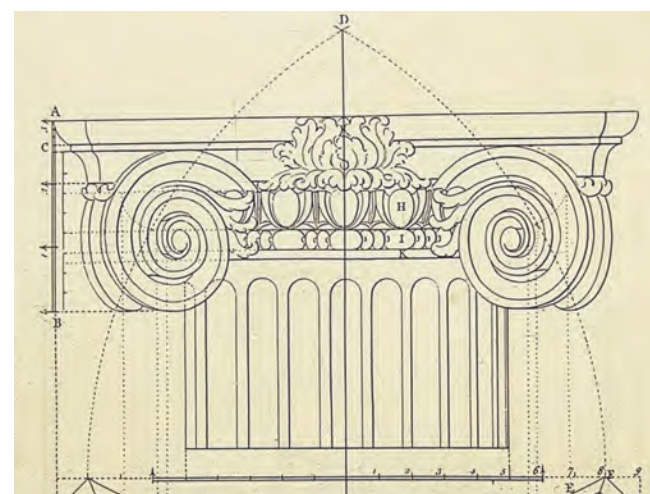
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The Scamozzi Capital

History of a Place: The Church of the Annunciation

— by Margie Matthews, *Part One of Two Chapters*

Many Clifton residents walk and jog, and if you do, odds are that you have passed the corner of Resor and Clifton Avenues, maybe shortcutting under the canopy of trees that surround the Church of the Annunciation. In summer the shade is cool and in the fall acorns crunch underfoot like cobblestones.

The grove consists of a variety of trees. The four Red Oaks were saplings when the existing church was built so they are close to the century mark. The Elm in front of the school is 75-85; the Southern Magnolia 45-55; the Bald Cypress 40-50; and the five Laurel (aka Shingle) Oaks 70-80 years old. Interestingly there are 12 major trees, reflecting the 12 pairs of columns that support the interior of the church they surround.

This place was known in the 19th century as Lot 3 of the Theodore Cook subdivision. Cook, who died in 1894, was a prominent Clifton businessman, known for his active concern for the city's welfare and benevolent enterprises. First president of the Cincinnati Southern Railway, a booster of Cincinnati baseball and instrumental in the construction of the Suspension Bridge and the Queen City Club, Cook was also a real estate developer. In addition to building mansions, he developed accessible residential lots within his subdivision, contrasting with the large baronial estates dominating Clifton.

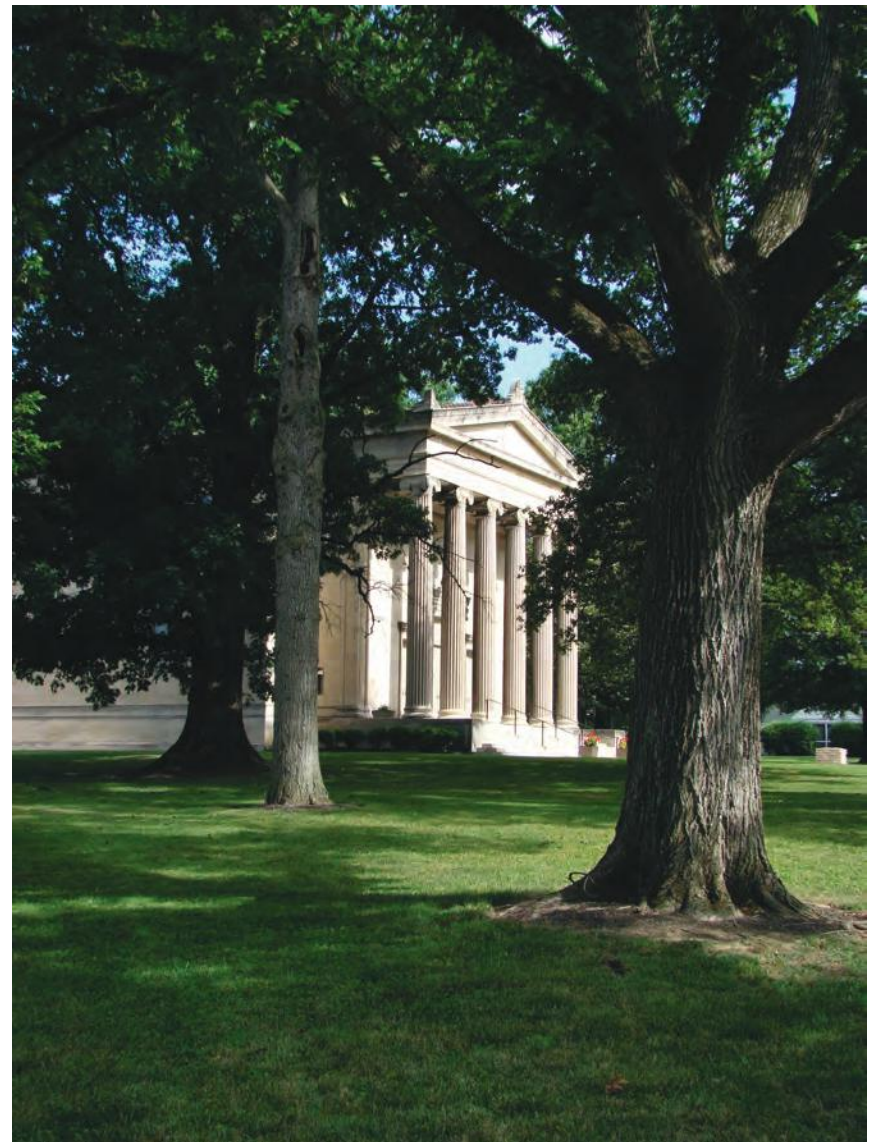
In April 1903, the *Catholic Telegraph* reported that "some charitably-inclined citizen presented the old Cook homestead on Clifton and Resor Avenues to the Sisters of Charity, in charge of the Good Samaritan Hospital." The property included "a 25-room homestead, formerly the home of the Cooks." The

home was repaired and converted into the five-bed Good Samaritan Hospital Clifton Annex in 1907, operating for seven years prior to construction of the present Good Samaritan Hospital at Clifton and Dixmyth.

In 1910, a new Roman Catholic parish led by Fr. James Kelly was forming in Clifton. For months, services were held in "Martin's storeroom" on Ludlow Avenue while the congregation searched for a building site. That April, approval was given to purchase a portion of the property being used for the hospital annex by the Sisters of Charity. In June, construction of a temporary church on Resor Avenue began, but in early July, extreme heat caused the congregation to move services from the storeroom to the unfinished church, "though at times there was nothing more than the roof to protect the worshippers from the sun and storms, while scaffolding spread about caused much inconvenience."

Their temporary church was officially dedicated in October, but was almost destroyed by fire in November by an overheated gas stove. "A Sister of Charity passing a window in the hospital annex saw the flames and, after notifying Father Kelley, went with several other Sisters and fought the flames with buckets of water until the fire company arrived. Had the Sister been five minutes later in her discovery, the building would probably have been destroyed." A steam heating system was installed to replace the gas stoves.

When the permanent Church of the Annunciation was built in 1929, the temporary church would become known as the Pavillion, used as a school and convent (1929-1947) and later as an auditorium, gym, cafeteria and parish hall. That building was demolished in August 2021 and is now the site of two new homes.



Trees at Annunciation Church today

In 1914, the construction of Good Samaritan Hospital was nearing completion. The Sisters of Charity agreed to sell the remainder of the property bounded by Clifton and Resor to the Archdiocese of Cincinnati. The hospital annex building would then serve as a rectory upstairs and a school downstairs, run by the Sisters of Charity. It was demolished in 1929 to make way for the new parish church. Around this time, the tallest trees which now grace the property took root, and as the new church grew, so did the trees. Enjoy this natural beauty and the church's architecture, and come for Sunday worship, open to people of all faiths. For more information, please contact (513) 381-6400.



The Cook homestead became Good Samaritan Hospital Clifton Annex



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For a Light at the Gate

Clifton Gets Gaslights and Residential Gas Supply
— by Ronald Wesley Millard

Clifton’s first town coal gas lines established both streetlights and new lateral supply lines to residences of those owners who could pay. The neighborhood’s first “town gas” proponents were the owners of grand residences, including Robert B. Bowler’s “Mount Storm” (Lafayette Avenue), William G.W. Gano (Crescent Avenue beyond the intersection of Clifton and Lafayette Avenues), Seth C. Foster on Glen Way (Glenmary at Biddle Street), and S.F. Miller on the Cumminsville Pike (Ludlow Avenue, just before the Jewish Cemetery). Gas lighting at home was also likely promoted by Reuben Resor on Resor Avenue and William Resor on Greendale Avenue. We can find them all on this 1869 map of Clifton.

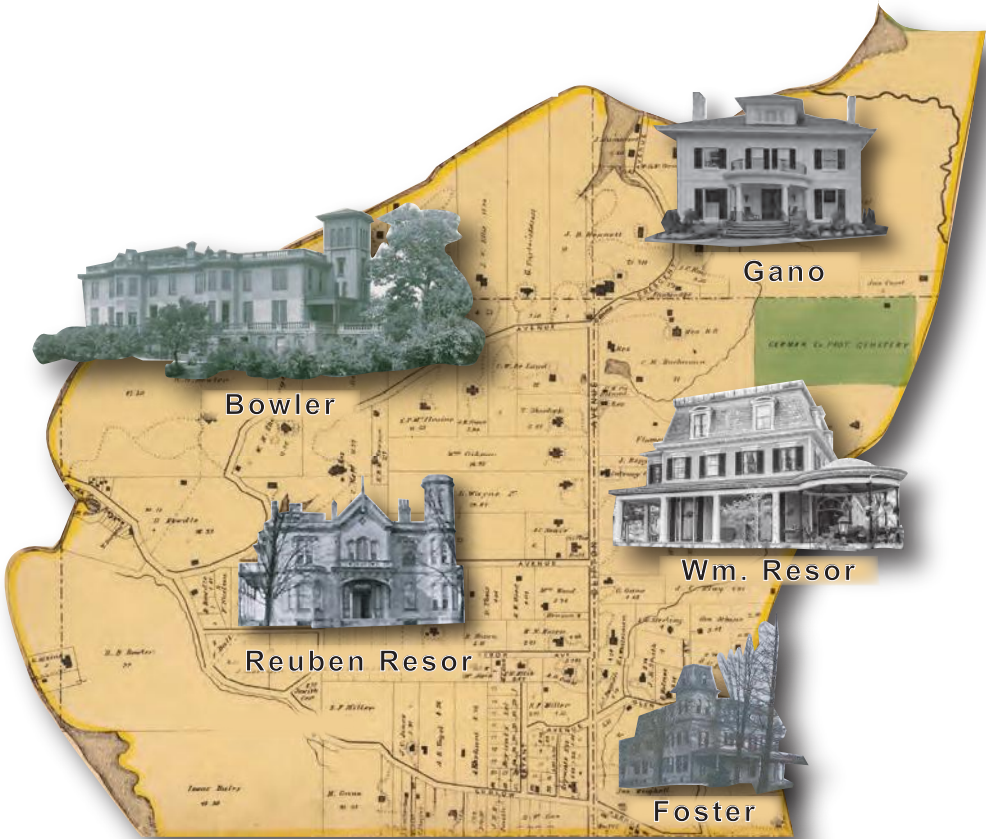
William George Washington Gano (1799-1872) lit his residence and gate at the east end of Crescent Avenue.

William Resor (1837-1910) The William Resor House at 254 Greendale Avenue was built in 1843. The Resor brothers made their fortunes as manufacturers of stoves. William began with a modest Greek Revival farmhouse, but after the Civil War, a major renovation was achieved by American architect Isaiah Rogers that included bold Italianate interiors, a Mansard roof and cast iron exterior details. It was finally turned 90 degrees in 1893 to face the new Greendale Avenue which the family developed on their extensive property.

Reuben P. Resor (1813-1853) His first residence (in 1845) was a Federal-styled brick home located where St. John’s Unitarian Universalist Church now stands on Resor Avenue. One year later, he built a much larger mansion, with an approach by the extended Resor Avenue. The house on 40 acres was surrounded by an extensive fruit orchard and an acetylene-generating building for lighting, located to the rear. That home is now located at 3517 Cornell Place, having been converted to a girls’ school in 1896 and later subdivided into apartments. The mansion’s gateway was located at the western end of Resor Avenue.

Seth Carter Foster (1823-1914) Perhaps most noted for his partnership in the Stearns and Foster mattress company, Foster built his residence with gateway at 134 Glenmary Avenue in the 1860s. At one point, the house stood on 40 acres of land, and horses roamed the property which extended down to Woolper Avenue. Upon Foster’s death in 1914, and his wife’s the next year, the house passed to their unmarried daughter, Julia. Upon her death in 1937, the property was sold to a developer and subdivided. The mansion was demolished and several smaller brick houses were built.

Robert Bonner Bowler (1803-1864) and his wife, **Susan Louisa Pendleton** (1821-1871), built their magnificent house “Mount Storm” starting in 1846 with its gate at the western end of Lafayette Avenue. They once entertained the future King Edward VII, happy to show their 17 greenhouses that overflowed with tropical and fruiting plants. Birds flew around an indoor fountain; swans glided elegantly across a small lake. The grounds were landscaped by Adolph Strauch, celebrated designer of several Cincinnati city parks, as well as Spring Grove Cemetery and Arboretum. The mansion was controversially demolished in 1917, but the remaining 59 acres including the Temple of Love now constitute Mount Storm Park.



Clifton 1869 Map





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Gaslight Gardening

— by Leah Kottyan, Thrall Street

“To plant a garden is to believe in tomorrow.”
— Audrey Hepburn

The gardens of Clifton are part of our neighborhood’s identity. In the Gaslight Gardening column, we celebrate the flora of Clifton, using common names for plants to make these articles accessible to everyone.

For months, I declared 2026 would be the “Year of the Snapdragon.” I researched varieties that could carry blooms from the chill of March through the heat of October. I ordered specialty plugs. I started rare snapdragon seeds under lights in my basement, planned color palettes and bloom succession. I imagined towering spires of apricot, cream, purple, burgundy, and soft pink weaving through the garden all season long.

And to be fair, the snapdragons are lovely. But in fact, they are not the story of this year’s garden. That story belongs to the Canterbury Bells.

I bought the seeds almost absentmindedly at Ace Hardware on Ludlow after my daughter Isabelle picked up the \$1.29 packet and said, “These look like they belong in your garden.” The photo showed old-fashioned bell-shaped flowers in shades of pink, purple, and white. Charming, but not exactly the centerpiece of my grand gardening vision.

I started them in the basement during the winter of 2025 along with dozens of other seedlings. That first year, they were almost forgettable. They are biennials, so I did not expect much. Low green puffs of foliage hugged the ground all season. They looked healthy enough, but unimpressive. Quiet.

Then this spring happened.

Suddenly those little green mounds erupted into towering masses of flowers two and three feet tall. Every morning revealed another explosion of bells spilling outward in pink, lavender, deep purple, and white. They leaned into pathways. They crowded neighboring plants. They have become impossible to ignore. Honestly, the abundance is almost embarrassing.

I had carefully planned for snapdragons. I studied them. Designed around them. Invested in them. Meanwhile the Canterbury Bells, purchased on a whim because my daughter liked the picture on the seed packet, decided they were going to run the garden.

And I love them for it.

Gardening has a way of humbling even the most carefully laid plans. You can research bloom times, map sun exposure, amend soil, and curate the perfect palette, but gardens remain wonderfully unpredictable. Sometimes the plants you fuss over struggle along while the ones you barely consider become the undeniable star of the season. I think that unpredictability is part of why gardening remains endlessly compelling. A garden is never entirely under your control. It is a collaboration between intention and surprise.

Every year teaches you something different. This year, apparently, my garden wanted bells even more than snapdragons.

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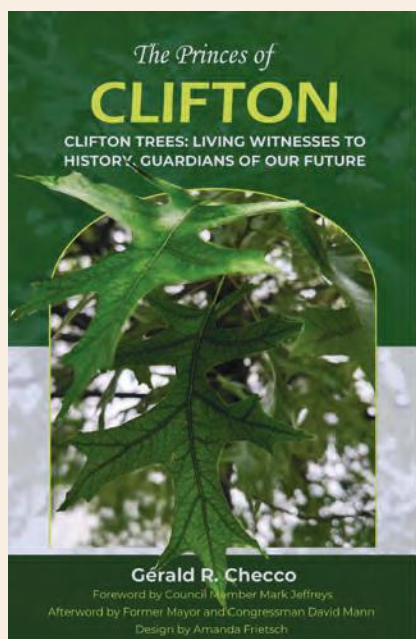
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Nov 20: Trees presentation by Gérald Checco
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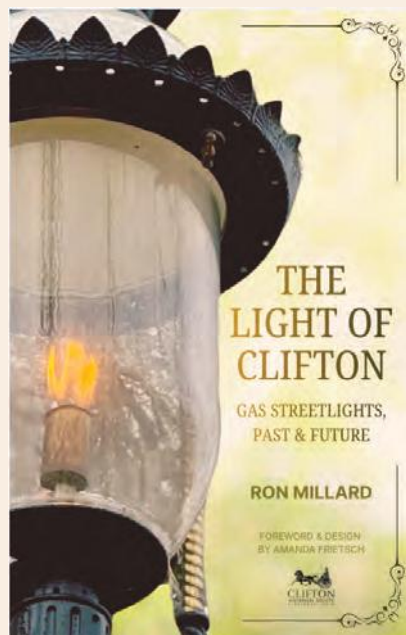
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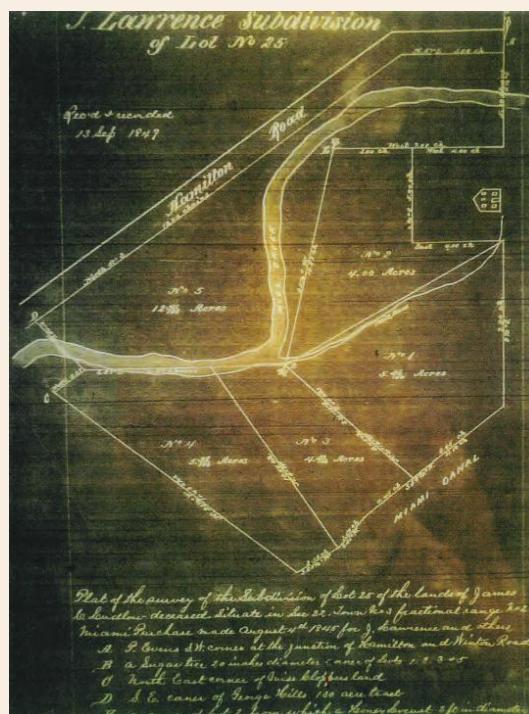
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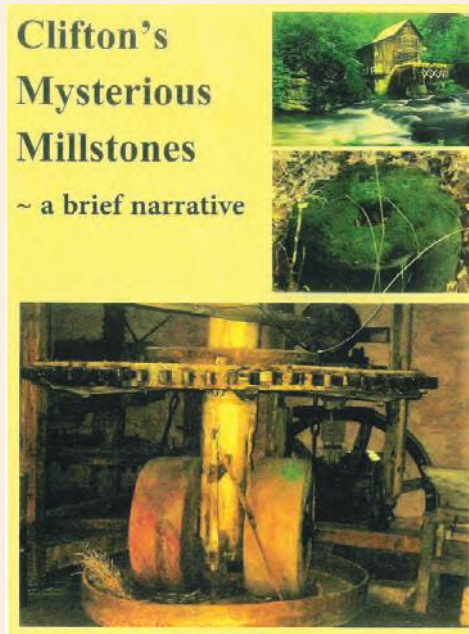


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Dear Friends,

I'm writing to you from Clifton—the poshest postal code in Bristol, England! A place that feels somehow familiar — a little like a fusion of Mt. Adams with its sheer elevation overlooking River Avon and our own Clifton with sweeping vistas to the west and north.

A walk in this other Clifton is like crossing a time portal into storybook streets lined with multistory Georgian townhouses in white and hokey-colored stone. Once a popular spa town, the landscaping here reminds me of our Clifton's gardens and green spaces — Spring Grove, Burnet Woods, Mt. Storm, winding tree-lined Central Parkway. The lawns here are manicured like putting greens, and formal gardens are bursting with flowers!

One of the most incredible sights is the Clifton Suspension Bridge, stretching dramatically across the deep and breathtaking Avon Gorge. It's an engineering marvel, older than Cincinnati's Roebling Bridge by three years.

Both of our Cliftons began as independent towns and were annexed at the end of the 19th century by bigger cities — by Bristol here, by Cincinnati back home. Nonetheless both neighborhoods have kept their unique spirit. There's an obvious sense of pride—the kind we feel walking through our own “village,” chatting with friends, neighbors and shopkeepers.

English Clifton has its local celebrity — Peter O'Toole — while we're proud to claim Sarah Jessica Parker. Imagine those two, comparing Clifton notes over tea in a local café! BTW, the café/culinary scene here is buzzing! Princess Victoria Street is lined with cozy spots where locals savor their pastries, with tea and lattes. There are plenty of pooches to pat, just like on Ludlow. A library is tucked into a charming old building with shelves full of British literature and readers tucked into cozy nooks, just like our Clifton Branch Library. Story hours and club gatherings foster the same warmth and community.

It's inspirational to experience both Cliftons—one steeped in centuries-old bonafide British cachet and the other a Victorian charmer passed through an American filter at smaller scale. What unites them is a real spirit of community: friendly faces, lively shops and obvious pride that runs deep.

The next time you take a CVG jet to London, hop a train or rent a car and drive direction “Bath.” Travel just a little farther west towards the bright coast of the Celtic Sea and revel in your own discovery of Clifton in Bristol.

—Sending trans-Atlantic greetings, with a heart full of Clifton pride, x 2!



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The “Clifton Moms” Child Study Group

— by Lindsay Wile

The women arrive by twos and threes, carrying lawn chairs, some with bottles of wine. The summer sun fades as they make their way past stately homes on Evanswood Place, nearing their destination: the lush, slightly wild, English garden of Irene Moore, unofficial matriarch of the Clifton Child Study Group. Under a canopy of towering oaks, they open their chairs and spread out their blankets.

Every September, this gathering marks the beginning of a new year for an assembly known more informally as “Clifton Moms.” During the school year, the Clifton Child Study Group meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. for a social hour followed by a guest speaker. The mission is simple: create community, exchange ideas and resources, improve our families and the world around us.

The group has been doing exactly that for nearly 90 years.

Its roots stretch back to the 1930s, when University of Cincinnati professor Dr. Ada Hart Arlitt began organizing child study groups throughout the city. Early records document bridge parties and fashion show fundraisers alongside more civic-minded efforts, including children’s eye screenings, support for local polio vaccination efforts, and the creation of an integrated nursery school in Clifton in 1968. Through it all, the group has continued to evolve, reflecting the changing concerns of women and the community around them.

Today’s meetings are just as varied, relevant, and lively. Recent speakers have discussed perimenopause and menopause, the “Fair Play” method, estate planning, children and technology, backyard gardening with Gorman Heritage Farm, resourceful family meals with La Soupe, and the importance of reading with children. There have been pickleball lessons, African dance classes, clothing swaps, and even a summer kayak trip. Speaker themes in recent years have included “Together We Grow” and “It Takes a Village.”

Three years ago, I moved to Clifton from Los Angeles and didn’t know a soul in the neighborhood. I wandered somewhat hesitantly into Irene’s backyard that first hot September evening, put on my nametag, and immediately felt something rare: warmth, belonging, and the gentle knowing that passes between mommas who have all, in one way or another, been there before. In a time when so much of our connection happens online and true community can feel transient, the Clifton Child Study Group continues to offer something enduring, and increasingly uncommon: conversations that

continue long after the meeting ends, small groups lingering in the garden with a glass of wine, friendship, support, and the simple act of showing up for one another.

The Clifton Child Study Group welcomes new members. Join us at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, September 8, for our first meeting of the year. To learn more, email cliftonmoms@gmail.com, follow us on Facebook and Instagram @cliftonchildstudygroup.



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Clifton Branch Library

— by Eric Davis

Hello Autumn! Here are some fun and educational events happening at your neighborhood library.

Back to School! From preschool through grad school, one of the most valuable resources you can own is a library card and **it's free!** Come in and get signed up today! And to all our awesome educators in the neighborhood, check out all the resources the library has to offer! Educator Cards can be used for your curriculum enrichment, requests for multiple copies of a book title, or a selection of books on a particular topic. Even classroom visits from Youth Librarians are all possible when you partner with your local library. Check out this link for more details: www.chpl.org/education/educators/.

CAC Clay Workshop – Wednesday, August 5, 3–4 p.m. Stop by the Clifton Branch for a special workshop where you'll learn about local artist Michael Stillion and the little ceramic ghosts hidden throughout his exhibit at Contemporary Arts Center. Work with CAC Educators to create your own little ghost using simple clay techniques. This take-home art-making experience is geared toward children ages 5-12; however, the project can be adapted for participants of all ages. Parents and caregivers are welcome to join in!

George Washington Didn't Sleep Here: Historic Preservation and the American Midwest – Monday August 24, 6–7:30 p.m. Join Dr. Rebekah Beaulieu, Ph.D. and Louise Taft Semple, President/CEO of the

Taft Museum of Art, to learn about the development of the historic preservation movement in the Midwestern region. Dr. Beaulieu will discuss the origins of American historic preservation in New England and contrast the Midwestern narrative as wholly unique from its New England precedent, citing examples throughout the Midwest and right here in Cincinnati.

International Children's Day in Burnet Woods – Saturday September 19, 11 a.m.–2 p.m.

Join us as we celebrate children and the many cultures of our world! Cincinnati Sister Cities, Clifton Branch Library, and Cincinnati Parks booths will provide crafts (while supplies last) and cultural information. Let's have some fun celebrating what makes our many cultures unique, and all that unites us as brothers and sisters on this beautiful planet! **Programming features:** a stilt-walking balloon artist (Cincinnati Circus); the Cincinnati Art Museum Cruiser (Art Studio on Wheels); Music Lab for children (Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra); Canoe Rides on Lake (Camping & Education Foundation); FC Cincinnati Street Team marketing, giveaways, and program signups; Disc Golf in Burnet Woods



(The Nati Disc Golf); and the Namaste India Food Truck on-site. **Special Performances:** 11:15 Musical Storytime with Mr. Eric, Clifton Branch Library; 11:50 Opening Remarks by President, Cincinnati USA Sister City Association (CINUSCA) followed by Parade of Sister City Flags (audience participation); 12:00-12:30 Scottish Highland Dancers; 12:30-1:00 Dancing Enjamis; 1:00-2:00 River City Puppets.

Check out all our many programs and events on the Events page of our website: www.cincinnati.cincinnati.gov/bibliocommons.com/v2/events.

We look forward to seeing you at your Clifton Branch Library!

The New School Montessori

— by Ann Baumgardner

The Ohio School of Falconry just “schooled” our New School Montessori 4th-6th graders on interesting facts about falcons, hawks and owls. This presentation coincided with students’ study of Jean Craighead George’s book, *My Side of the Mountain*, about a boy surviving in the wilderness with the help of his peregrine falcon. The bird handlers shared interesting information about each of the five types of birds they brought with them and posed many questions for students to resolve through logic. For instance:

Q: When barn owls’ siblings nudge each other from the nest and they float down to the ground, how do owlets who are too young to fly make their way up to the safety of the nest? **A:** Their zygodactyl toes and sharp beaks help them to climb the tree. When older, those toes will strongly grip the 1,000 mice they catch and eat per year.

Peregrine falcons eat lots of pigeons every year, yet they cannot fly as fast as a pigeon. They are freakishly careful about keeping their feathers in perfect order and they can see something the size of a tennis ball from over a mile away. **Q:** How can a peregrine falcon catch up to a pigeon to eat it? **A:** Perfectly “coiffed” feathers reduce air drag and with their amazing vision, they can fly high, drop, using the power of gravity to increase their speed as they “fall” with precision, stun

and paralyze their prey.

Students watched as the birds flew among the crowd from gloved hand to gloved hand.

Q: If these birds’ claws have the crushing power equal to a crocodile’s jaw, why don’t they destroy their handler’s hands? **A:** The birds trust their handlers and aren’t afraid.

What better way to learn about animals, physics, logic and the power of trusting relationships than through this amazing conversation between students, presenters and the animals themselves. We are so grateful for this lesson.

*You are invited to learn more about our program at our **Open House on October 18, 2026, from 2-4 p.m.** Please stop by North Avondale’s New School Montessori at 3 Burton Woods Lane.*



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Trash Talk Clifton – Let’s Keep It Clean

The City of Cincinnati’s Department of Public Services (DPS) provides weekly garbage, yard waste, and scheduled bulk items collection for residential properties that meet the definition of “dwelling,” as adopted by Ord. No. 41-2013.*

Here’s how to be in sync with your city services:



- Place trash out for collection no later than 6 a.m. on your scheduled day and no earlier than 5 p.m. on the preceding day.
- Put a lid on it in a city-issued or approved cart/can, compatible with DPS lifting equipment and registered with the city.
- Recycling is collected bi-weekly with items placed loose in the recycling cart/can, with no plastic bags.
- Yard waste is a seasonal program from mid-April to the second week of January, collected bi-weekly on the same day as recycling.

- Bulk items must be scheduled for collection. Call 311 or visit 311Cincy.com to schedule this free service. See the list that defines what is considered Bulk, what is Regular Trash, and Neither (what can’t be put out).

Never put these things in the trash cart/can: tires, batteries, auto/truck/motorcycle parts, concrete items, lumber, construction debris, liquid paint, acids, motor oil, household chemicals, cardboard boxes filled with trash, nothing over 6 feet tall. Consult the list!

What about the cleaning of sidewalks and gutters in front of your property? A city ordinance requires you to keep these free of debris (dead rotting leaves, etc.), snow, and ice. Neighbors rely on each other to be safe while walking to school, work or to shop. Thanks for doing your part this fall and winter!

* “Dwelling” shall mean a building that contains no more than four dwelling units and shall include an attached single-family dwelling. All other dwelling units are considered commercial entities and are required to maintain a contract with a City of Cincinnati registered waste hauler for the disposal of their waste.

For a full list of what is considered “regular trash, bulk for pick up, or neither,” look online at www.cincinnati-oh.gov/public-services/bulk-item-collection/

BULK PICK UP Large or heavy items Limit 5 per pick up	REGULAR TRASH Small items; easy to lift Limit 3 per week placed next to carts	NEITHER Limit 0
Armchair/recliner Coffee/dining tables Ottoman (extra-large) Mirror (over 45lbs or extra-large) Lawn furniture- bulky or heavy Mattress/box spring Dresser/chest Couch/sofa/loveseat Fridge/freezer Stove Washer/dryer TV over 45 lbs. Exercise equipment Bookcase/large shelves Grill Pipe/pole Swing set Basketball hoop Stationary tub Utility tub Water heater Cabinets Doors Air conditioner Desks TV stand (larger than 4'x4'x4') Bed frame/side rails Headboards Bench Chain link fence (rolled & secured) Vanity/sink Dishwasher	Small chairs (kitchen, desk) Small table or nightstand Footstool (small) Mirrors-Light weight Lawn furniture-light, plastic, small Pallets Small appliances Wheelbarrow Old trash cans (put a note on it) Small carts TVs under 45 lbs. Small shelves Tabletop grill Toilet-tank separated from bowl Ceiling fan Baby gate Drawer(s) Small TV Stand Crates (empty) Stools Childrens or toy furniture Speakers Bicycle	Tires (request tire pick up) Batteries (all types) Auto, truck, or motorcycle parts Lawnmowers or parts Pianos Concrete items Windows and siding Construction debris Lumber (1x2s, 2x4s, 2x6s, 4x4 etc.) Liquid paint Acids Motor oil Household chemicals Hazardous or infectious waste Propane or pressurized gas tanks Cardboard boxes filled with trash Empty cardboard boxes (recycle) Nothing over 6 feet tall Hot tubs

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Ludlow Garage	342 Ludlow	5138617625	ludlowgaragecincinnati.com/
Improv Cincinnati	404 Ludlow	5139001110	improvcincinnati.com/
Off Ludlow Gallery	3408 Ormond		offludlowgallery.com
Clifton Cultural Arts Center	3412 Clifton	5134972860	cliftonculturalarts.org
Manifest Drawing Center	3464 Central Pkw	5138613638	manifestdrawingcenter.org

Parks/ Public Spaces/ Cemeteries

Burnet Woods	3251 Brookline		
Burnet Woods Dog Park	3399 Brookline		
Diggs Plaza	289 Ludlow		
Mt. Storm	600 Lafayette		
Rawson Bird Preserve	424 McAlpin		
Edgewood Grove	745 Lafayette		
Bowdle Park	698 Ludlow		
Dunore Park	727 Ludlow		
Bishop Triangle	3275 Bishop		
Telford Plaza	3400 Telford		
Clifton Plaza	333 Ludlow		
Clifton United Jewish Cemetery	730 Old Ludlow		
Vine Street Hill Cemetery	3701 Vine	5132811035	vinestreethillcemetery.net/

Churches/ Faith Communities

Immanuel Presbyterian	3445 Clifton	5137510312	immanuelpresby.org/
Clifton United Methodist	3416 Clifton	5139612998	cliftonumc.com/
Clifton Mosque	3668 Clifton	5132214003	cliftonmosque.org/
Every Nations	3722 Clifton	5139750554	everynationcincinnati.org/
Annunciation	3747 Clifton	5133816400	uptowncatholic.org/
St. John's Unitarian Universalist	320 Resor	5139611938	stjohnsuu.org/
Calvary Episcopal	3766 Clifton	5138614437	calvaryclifton.org/
Seventh Day Adventist	3800 Clifton	5132211221	cincinnatiadventists.org/
Church of Christ	695 Berkshire	5132812872	
House of Joy	3220 Central Pkw	5135414600	

Schools

Clifton Area Neighborhood	3711 Clifton	5133632200	cliftonarea.cps-k12.org/
Fairview Clifton German Language	3689 Clifton	5133632100	airview.cps-k12.org/
Romero at Annunciation	3545 Clifton	5133011448	romeroacademies.org/
DePaul Cristo Rey	1133 Clifton Hills	5138610600	depaulcristorey.org/

Universities

Cincinnati State College	3250 Central Pkw	5135691500	cincinnati.state.edu/
Hebrew Union	3101 Clifton	5132211875	huc.edu/campus-life/cincinnati
University of Cincinnati	2600 Clifton	5135566000	uc.edu

Restaurants/ Bars

Two Seven Two Bakery	272 Ludlow	5132187584	instagram.com/two.seven.two
J. Gumbo	286 Ludlow	5134076930	gumbos.com/
Skyline Chili	290 Ludlow	5132212142	
Arlin's	307 Ludlow	5137516566	facebook.com/arlinsbar
Biagio's Bistro	308 Ludlow	5138614777	
Los Potrillos	316 Ludlow	5132210313	los-potrillos.wix.com/home
Sitwell's Act 2	324 Ludlow	5132817487	sitwellsact2.com/
Upside Brew	329 Ludlow	5138823610	upsidebrew.com/
Graeter's Ice Cream	332 Ludlow	5132814749	graeters.com/
Crepe & Dip	340 Ludlow		
Ajeet India	341 Ludlow	5139613600	ajeetcincinnati.com/
Ludlow Garage	342 Ludlow	5138617625	ludlowgaragecincinnati.com/
Ambar India	350 Ludlow	5132817000	ambarindia.net/
Gaslight Bar & Grill	351 Ludlow	5138613663	gaslightbarandgrillclifton.com/
Kiki on Ludlow	358 Ludlow	5137068902	kikicincinnati.com
Clifton's Bubble Tea	328 Ludlow	5132679519	
The Whole Bowl	364 Ludlow	5137512695	thewholebowl.com
Dusmesh India	944 Ludlow	5132218900	dusmeshcincy.com/
Einstein Bros. Bagel	3317 Clifton	5132212243	brueggers.com/
Baladi	3307 Clifton	5132217222	99designs-598257699aa82.jimdo.com/
Dewey's Pizza	265 Hosea	5132210400	deweypizza.com/
Richie's	110 Woolper	5135591878	richieschicken.com/
White Castle	3400 Central Pkw	6142285781	whitecastle.com/

Groceries/ Supermarket

	319 Ludlow		
Clifton Natural Food	336 Ludlow	5139616111	cliftonnaturalfoods.com/
UDF	3325 Clifton	5137515132	
Jagdeep's Indian	270 Ludlow	5154998875	
CVS	371 Ludlow	5132814475	

Recreation/ Fitness

Clifton Recreation Center	320 McAlpin	5139615681	cincyrec.org/search/facility.aspx?id=43
Clifton Branch Library	3400 Brookline	5133694447	cincinnati.library.org/
Trailside Nature Center	3251 Brookline	5137513679	cincinnati.parks.com/
World Peace Yoga	268 Ludlow	5133009642	worldpeaceyoga.com/
It's Yoga	346 Ludlow	5139619642	yogagarage.com/
Clifton Meadows Swim/ Tennis	4045 Egbert	5139613793	cliftonmeadows.com/

Delivery/ Postal Services

Clifton Post Office	362 Ludlow	8002758777	tools.usps.com
Going Postal	3239 Jefferson	5133766587	goingpostal.com/store/GP382

Banks

Superior Credit Union	411 Ludlow	5132819988	superiorcu.com/
PNC Bank	415 Ludlow	5132211122	
US Bank	425 Ludlow	5134756061	
MoneyGram @ CVS	371 Ludlow	5132814475	
Western Union @ Clifton Market	319 Ludlow	5134737913	

Beauty/ Hair/ Nail

Elora Spa and Beauty Bar	274 Ludlow	5134392189	eloraspabeautybar.com
University Nail	3307 Clifton	5137514111	
Personalities by Leona	312 Ludlow	5137515100	
Makin Heads Turn	3307 Clifton	5134073911	makinheadsturn.com/
M&M Eyebrows & Lashes	366 Ludlow	5132230516	
Clifton Barbers	337 Ludlow	5132813163	cliftonbarbers.com/

Jewelry

Paolo	278 Ludlow	5137512171	paolousa.com/
Maya	323 Ludlow	5136679299	jewelrymaya.com/

Health/ Dental

Good Samaritan Hospital	375 Dixmyth	5138621400	trihealth.com/
Group Health Assoc.	379 Dixmyth	5132467000	cgha.com/locations/Clifton.aspx
Sustainable Smiles	3406 Ormond	5132818800	sustainablesmilesdentistry.com/
Emergency Dental	3349 Whitfield	5139604611	emergencydentalofcincinnati.com/
Clifton Dental Care	3308 Jefferson	5137515200	cincinnati.cliftondentalcare.com/
Clifton Modern Dentistry	310 Terrace	5132858055	cincinnati.moderndentistry.com/
Personal Symmetrics	3366 Central Pkwy	5132217200	personalsymmetrics.com
R.J. Rosenberg Orthopedic Lab	3366 Central Pkwy	5132217200	rjrosenberg.com
Center for Health ... (CHIL)	3352 Jefferson	5133997666	chilhealth.org/

Pet

Petey's Pet Stop	311 Howell	5132217387	peteyspetstop.com/
Howell Pet Hospital	317 Howell	5132213404	howellavenuepethospital.com/

Apparel/ Novelties

Toko Baru	325 Ludlow	5137513338	iluvthatstore.com/
Wonderland	314 Ludlow	5134073233	wonderlandsmokeshop.net/
Lentz & Company	339 Ludlow	5137390193	lentzandcompany.com/
Feel It Records	356 Ludlow	5132913322	feelitrecordshop.com/
Semesters	313 Ludlow	5139783597	
Pangaea Trading	326 Ludlow	5137513330	iluvthatstore.com/
Hansa Guild	369 Ludlow	5132214002	hansaonline.com/
Conveyor Belt Books	345 Ludlow		conveyorbeltbooks.com

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Ludlow Wines	343 Ludlow	5137513727	
Brown's Travel	3410 Ormond		browns.toursandtravel.com/
Rosette Tattoo	311 Ludlow		

Pharmacies

CVS	371 Ludlow	5132814475	
Walgreens 24 Hours	3 W. Corry	5137513444	walgreens.com/
Walgreens	9 W. Mitchell	5136412426	walgreens.com/

Bed & Breakfast

Gaslight B&B	3652 Middleton	5138615222	gaslightbb.com/
Clifton House	500 Terrace	5132217600	thecliftonhouse.com/

Civic / Clubs / Gardens

Clifton Town Meeting			cliftoncommunity.org
Clifton Business Association			cliftonbusiness.com
Clifton Community Fund			cliftoncommunityfund.org
Civic Garden Center	3301 Clifton		
Cincinnati Woman's Club	330 Lafayette	5139616535	cincinnati.womensclub.com/
Clifton Child Study Group			facebook.com/groups/501315546639798

Transportation

Metro Bus Line 17, 19, 20, 24, 37, 38, 51, 78			go-metro.com/mapsandschedules
Bike Lane			East side of Clifton Avenue from Ludlow to Calhoun
Red Bike (rental)	321 Howell	5136212453	cincyredbike.org/
Red Bike (rental)	3402 Brookline	5136212453	cincyredbike.org/
Shell Gas Station	3337 Clifton	5132810031	
AAA Carwash	3330 Central Parkwy	5135591733	cluballiance.aaa.com/about/

Safety

Fire House 34	301 Ludlow	911	
Police District 4	4150 Reading	911	5135698600 (non-emergency)