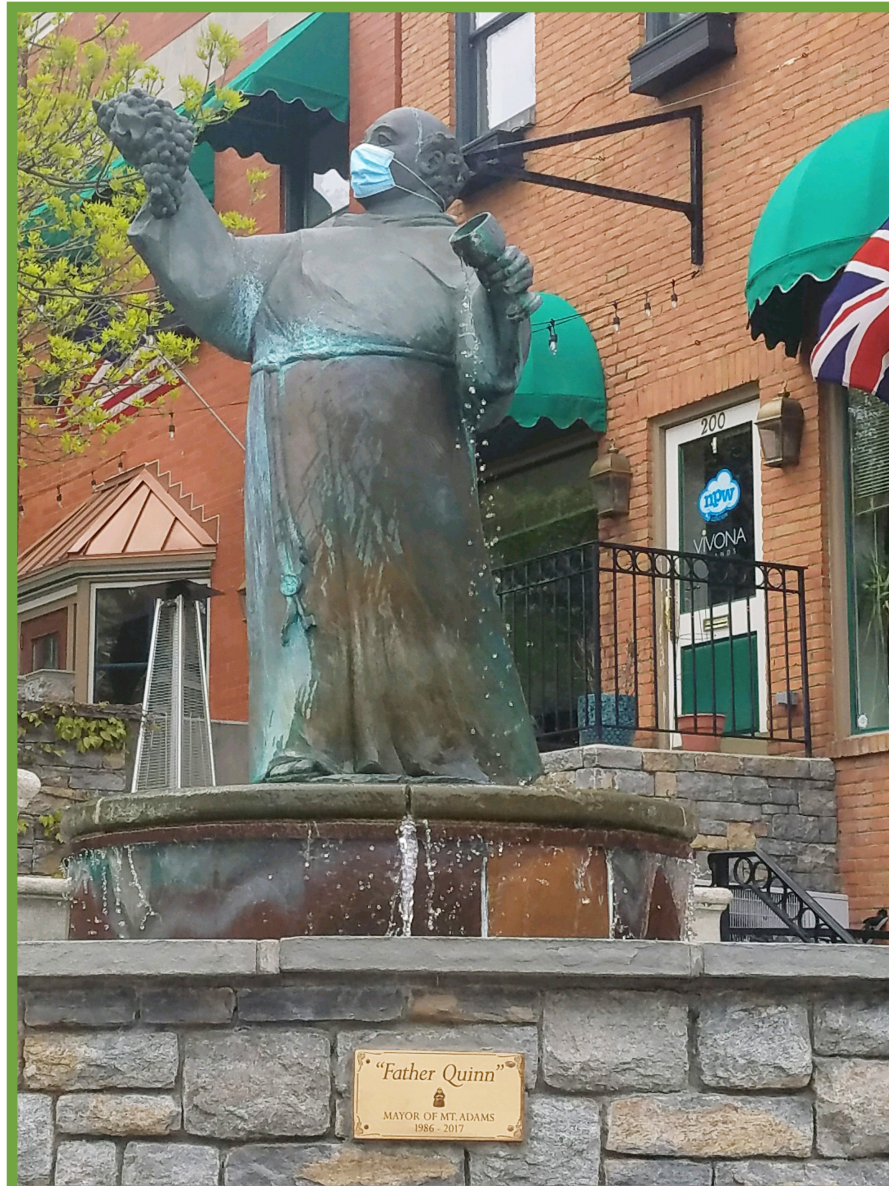
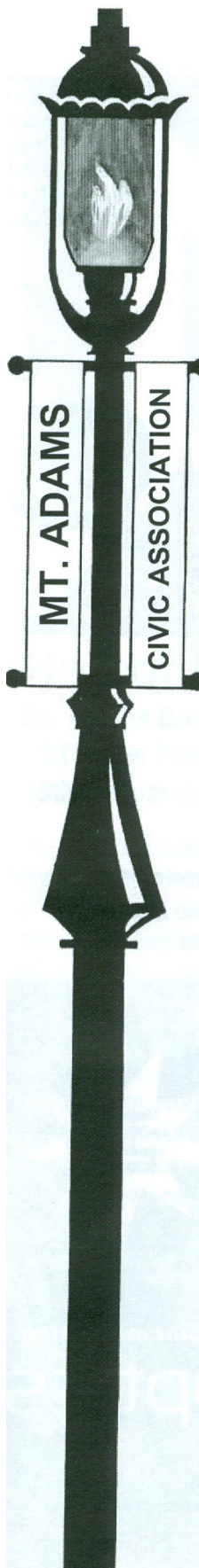


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Hello World! Glad to Still be With You All.

It seems like years since we last did this tome, yet Sue's minutes on p.6 tell me it wasn't but a few months ago. As we write this, it is still April, and Gov. DeWine tells us we MAY soon begin to slowly reopen the state to business workers.

As a triple risk (age, asthma, chemo) I may make a quarantine mask a permanent part of my wardrobe...it goes with anything.

I broke a tooth the first day of Quarantine, and I thought that was bad. Ha! Then the hot water heater died, the internet failed, the heat went off, the back fence fell down, the broken front storm door could not have replacement be installed, and a dishwasher threw up all over the floor. Now in retrospect, that tooth looks normal.

The hubs and I have had the stress of having multiple children on the frontline trenches fighting this scourge, including one they shipped to the Bronx in NY to deliver Covid victims to quarantine care. Really?

We have a Homeland First responder and director of Nurses Training at a Boston Hosp. married to a grocery store Dept. Mgr, and their son in the Bronx as an EMT. We have a male head staff nurse at a women's Addiction Center married to a Medical Supply mgr. who works endlessly finding masks, gowns, etc., a mother with an out-of-country college student, (think no classes and lots of parties) a bank VP sleeping 3 hours a night dealing with the SBA loan money needs, and a consultant firm partner who works to find, reopen and wheedle Senior Citizens into care facilities when their former facilities have been shut. She's in FL, and that's a lot of seniors. We have a business owner who called sobbing at having to cut staff. We have folk scrambling to find money to pay the mortgage and eat. We have folk going nuts with bored kids. We have truly been no unluckier than the norm, we just have more kids to worry about.

We pray we get out of this with the same family members as we entered.

And then the sky falls and we have to get my guy into critical cardiac surgery, and get him past the hospital Covid blockade. Fortitude is often an underrated strength. Cincinnati medical world is amazing. We thank you for all your care and prayers. and we are adding all of you to our prayer list, MCH

Nancy Chase Antique Restoration service promises to provide a safe, comfortable environment to work in your home. With a mask, gloves, and social distance practices, I will carefully communicate with you, and make your antique furniture sparkle for the coming season.

We have all seen a lot of the inside of our homes these days - now is the time for a fresh glow!

I mix my own polish with essential oils of rosemary and lemongrass. I use cleansing, calming, lavender in my waxes to make you feel peaceful during these trying times.

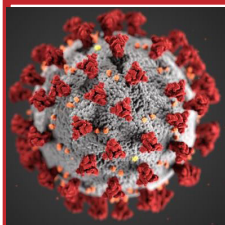
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TOILET PAPER

by K.Beck

More than you ever wanted to know about toilet paper, or the lack thereof.

1. The first recorded use of toilet paper was in 6th Century China.
2. By the 14th Century, the Chinese government was mass-producing it.
3. Packaged toilet paper wasn't sold in the United States until 1857.
4. Joseph Gayetty, the man who introduced packaged TP to the U.S., had his name printed on every sheet.
5. Global toilet paper demand uses nearly 30,000 trees every day
6. That's 10 million trees a year.
7. It wasn't until 1935 that a manufacturer was able to promise Splinter-Free Toilet Paper.
8. Seven percent of Americans admit to stealing rolls of toilet paper in hotels.
9. Americans use an average of 8.6 sheets of toilet paper per trip to the bathroom. (Really, who counts?)
10. The average roll has 333 sheets.
11. Historically, what you use to wipe depended on your income level.
12. In the middle ages they used something called a gompf stick which was just an actual stick used to scrape.
13. Wealthy Romans used wool soaked in rose water and French royalty used lace.
14. Other things that were used before toilet paper include: Hay, corn-cobs, sticks, stones, sand, moss, hemp, wool, husks, fruit peels, ferns, sponges, seashells, knotted ropes, and broken pottery (ouch!).
15. 70-75% of the world still doesn't use toilet paper because it is too expensive or there is not sufficient plumbing.
16. In many Western European countries, bidets are seen as more effective and preferable to toilet paper.
17. Colored toilet paper was popular in the U.S. until the 1940s.
18. The reason toilet paper disintegrates so quickly when wet is that the fibers used to make it are very short.
19. On the International Space Station, they still use regular toilet paper but it has to be sealed in special containers and compressed
20. During Desert Storm, the U.S. Army used toilet paper to camouflage their tanks.
21. In 1973 Johnny Carson caused a toilet paper shortage. He said as a joke that there was a shortage, which there wasn't, until everyone believed him and ran out to buy up the supply. It took three weeks for some stores to get more stock.
22. There is a contest sponsored by Charmin to design and make wedding dresses out of toilet paper. The winner gets \$2,000.
23. There was a toilet paper museum in Wisconsin, The Madison Museum of Bathroom Tissue, but it closed in 2000.
24. The museum once had over 3,000 rolls of TP from places all over the world, including The Guggenheim, Ellis Island, and Graceland.
25. There is still a virtual toilet paper museum called Nobody's Perfect.
26. In 1996 Pres. Clinton passed a Toilet Paper Tax of 6 cents per roll which is still in effect today. Obama has tried to triple that but the House won't pass it.
27. The Pentagon uses, on average, 666 rolls of toilet paper per day. (Lots of A--holes there.)
28. The most expensive toilet paper in the world is from Portuguese brand Renova.
29. Renova is three-ply, perfumed, costs \$3 per roll and comes in several colors including black, red, blue and green.
30. The CEO of Renova came up with the idea for black toilet paper while he was at a Cirque du Soleil show.
31. Beyonce uses only red Renova toilet paper.
32. Kris Jenner uses only the black Renova toilet paper. (I am not surprised.)
33. If you hang your toilet paper so you can pull it from the bottom, you're considered more intelligent than someone who pulls it from the top. (see I told ya)
34. Koji Suzuki, a Japanese horror novelist best known for writing The Ring, had an entire novel printed on a single roll of toilet paper.
35. The novel takes place in a public bathroom and the entire story runs approximately three feet long.
36. When asked what necessity they would bring to a desert island, 49% of people said toilet paper before food.
36. Queen Elizabeth II wipes her royal bottom with silk handkerchiefs. Wonder if the royal chambermaid gets to wash those??
37. Muslims wipe their bums with their bare hand-- always the left hand. They eat with their right hand. If you are caught shop lifting, your right hand is cut off forcing you to eat with your left hand.

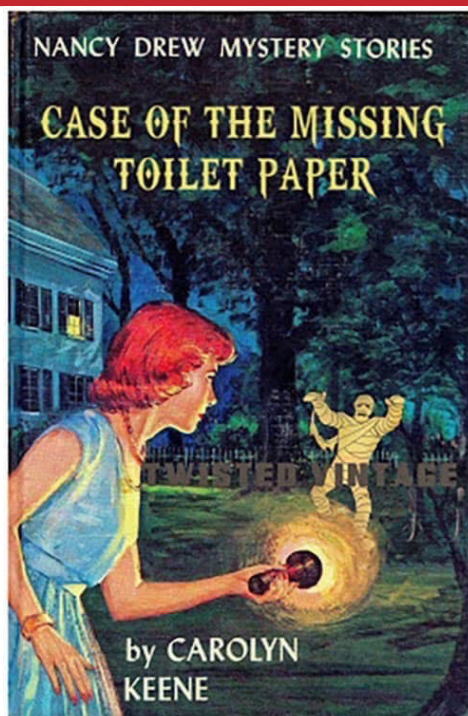
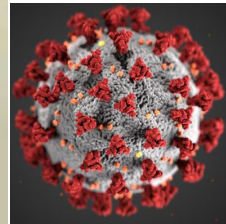
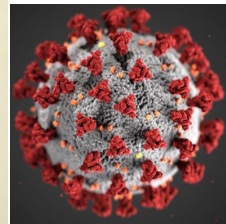
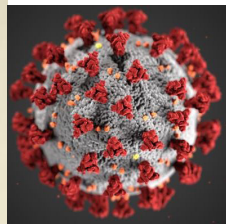
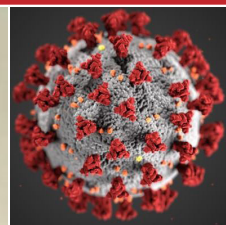
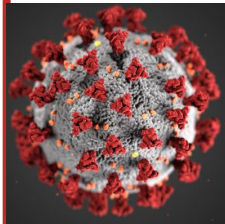
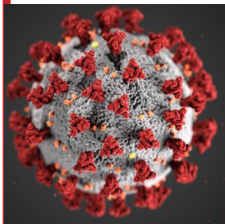
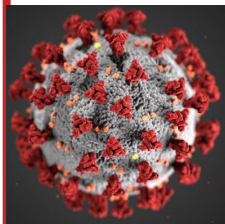


A LETTER FROM F. SCOTT FITZGERALD,
QUARANTINED IN 1920 IN THE SOUTH OF FRANCE
DURING THE SPANISH INFLUENZA OUTBREAK.

Dearest Rosemary,

It was a limpid dreary day, hung as in a basket from a single dull star. I thank you for your letter. Outside, I perceive what may be a collection of fallen leaves tussling against a trash can. It rings like jazz to my ears. The streets are that empty. It seems as though the bulk of the city has retreated to their quarters, rightfully so. At this time, it seems very poignant to avoid all public spaces. Even the bars, as I told Hemingway, but to that he punched me in the stomach, to which I asked if he had washed his hands. He hadn't. He is much the denier, that one. Why, he considers the virus to be just influenza. I'm curious of his sources.

The officials have alerted us to ensure we have a month's worth of necessities. Zelda and I have stocked up on red wine, whiskey, rum, vermouth, absinthe, white wine, sherry, gin, and lord, if we need it, brandy. Please pray for us.



MACA Minutes March 3, 2020

by Sue Zimmerman

The meeting was called to order at 7 pm in the HCI Community Room. Officers present Frank Obermeyer- president and Sue Zimmerman- secretary. Directors in attendance included Chris Gilmore, Nic Covey, Jenny Ferneding, Russ Ferneding, and Dan Weinstein. Frank introduced Nicole Sanders who is running for Judge Court of Common Pleas Drug Court Division and was available for questions after the meeting.

Police Report: Officer Michelle Bockenstette reported that the homeless camp at 3rd and Monastery has been cleaned up. She showed a before and after picture. She remarked that there was a plan to get the fence repaired there too. Last month there were two thefts from auto on the hill- Feb. 1 car window broken and duffle taken and Feb. 27 an unlocked car had valuables taken. There was a criminal damage to a Turner Construction shed that was broken into and tools were taken. A glass globe was taken from a lamp post. A Krohn Conservatory shed was broken into and tools were taken. Safety Sector meeting is the 3rd Thursday at Chapter at 6 pm. Another concern brought up included speeding cars on Ida and Hill Streets.

CRC: Vanessa Henderson reported. 1. Bush Center winter hours are 11-9 pm M-F, and 9 am-3pm on Sat. 2. Queen City Swish sign ups still open for teens. The first game is Friday March 6th. Games are held at North Avondale Center and North Avondale Montessori. 3. Soccer for Success will begin Sat. March 14. Kids are encouraged to sign up at the local community centers. 4. Summer Day Camp registration is going on currently; some locations may have limited spaces. Please call the nearest community center for availability. 5. CPS will be on spring break March 23 -27; CRC will offer mini camps 7 am to 6pm. 6. Free Healthy Eating Classes will be offered at Bush on Sat. March 14 and 21. A license dietitian will teach families how to prepare meals under 30 minutes. Cook with ease on hot plates and crock pots. Space is limited. Register by calling 513-531-7060. Membership costs: Seniors \$10, Adults \$25, Young Adults \$10, and Juniors \$2. Cards are valid at all CRCs. A question about the Mt. Adams pool was raised. Vanessa said things are still in the works; she needs to know the lifeguard situation. Better Bin Compost: Olivia Wilkink, co-founder +CEO spoke about a composting. Her company has 4 gallon bins for composting with pick up weekly. The cost for a bin per household is \$30; larger units smaller price. The bins are lidded and have liners. For more information – info@betterbincompost.com

Minutes: February minutes were approved.

President's Report: Frank Obermeyer reported that the ideas for Mt. Adams collected at the last meeting were submitted to Towne and were much appreciated.

Treasurer's Report: Tom is out of town and unable to send a report, but Frank said there hasn't been much change from last month.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Planning and Development: Russ Ferneding reported for Steve Vogel. Great news on 1256 Elsinore – The report stated "The Applicant's request for Hillside Overlay District Permission to construct a home with

a cumulative cut and fill of +/-38 feet is DENIED. The Applicant's request for Hillside Overlay District Permission to construct two 22 feet retaining walls on the Property is DENIED. Ordered this 19th day of February 2020." MACA hired Tim Burke as our attorney to represent us at the hearing; the Directors approved to pay him \$1,500 to \$1,600. Russ also thanked the residents who showed up at the hearing. It is really important that residents show their concern at these hearings. The committee also opposed variances for 1142 Carney which included height and width; the hearing adjourned without a decision but with a directive to go back and rework the plan. Concerns were voiced about the condition of the wall on Oregon.

MABA: Margaret Mock reported on the progress of the June 16th Sunset Garden Stroll. Sponsorship on the grass roots level is \$100 which will get your name or business on the ticket. Also, we are in need of donations of cases wine for the gardens.

Clean, Safe, and Attractive: Jenny Ferneding managed to have the City Blitz Clean Up moved to March 30 to April 3rd (rather than the week of Good Friday). Friday, April 3, will have a roving Trash Truck to pick up large items that are put on the streets. MABA's Clean Up will be April 4th ...volunteers will be needed. Also concerns about safety on Good Friday's Praying of the Steps were raised. There will be police present and St. Gregory will be closed from Jerome to Hill to traffic. In addition, Guido will be closed to traffic. Since HCI is covering the safety issue, MACA need not bother. Frank Obermeyer proposed MACA make a list of good contractors. The idea is for members of MACA living on the Hill, who in the last two years have had work done and were happy with the result, send in names to MACA which will make a list for the neighborhood.

Grapevine: Maryellen Horrigan/ Sue Zimmerman: The spring issue should have been delivered to residents. Extra copies will be at churches, North Side Bank, Bow Tie, Bar and Grill etc. soon.

Membership: Jim Horrigan – Two new lifetime memberships and 1 annual. Lifetime \$100/annual \$10.

Community Life: Frank reported that the committee met and discussed some possible upcoming events. Art on the Hill (Business Guild & Linda Loschiavo), Nouveau Beaujolais (MACA), National Night Out (MACA), Event at Seasongood-different than Cinema in the City (MACA), Neighborhood Yard Sale (MACA), Toy Boat Regatta on Mirror Lake (MACA or Maybe MAYC?) No Easter Egg Hunt, Halloween (MACA), maybe something for Oktoberfest. Suggestions from the group: Pot Luck meal, or exercise classes. Frank mentioned that the crucial key to an event is someone taking charge because we can always depend on volunteers.

Community Improvement: Judi Cettel and Tina Russo are working on a project.

NSP: Julie Dietz....We received \$700 from Invest in Neighborhoods.

Business Guild: Maryellen Horrigan: No one knows if 4EG is going to sell or sublease Pavilion/Hightail buildings. Playhouse has started the new building project. The driveway near Seasongood up to the Playhouse will be closed. Before every play food will be available from Vanderhaar's. Rookwood plans have been approved. They are adding a bakery and will have breakfast 8 am - 2 pm. Chapter is open for lunch Thursday and Friday. World Glass Bar is open for business. Steve Hromadka, the owner, explained that World Glass sells wine and beer

from all over the world, food is created by a local chef (ex. Cuban pizza, small bites). The patio will be opened soon. Hours: Tues -Thurs. 5 pm to 12, Fri. & Sat. 5 pm to 2:30, Sun. 1 pm to 10 pm. Located at 930 Hatch (formerly Yesterday's).

Mt. Adams Walks: Margaret Mock informed us that the Walks start every Sunday starting May 3 at 1 pm in front of Mt. Adams Bar & Grill. Thursday, March 21st will be a special resident's walk at 3 pm ending at Margaret's house for a party. Cost \$10. All funds from the walks go to MACA.

MAYC: Julie Dietz reported the Yacht Club was in the Bockfest parade on the pedal wagon.- Great Fun! March 12 is a pre-St. Pat's celebration at Crowley's. Yacht Club may be in the pedal wagon for the Reds parade. April 9th will be a Fiesta at Amigos. April 23rd will be happy hour at World Glass Bar.

Art Club: Gary Eith reminded everyone Founders' Week which actually will be two weeks- March 7 to 14 and March 15 to 22. Each special event is \$20 donation or a weekly pass for \$100 donation. For more information go to cincinnatiartclub.com. Also, The Art Club will be on the Sunset Garden Stroll as a point of interest June 16. They will be pulling art work from their permanent collections. And artists from the club will be doing plein air painting around the Hill during the tour. Gary thanked the Business Guild for their donations for items for auction.

Pilgrim Chapel: Bruce Ford reported on Music on the Hill events at Pilgrim Chapel. April 19th 7 pm Alleluia...evening of Strings and Voices. June 16th 6:30 pm Lee String Quartet performing during the Garden Stroll- A Point of Interest.

Immaculata: Good Friday Praying the Steps / Fish Fry.

New Business: none

Meeting Adjourned at 8:15 pm

Lament of a Bibliophile

by Robin Horrigan

This is a recent correspondence between two book lovers. It was actually written before Quarantine, but it now holds true more than ever.

R. This time I will read what I have BEFORE I buy any new books.

M. And here we see a Liar in the wild.

R. I own 473 unread books

M. I can match that.

R. I went out and just bought 17 new books

M. Ditto; I hid mine in the car. Haven't brought them in yet.

R. I just reread Pride and Prejudice

M. I have an old box headed to Half Priced Books.

R. You go girl

M. Well, I made the mistake of peeking in it.

R. Nooooo!

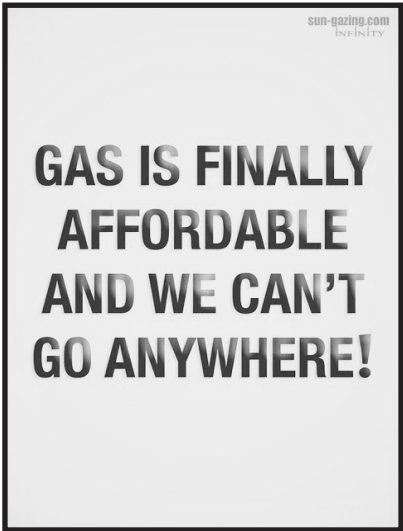
M. Result...I have reread 6 old books, am keeping two and sharing two with others... which probably means I will get them back again. Oh well there will be two less...so far...maybe...

What quarantine gem have you read? I'd recommend Eric Larson's "The Splendid and the Vile."

It details Churchill and London under the Blitz. With thousands dying every day and night, and no rescue in sight, Churchill keeps broadcasting how well the British are doing and that they will win. He sounds like an idiot on paper, but even today, the Brits will say they would not have made it without him. It's about leadership's role in tamping down panic, inspiring hope where there is none, and creating a light at the end of the tunnel. Rather timely I think. MCH



MY HOUSE GOT
TP'D LAST NIGHT,
IT'S NOW
APPRAISED AT
\$875,000



GAS IS FINALLY
AFFORDABLE
AND WE CAN'T
GO ANYWHERE!

Stroll Cancelation

by Margaret Mock

In consideration of the outbreak of CoViD19, the decision has been made to postpone the 2019 Sunset Garden Stroll until June 15, 2021. Presented by the Mt. Adams Beautification Association, sponsored by generous community members, and anticipated by even more, the decision was not easily made. With concern for the safety of the participants and with sensitivity to the economic burdens so many are currently experiencing, it was hoped to keep with an event that would be a widely enjoyed celebration of summer, garden design, and unsurpassed Mt. Adams hospitality. The postponement will allow for this reality.

The Mt. Adams Beautification Association hopes that you will consider this postponement a standing invitation to participate as a guest, a sponsor, or as a MABA member in the 2021 Evening Garden Stroll. All will be well in place for Tuesday, June 15, 2021, if you wish to mark this date on your calendar! For membership information, donations and a look at our updated MABA page, please go to www.mtadamsincy.org

Playhouse News

Season Update:

Murder on the Orient Express and **Becoming Dr. Ruth** have been moved from the 2019-20 season to the start of the 2020-21 season. For more information about this change, visit our Health & Safety page. Please note: Production dates are subject to change.

Save Your Seats

Tickets for all 2020-21 shows go on sale this summer — for access to our exclusive season pre-sale, join our elist. Want to secure your seat in advance? Explore our subscription packages for the best seats at the best prices, on sale now. Already a subscriber? Renew today!

Notes from The Business Guild:

by Sandy Zimmerman

~**Art Walk** to be postponed but not cancelled

~**National Night Out** changed to October 6th 2020 (fingers crossed)

~**Garden Stroll** changed to June 15th 2021

~**Flower Baskets** will be refurbished in May – thinking we will adjust the style to help lower the cost

~**Grapevine** – though none of us know what the future will bring please try to send a few lines or an article on your individual business'. Just a hello or an update if you have one would be great for the neighborhood. (suejzimmerman@gmail.com or mellenvine65@gmail.com)

A big change this year is the SPCA-Cincinnati will not be collaborating with the **MT. ADAMS REINDOG PARADE** this year. It has been a great run with them but a mutual understanding of the times and costs have played into their decision.

We feel this is a great opportunity to maybe help another humane society and we will reach out to see who may want to participate.

Please send Sandy or Pat suggestions if you have any groups you may want us to contact.

The **HCI Annual Golf Outing** scheduled for June, is cancelled. At this time, there are no plans to reschedule for 2020. See you next year.

Holy Cross-Immaculata Mt. Adams Festival

We are cautiously optimistic, and still preparing for our annual Summer Festival, scheduled for Friday, August 7 and Saturday, August 8 from 5:30 p.m. to midnight each night.

Although everything is currently on hold, we are still hoping to hold our Festival, as it is not only our parish's biggest fundraiser, but a wonderful and important way to build community and strengthen bonds with each other as neighbors in Mt. Adams. We are continuing to monitor all state and federal guidelines, and are working through ways to incorporate new methods of preventative practice and social distancing into our Festival.

Holy Cross-Immaculata's festival began over 40 years ago. Our goal each year is to have fun, build community, and raise money to support our parish. The proceeds from the festival support the operations of the Holy Cross-Immaculata Parish and help the Parish continue its various local and regional outreach ministries and liturgical programs. For more information, please call the parish office at 513-721-6544, visit the Holy Cross – Immaculata website at www.hciparish.org, or visit our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/HCIParish/> see p. 24 for full details

SEARCHING FOR HISTORY UNDERGROUND

By Mark Dietz

If you spend much time walking in Eden Park, you have probably noticed people, sweeping the ground with metal detectors or on their knees excavating little holes in the earth. They seem diligent in their labor and can be seen from the early morning hours until the close of the Park. After watching them for a couple of years now, I finally got curious enough to find out what they were doing and what sort of items they are finding in Mt. Adams.

For those of you who have not encountered the hobby before, metal detecting has been around for quite a few years. A metal detector is an electronic instrument used for finding, or detecting anything metal which is hidden or buried in the ground. Often, it is incorporated into a handheld wand that can be swept over the search area. I knew nothing about this particular hobby, and so I looked up several of the folks involved in the metal detecting activity in the Mt. Adams area and asked a lot of questions.

My first question was why is the Mt. Adams area so popular? The easy answer is that our location is near the original city center and the route of public transportation. Consequently, there is plenty to find in this area ranging from incline and transit tokens, old coins and even musket ammunition.

Specifically, Eden Park is a popular search point due to the fact that permission is so easy. The Cincinnati Parks grant permits for metal detecting in several of the parks and Eden is the closest to the historical center of the city. The permit process can be completed at the park offices and comes with a lengthy list of rules regarding the size of digging tools and requirements that any area disturbed must be returned to its natural state.

Being a fan of anything electronic, I was curious as to what the detecting devices actually could detect in the ground. The answer is any metal. More sophisticated scanners allow the operator to set the instrument to search for specific metals and to exclude others. For example, an operator may often exclude iron from the search. Iron is common and often of no interest. Importantly, it rusts and the rust may block the signal from more interesting historical metal such as copper coins or antique jewelry.

Another question I had was how deep the searches need to be in order to find items which may have laid in the ground for one, or even two hundred years. I was told that most metal is detected at approximately 9 inches of depth. Small items, old coins, musket balls and small jewelry can be found around this level, while heavy items like horseshoes may have sunk a few inches deeper due to their weight.

What history is available here? Anything metal of interest. We are all familiar with numismatists, or coin collectors. The lure of old coins, silver or gold in particular has been an accepted avocation for many years. Transit and incline tokens can of course be found in Mt. Adams and Eden Park. As many are aware, the lookouts of Eden Park were utilized as battery locations during the Civil War. Military enthusiasts may be interested any debris associated with any such locations including ammunition from large projectile to mini balls.

One of the most interesting items found in the Mt. Adams area was an antebellum US military belt buckle which I was told was found near the

old Incline line. Other area finds include antique silverware, religious medallions, coins, tokens and the accoutrements from the era of horses and carriages.

The searchers I spoke to in various Eden Park locations all described their hobby as similar to fishing. In any case, they are fishing for history. I found them all to be congenial and very willing to tell you about what sort of objects they are finding. I have also observed them taking great care to restore any excavated areas per the Park requirements. So, stop and chat when you see them in the park. They may be able to help you find that earring you lost!



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A new business opening coming to the Hill is **The PhilanthroPub**. An opening date has yet to be announced, but elves are busy rehabbing the space. Situated in the old Quincey's location, My reliable in-house spy tells me The Pub is installing a kitchen...finally someone is doing this. They will offer libations and light noshes. Watch St Gregory St for more information.

The **Cincinnati Art Club's** Gary Eith tells us:

The club will be having a call soon to artists for an online exhibition of visual arts. The art work will not be exhibited on the walls of the club, but only in cyberspace for this exhibition. More info to come soon on it, and also some explorations on how the Club will provide other services online such as critiquing of one's work by expert artists and also online workshops.

For information on the opening of the **Rookwood Food and Beverage Company** please see p.22

Mt. Adams Bar and Grill has been closed since March 23rd after serving Carryout for ten days after the shutdown. It was difficult for us to do and we decided to just close until able to go back to our regular business. We have used the shutdown time to do cleaning, painting and repairs long needed.

We are waiting for the word on the next stage of opening and will hope to be able to open in a way to provide a safe environment for our customers and employees and get back to being part of our thriving community. We will post something as soon as we know.

Blind Lemon: We have been shut down since March 15 th as all bars were complying with state regulations. It was disappointing as we had never shut down in 57 years. We have taken the opportunity to make some long needed changes like a new brick patio.

Walter will still be there after 43 years of providing service. Hopefully after being closed up for the past 6 weeks the idea of having a cocktail in the garden will sound like a great idea. Maybe even a happy hour cocktail with your dog will sound good. Still waiting for dates on opening for bars but will keep you all posted on that.

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For the **Mt Adams Walking Tours** see p. 22

For Cleanup details see p.12

Monks will reopen soon and hopes to get the City's okay to use Longworth's patio for Social Distancing. Watch for the 6 foot spaced party!


See new business opening of **PhilanthroPub** on p. 23.
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From BuzzFeed, 22 Parents Discuss Life Under Quarantine.

1. We have been in quarantine for 18 days and my 9yo has been talking nonstop for 20 of them
2. Don't underestimate a child's ability to grasp what's happening right now. I've discussed the pandemic and social distancing with my 4 year old and she's decided to speak 3 inches from my face instead of the normal 1 inch.
3. My daughter just maintained eye contact while stuffing her face with the last of my chocolate stash and my husband said "oh shit" and picked her up and took her into the other room but he won't always be here to protect her.
4. 4 year old: Dad?
- Me: Yeah?
- I bet you taste like macaroni.
- So we're to that part of the quarantine
5. My son just asked me if when I was little I had to stay inside for COVIDs 1 through 18.
6. When it is bedtime and you go to put your kid in pajamas but realize you never got them dressed in the first place.
7. You know, I can handle a quarantine. I can handle rationing food, I can even handle having to relearn elementary math. But did this really have to be the week that my four year old learned to tell knock knock jokes.
8. I don't know who needs to hear this but unpack your kid's backpacks and lunch boxes now or risk a nasty surprise when school starts to open back up again.
9. What I'm doing can't be called homeschooling. I'm fumbling with web-sites and school emails while my six year old runs half dressed through the house eating his fourth piece of "be quiet" toast.
10. While playing outside our toddler peed on the side of our minivan, and honestly it's fine cause it's not like we use it for anything else these days.
11. Me to my kids: you have to eat right and get good sleep if you want to stay healthy.
- ALSO ME: "shouting at 5am" WHO THE HELL ATE ALL MY BREAKFAST PRINGLES??
12. So we don't go to restaurants, kids aren't signed for anything, and we are just staying home during spring break? Sounds like my childhood.
13. My preteen saw a bird flying past the window, muttered "ohh, bird" and jaunted to the window to stare outside. So his transformation to house cat is complete.
14. Our 4yo is insisting I help him build a 100 piece jigsaw puzzle before breakfast. So yes we are definitely going to starve to death.
15. 8yo: can we order pizza?
- Me: not tonight, son. Your dad went out hunting for groceries this morning and we are going to microwave burritos just like the pioneers did.
16. Please send thoughts and prayers to my 16 yo I asked her to do something.
17. So far during quarantine homeschool all I've taught my kids is about 37 new swear words.

18. Me: get dressed.
7-year -old: Why?
Me: We need to make things seem normal.
7yo: When were things ever normal?
I guess it's pajama day.

19. My daughter just asked me where we keep our crow bar and I'm pretty sure that's my cue to end the unsupervised play portion of our day.
- 20.
- 13yo: My English teacher wants us to write a journal every day.
- Me: What have you written so far?
- 13:yo "I don't want to write a journal, & I don't like Quarantine Chicken Surprise"
- Me: Good opener.
21. My kids have been so needy during quarantine lately. Always wanting me to color with them and give them things like food and water.
22. Me: What's the first thing you want to do after the quarantine?
- Wife: get a babysitter.

Social Distancing Neighborhood Cleanup!

by Dave Zimmerman

The Mt. Adams Beautification Association is pulling together a rescheduled neighborhood cleanup on Saturday, June 13th. The original date in April was canceled due to concerns and uncertainty over COVID-19. Here's the general plan:

1. Sign up and Supplies

Meet at the plaza on the corner of St. Gregory and Pavilion between 9:30 am and 10am to sign up for a street(s) and pick up supplies. We'll set up on the outside tables for this. Remember to keep a 6' bubble around you.

Supplies available are: Plastic garbage bags, rubber gloves, grabbers, sun screen and insect repellent. Please bring your own gloves and face mask if you have them. You can also bring a broom and dust pan if you want to sweep up around street gutters, sewer drains, etc. Coffee and doughnuts will be available either outside or inside. Entry into Bow Tie will be monitored.

If you plan to attend lunch, there will be a sign up form, so we know how much food to order.

You can also sign up for a street and lunch ahead of time by emailing Dave Zimmerman at zimmdave@aol.com. He will return a confirmation message.

2. Clean-up

The cleanup starts at 10am. Instructions for where to put the filled garbage bags will be provided. A volunteer driver will collect them and take them to a central spot for the city garbage truck. Remember that prizes are available for the most unique finds.

3. Recognition Luncheon

We plan to purchase pizza and drinks and meet at a location at noon where we can space ourselves appropriately. The site will be listed in the instructions.

This is the plan for now. Some of the details may change if the state restrictions are eased by June 13th. Any changes will be announced at the plaza before starting.

My Quarantine Vacation

by Miscellaneous

I really Miss Mt. Adams. Even more so while I'm in "quarantine."

I have moved from my historic-house-with-a view to a retirement home, the Deupree House. My timing was just RIGHT:

I moved in August, and now am dealing with the total quarantine: no leaving the "campus" and NO visitors. I'm still cooking for myself (like for the last 50 years), and the Home supplies the groceries. A lot of very pleasant cheerful people (maybe 80+) live in the House. I've got a two BR, 2 bath apartment, with a balcony and little view also parking underground and a fine fitness center. But all "communal" activities (including meals in the dining room, movies, social occasions etc.) have been suspended. So, I can't go out to usher at the theaters, or play tennis, or sing Barbershop, or go on a date with my girlfriend, or grocery shop for myself, or.....whatever. It was a great time for my move, but it leaves me too much time to avoid being bored.

MUSICally,
Don Gray

So what has this 42 year old mother of 2 been up to while Quarantined?

STRUGGLING for sure.

First off I am very thankful that I still have a job and I have the ability to work from home, especially when so many do not. I am also thankful that I work for a medical device company that can actually help make a difference during this pandemic. That being said my house is crazy busy right now.

My husband is a nurse and works at a state-run rehab program for women who are in rehab because it has been court ordered. He has been working extra hours right now not because any of his patients are sick thankfully but because others he works with are sick, or they need to be home to watch after their children. He also has to take turns to run the screening tent that screens all employees before entering the building.

So, while he is gone all day, I try to manage my four-year-old daughter who just wants mommy to play Barbie, and my eight-year old son who is on the spectrum and has ADHD. I am juggling them all while I have multiple calls a day trying assist customers obtain isolation gowns, gloves and face masks. My son's school has been excellent with setting up online learning, and all of his special education teachers have been reaching out. The hard part is trying to schedule his Zoom meetings in between my own, as I have to help him get on the calls and then stay engaged and not wander off. Meanwhile my daughter just looks at me and says...another phone call mommy???

It was announced today in our state, that the students will not be going back to school this year, and that daycare's are mandated to stay closed until 6/29. Both my kids had meltdowns. They miss structure, they miss their friends, they miss live social interaction...and they miss Target. Can't tell you how many times I've heard...mom when this is over and we go to Target I want to get XYZ.

I feel like I am neglecting my kids and sticking them in front of electronics all day while I work. The weather has not been great. Very rainy and

cold. Although that does not stop my four-year-old from putting on her bathing suit and filling her kiddie pool even though it is only 42 degrees. I thank God that they have each other. At times they, of course, are at each other's neck but sometimes they are the best of friends. In fact, they are having a "sleepover" right now in one of their rooms. This has turned into a regular thing where one sleeps in the other's room at least 2-3 times a week.

They both have become a lot more independent. Faster than they would have if this pandemic had not occurred. My daughter can get her coat on by herself and has figured out how to move a chair to get to the higher shelves in the fridge. My eight-year-old is more willing to get his own ice cream or snacks. But they are both craving my attention.

We have rented movies online, had campfires. On one of the nice days I pulled the tent out and the kids pretended to go camping. we've played with bubbles, chalk, Nerf guns, balls, scooters you name it. We are grateful for a fabulous backyard in which to run loose and be safe. We have pulled the cover off the pool even though we have no intention of going in for at least a month, but it was something to do. We walk the dog. We workout in our home gym. We are doing all the great suggestions out there but it is just getting old. We know though that this is the right decision but it doesn't mean it's easy. KHB

Our quarantine experience.....

Not horrible, it could be so much worse. We are cooking and eating and drinking more than usual, if that is possible. We enjoy taking our daily walks around the Hill and they have become longer walks since we don't have to get home to get on with life and be somewhere. We finally have time to get to those projects that we put off because we never had the time to do them. We are reading a lot more and relaxing. The quarantine has forced us to slow down and that is not a bad a thing. We are staying home so we can stay healthy.

xoxo

btw, we are going to the grocery store next week, we will check in to see if you all need anything

I went to Walmart. I saw two rolls of paper towels. I ran, grabbed, and said MINE! When I got home I said, "I don't need paper towels." This is getting ugly. I don't want to be this grabby hoarding person. I used to be nice. Now I feel like a huntress. (Anon)

I can't find the kitchen counter. There is food all over it. There are soups, boxes of various stocks, bottled drinks, sugar, flour (no yeast), cookies, crackers, chips, donuts, (We don't eat this junk usually, so why now?), open bottles of wine, bottles of exotic condiments, aha fresh fruit, tomatoes, and a precious container of Clorox wipes! My freezer is full, my pantry needs an overhaul, There are coolers on the deck, and I cannot eat fast enough. My new daily purchase is ice. Is there a Hoarders Anon.? Can I have thier number, now? PC

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Colleges During COVID

All schools have challenges in responding to COVID circumstances. Colleges have the additional challenge of housing independent adults who are predisposed to social gatherings. State Stay-at-Home Orders issued in March sent colleges reeling to establish guidelines and practices. As these orders hit while many colleges were on spring break further complicated the issue as many students were unable to retrieve their belongings out of their dorms. Parent Facebook pages are littered with questions about how to get their child's retainer/contacts/medications and other essential items left behind. And do parents get a break on housing payments if their child is not currently in student housing?

While offering remote learning when possible, many classes were not set up to handle this effort in short order. Some professors balked that recording their copyright work would lead to replication which has serious financial implications for them. Syllabuses had to be completed adjusted- the amount each test counted for towards the final grade were adjusted. How does one complete a lab or get graded on it without equipment? How to make finals work in an equitable manner was also challenging. Many schools went with all classes being graded P/F which greatly affects one's GPA and ultimately affects grad school decisions. Some schools offered P/F grades as a choice, leaving students to decide if taking the GPA hit looked better than a P/F grade going forward.

Our family had a further college complication as our daughter attends McGill University in Montreal. We had to monitor and carefully negotiate the border crossing standings on a day to day basis. While we waited for official guidance about whether semester finals would be in person or online, we had to sift through press national press briefings for nuance vs. actual decisions with respect to border closings. My husband scrambled to drive up to and return from Montreal in one day, to collect our kid and her stuff a few days before the border closing. We later learned that the very next day there were parents that were denied entry. Kids now had to jam their stuff in an Uber, drive to the border and cross the border on foot to meet their parents hanging out in a parking lot on the other side. As a sidenote, official word on border crossings continue to change depending on which border agent you get on either side of the border. The stories of quarantines in both directions, citizenship notwithstanding on either side continues to be fickle and inconsistent. Everyone seems to be making this up as we go along- sometimes hourly.

We have a senior in high school trying to decide on her college choice by May 1. Again, college parent social webpages are profuse with what-if scenarios. Parents who will or will not pay for online teaching are vocal. Picking roommates feels like a farcical exercise, but we really do not know what the fall will bring. Will they all go back only to return when Wave 3 of this thing hits? Will they let students defer until a cure? It has been reported that more students are choosing colleges closer to home since the pandemic. Meanwhile, our senior just got news that the rest of her senior year has been cancelled. The pivotable moments of the senior spring are completely diminished including college acceptance days. Graduation is still a question mark. Virtual? Nothing? In August? To celebrate her spring birthday and at least give a passing nod to her situation, we threw her a quarantine prom complete with a friend stopping by (with social distancing) in her prom dress.

Our kids will need to get summer jobs to afford books and such for school. While many internships are going virtual, many are not, leaving kids scrambling. The normal local array of summer job offering is significantly reduced (at least there are grocery stores!).

While I would not want to trade places with those that are teaching their kids while working, I have to say this college quarantine story has been quite an experience. When your new independent semi-adult loses a new friend to Covid, home and its rules suddenly look really good. KHF

A Mom:

We're in week six of social distancing, distance learning, and working from home. I was furloughed from my job before we hit week four, which was right around the time things got crazy for my husband. He is a commercial lender who up until now was the only one in his bank with previous experience lending with the SBA. We tip-toed around him for two weeks while he worked 20 hours a day. Typically he helps thriving businesses expand and create new options, but this is so different. Customers are worried and crying, everything was in high-speed, emergency mode, and then they ran out of money. To put it in context, the SBA did 14 years worth of loans in 14 days. For the twenty years we have been married, the term "banker's hours" was always laughable anyway. Still, I'm very proud that his work has never been more relevant or necessary than during this time. He's doing everything he can to help every customer he can, and I overhear the gratitude in their voices during his conference calls now on speaker phone in our bedroom.

Our two kids' private schools reacted to the crisis remarkably well and transitioned the students to distance learning and online classes on Monday, March 16th. They are both up and working every morning by 8 a.m., which keeps them going to bed at a relatively normal hour on a "school night." They still have meetings and rehearsals and group projects, although it all happens in Google Classroom or on Microsoft Teams or Zoom. They both say school is so much more serious right now without as much tomfoolery of everyday interactions, but they get through material with their teachers much more efficiently. I think they'd both take a little tomfoolery at this point. The governor just announced that schools will not re-open this year. We are praying for a more normal fall.

To keep busy during down time and keep everyone out of the banker's hair, I'm educating our daughter on all things Audrey Hepburn. Seeing the opening credits of "Breakfast at Tiffany's" reminded me that it was based on a book by Truman Capote, so "Mr. Smith Goes to Washington" is now in the queue. I wonder where Mr. Smith will lead us next. Speaking of books, I just tackled a long one called Pachinko by Min Jin Lee, which is generations-long saga of a Korean family living in Japan from the 1930s onward. It was a National Book Award finalist in 2017, and I now I need to know what beat it for the award that year. Pachinko was an amazing story told with deceptively simple prose. For a different kind of writing entirely, I handed my son The Stand by Stephen King. Some might think it's a terrible time to read a book about the United States after a pandemic that wiped out all but about 100,000 people, but it's really a story of humanity, survival, and conquering your inner demons. It's on my personal top-ten list, and I was thrilled that my son and I both identify the exact same moment in the novel "the spookiest." My daughter just finished reading The Help by Kathryn Stockett, so we watched the movie, and then we baked Minnie's chocolate pie, without

the poop, obviously. On Friday nights we have been participating in an online team-trivia contest, and it's the highlight of the week. The kids make pancakes together every Saturday morning, and they're getting pretty good at it.

Today Jim and I were walking into the garage at the same time. The automatic light is not working, and on the floor ahead of me I saw a giant taco shell. Several strange thoughts zig-zagged through my brain at that exact moment, ranging from "I've never seen a taco shell that big," to "where did it come from?" and "why is it there?" I got closer and started to laugh. It was the yellow sponge that we use to wash cars in the driveway, and it had fallen off the shelf. It is deceptively taco-shaped. Jim turned around to see what was funny and I explained. He said "Oh, that? I stepped on it yesterday and thought it was a rat at first." We roared with laughter. I don't think either of us picked it up off the floor of the garage, though.

Gas is cheap, and we're getting 3 weeks to the gallon. Yeast is hard to come by. Webinars are getting old fast. We all need haircuts.

As strange as things are, the basics remain the same. We make each other laugh. Group projects are a pain whether you do them in person or via Zoom. No one in the house can resist when the puppy comes to us, wagging his tail with a tennis ball in his mouth. We drop what we're doing and play ball. Kitchen dance parties are therapeutic, homemade cookies tame savage beasts of all ages, naps are good, and sponges can look deceptively like taco shells when the garage light is out. RPH

The Student View:

Even though these past few weeks have been crawling by at a snail's pace, online learning has become a whirlwind of activity for me. After a one-day hiatus, a full schedule of classes was up and running every day. The first few weeks had a bit of a learning curve. By the time I had settled into the new schedule format, they'd throw a new format at us. Teachers have their own unique problems running an online class. Some teachers had no idea what to do and dumped piles of work on us. Others, who already loved to hear the sound of their own voice, no longer had any students raising their hands to slow them down. Those teachers haven't stopped talking since. I think we're going on six weeks now? They must need a glass of water or to take a breath.

It's all working out. A few of my classes have actually become more enjoyable with this new platform. Teachers no longer have to deal with and stop class for a rude joke or noise from the back of the classroom, but new and different challenges have replaced those kinds of things. During a Pre-Calc test, someone forgot to mute his microphone, so we all get to have the background noise of him eating cereal. A few weeks ago, my internet connection crashed in the middle of an AP US History graded discussion. One of my friends attempted to join a Peer Ministry meeting from his phone, but wasn't let into the call because he had named his phone "Chris Christie's iPhone" as a joke and had forgotten to change the name back. While these distractions have slowly begun to decrease, I don't think they'll ever actually disappear. We all need a laugh anyway.

Overall, online learning started out a little rocky but has begun to stabilize, but it stinks to still have a full school day without the fun parts. It's no longer possible to see friends, go to clubs, or check out after school

events. We make jokes to help the day go by while we're on our Microsoft Teams groups, and we do all still make time to talk to each other outside of the digital classroom, but nothing beats face-to-face contact. As much as I love the extra time to spend with my family, play with the dog, and take naps, I think I speak for a lot of people when I say that I'll be happy when I can hang out with my friends without having to stay six feet apart. RJH

Another creative Mom:

I have two boys (ages 11 and 9) so on top of homeschooling we have been creating art projects. My one son has built a bird feeder and the other some incredible free hand drawings. We take daily walks through our amazing neighbor with our puppy and play soccer almost every day in the park. It has been challenging at times, but I could not imagine living in another neighborhood as great as Mt. Adams while we STAY HOME AND STAY SAFE:)

I have enjoyed starting the day with the "Morning Yoga Movement" available on Youtube channel, "Yoga with Kassandra." It is only a ten-minute stretch session with a different phrase of positive affirmation for each of the thirty days. It's free. And it's a pretty easy yoga for any skill level. Like New Year's Resolutions, I plan to repeat the thirty sessions, even as the orders to quarantine lift.

<https://mail.google.com/mail/u/0/images/cleardot.gif>

One of the things I am proudest of learning to do during this quarantine is not only to talk to myself, but I'VE LEARNED TO ANSWER MYSELF AND TO GIVE SOME OF THE BEST ADVICE!! (Anon.)

Stuff I've Done During Covid

....as for what we have been doing to keep busy — on nicer days, long walks (good thing we have a dog, good excuse to take several walks!) - and try to go to new places.... we've gone downtown, Friendship park to Paul Brown Stadium, over the Purple People Bridge (from our house on Paradrome!) & along the river in KY, back over the next bridge back to OH.... Ault, Devou, Lunken, etc.... in addition to our lovely Mirror Lake and Twin Lakes!!

Weight-training in our basement, several times a week
We found a 10-minute Yoga/stretch on the UTube (tv), by Kassandra, so easy and she has a 30-day program!

Family has binged on "Shitts Creek", hilarious!

Cooking all those recipes that I've clipped and saved....

We (many Mt Adams "Hillites" -16 families?) helped prepare items for masks... cut elastic strips, and bagged them.....

Reading lots, a bit of meditation (Mi Amp sent me some things to try, quick 4-minute ones!)

Organizing and cleaning closets / basement / shelves...i found tons of pictures - and clip articles when i think of others - and send them via snail mail to them...!

Hope this is what you had in mind.....

I am a volunteer with the Red Cross and have been pretty busy with them... maybe even more so, with many Webex meetings on the computer...

and the occasional Zoom with friends!! (for my sanity!) S.R.



Hill Yes ! Roos Bakery

by Jim Steiner

Mount Adams was home to the Roos Bakery for over sixty years. George Hugo Roos II, the third of five in his family with that name, emigrated to America from Alsace-Lorraine in 1905 and entered the U. S. via Ellis Island. George was German-Alsatian but made no claim to the French portion of his heritage and spoke a German-Alsatian dialect. Michael Gillig, a friend who was also from Alsace-Lorraine, had emigrated several years before and sponsored George. He settled in Northside, a Cincinnati suburb, and opened a bakery with Michael. Several years later Marie Gillig, Michael's sister, came to America and she and George married. George and Marie had four sons and two daughters. One of their sons died when he was run over by an automobile in 1915. They also had a son named George Hugo Roos – genealogical protocol would make him George III – born in 1914.

George and Marie moved to Mount Adams around 1920 after they purchased a bakery located at 1105 Saint Gregory Street. Frank Paffe was the previous owner, and had operated a bakery at that location for a number of years. Mr. Paffe converted a former butcher shop to a bakery by adding a stone hearth oven on the back of the building. George III would have graduated from high school in 1932 but he quit school during the Depression to help at the family bakery. One of his many jobs was delivering baked goods in a horse drawn wagon. The horses were kept at a stable on Fort View Place on the south side of Mount Adams.

When America entered WW II, George III joined the army and was stationed at Camp Lee near Richmond, Virginia. He remained there until his discharge in 1946, because he had a disability – an incorrectly healed broken arm - and wasn't considered fit for combat. He served as a baker, utilizing the skills he learned from his father. He returned to Mount Adams after his discharge and replaced his father at the bakery.

George III's father passed away in 1949 and willed the bakery to two of his daughters, Edna and Mildred. George III married Ruth, from Bellefontaine, Ohio, in the late 1950s and they had one son, George Hugo

Roos IV. Edna and Mildred never married. All five lived above the bakery and shared a single bathroom.

George III began baking every day at 3:00 am and baked until lunch-time. They originally used wood to heat the oven, then coal and finally gas. Edna and Mildred began helping at 7:00 am. Their busy time was 7:30 am to 9:30 am. All the Catholic school children on the Hill would buy baked goods and a drink on their way to 8:00 Mass and eat breakfast after Mass as fasting before Mass was the rule at the time. That changed after Vatican II. Ruth Holzinger who grew up on Mount Adams reminisced: "I loved those triple fold coconut rolls. I couldn't wait to make my first communion so I could stop on my way to school to get a roll and milk like the big kids." Sallie Cordes Westfelt also grew up on the Hill and remembered: "I loved Roos Bakery. I would go to communion just so I could get 2 glazed donuts and an orange juice."

Roos Bakery was also an important stop during the annual Good Friday Pilgrimage at Immaculata Church. In the early days of the business they were open for the entire twenty-four-hour period but beginning in the 1960s, the bakery opened at midnight on Good Friday and remained open until 3:00 am. They reopened at 7:00 am and stayed open until 7:00 pm. The main attraction for the pilgrims was their hot cross buns but there were many other favorites including cream horns, horseshoes, twist donuts, glazed donuts and brownies. Richard Helmes had this memory of the Good Friday Pilgrimage: "My dad, who grew up in Mount Adams, would walk the steps with us every Good Friday during the 1960s and afterwards we'd get an egg nest cookie at Roos Bakery and a root beer at Glutz's Grocery across the street."

The Passionist Monastery, located on Saint Paul Place, had a standing order from Roos Bakery for the retreats they conducted for local Catholic Parishes. The retreats lasted from Friday evening until Sunday at noon. Roos supplied bread for the retreats, 20 to 30 loaves a day. The priests would remove the Roos Bakery stickers from the bread and the retreat attendees assumed the monks had made the bread.

Roos also supplied apple pies in the 1970s to Rookwood Restaurant located in the former Rookwood Pottery building. Rookwood called them Grandma's pies but in reality George III was Grandma. The pie was huge, very tasty and made with fresh apples. Vienna bread was a popular product – also known as stone meal bread - and was special because it was baked directly on the bricks of the stone hearth oven. They also made a very popular rye bread. Eddie Gilb was a frequent customer and said this: "I always wanted to get fresh bakery stuff and that's why I went to Roos Bakery. No preservatives either and their wares were tasty."

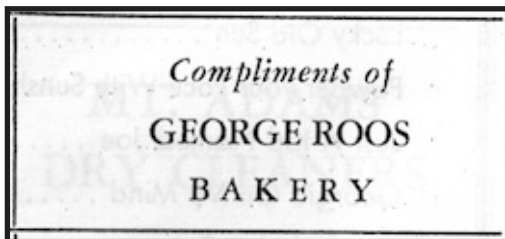
The bakery was a gathering spot for Mount Adams residents where they got their daily dose of local gossip and learned of the comings and goings in the neighborhood. One of the customer's favorites was Peppy, the Roos's pet poodle, who performed tricks for the Mount Adams children. The bakery closed the last week of July and first week of August every year for vacation. George III loved to drive and made long trips out west with Edna, Mildred, Ruth and George IV. They drove, saw a lot of scenery and didn't stop much.

In the late 1970s George and Edna – Mildred passed away in 1965 - started to slow down at the bakery. George had a second heart attack – his first was in 1966 - in the late 1970s. In 1981 they decided to sell the property and had signed a contract to purchase a house in northern

Hamilton County. George had a final heart attack and died on March 8, 1981 sitting in his favorite chair at the bakery.

Dan Smith fondly remembered George III, affectionately known by his nickname "Yotz". "Yotz used to take me to his farm to ride the horse. We had a standing deal. I shoveled the front of the bakery whenever it snowed and he made my Mom a Birthday cake every February 19. One of my favorite people of all time."

George Hugo Roos IV, the person I interviewed for this story, shared a family remembrance about the Strietman Baking Company, a large commercial baking operation, and his grandfather George Hugo Roos II. The story involves a brush with potential riches. It involved George Strietmann who invited George Roos to join his successful, growing commercial baking company. George was not interested in the commercial side of the baking business preferring the retail side so he didn't accept the offer. The Strietman Baking Company was in business for over ninety years and became a very large, profitable business. George missed out on a golden opportunity and a big payday.



My second book, Mount Adams – A History, is now at the book designer. If all goes well, it will be available in November. Thanks for your continuing interest. All proceeds from this book will be donated to the Mount Adams Civic Association.

CAPTIONS

1 - George Roos III at work in his Mount Adams bakery. Undated photo.

2 - An advertisement placed in the 1964 Holy Cross program for the annual variety

#Coronavirus has turned us all into dogs. We roam the house all day looking for food. We're told "no" if we get too close to strangers. And we get really excited about car rides.

The Weinstains go to work on the Ida St. bridge planters.



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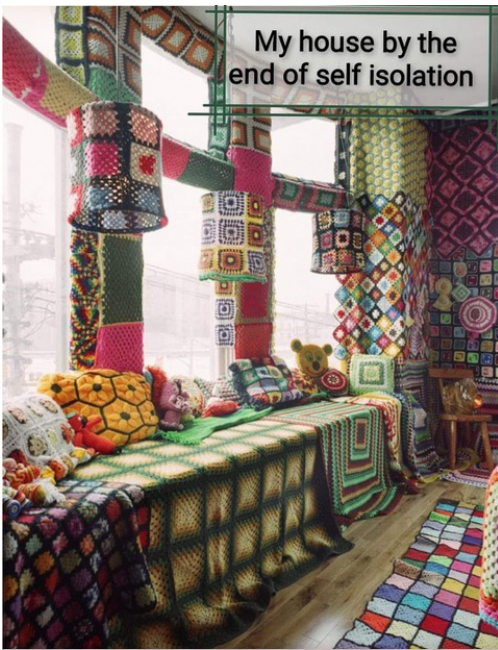
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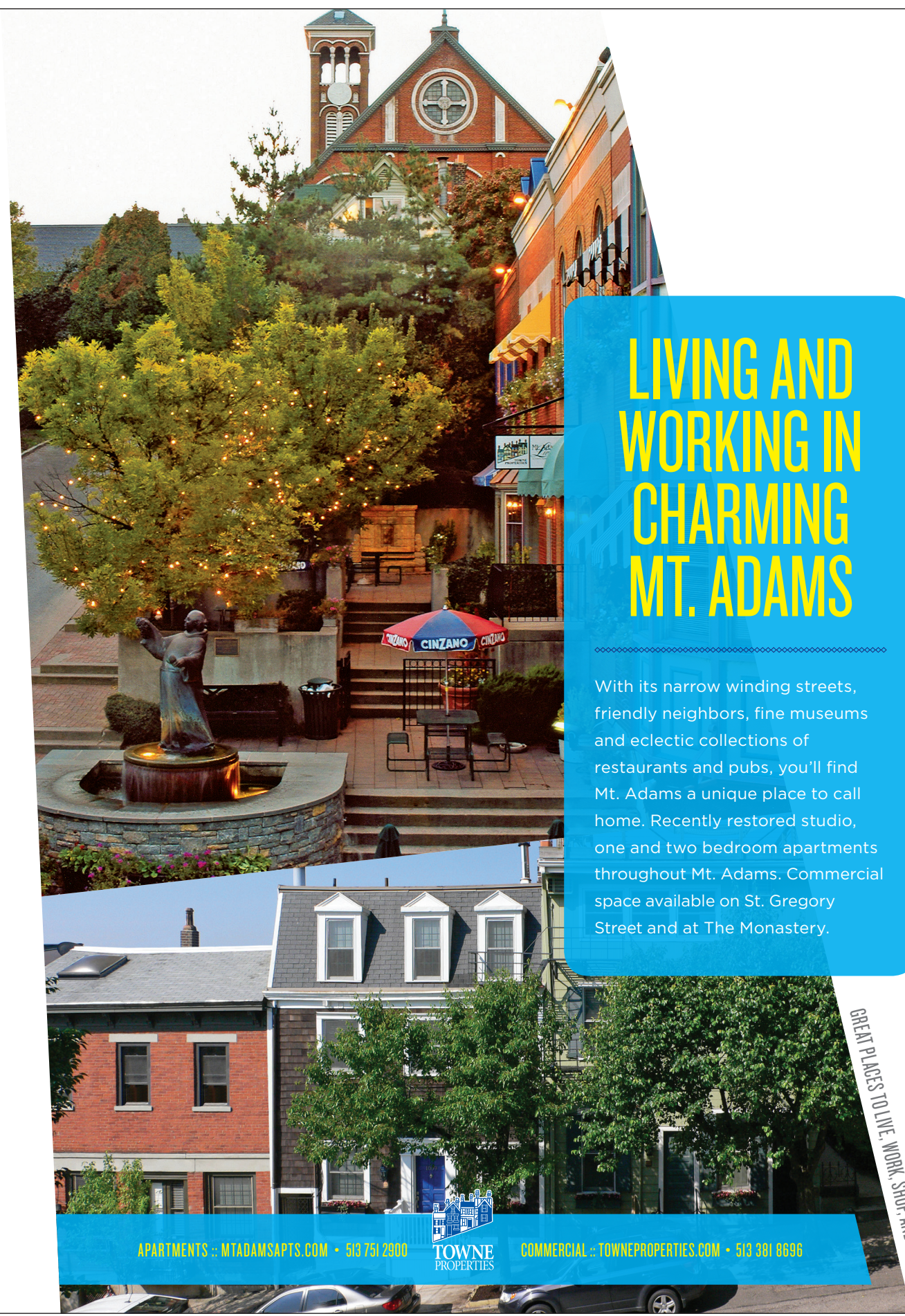
Back in my day the only time we started panic buying was when the bartender yelled "last call" 😂



On day 7 of quarantine

The Last Supper on Zoom (above)





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Playhouse's New Mainstage Theatre Complex is Underway

by Kathy Neus

At the Playhouse, we've had to end our 2019-20 season earlier than expected, but activity on the hill has not completely come to a halt. Preparation for construction to build a state-of-the-art mainstage theatre complex has continued, as you may have noticed, since shelter-in-place measures began in March. We wanted to give you some insight into what work is being done now and through the summer. We are currently focusing on preparation to move utilities, change traffic patterns and create the staging area for the new theatre.

Most of the work to date has centered on replacing a large section of the water main — specifically, one of the two that serve Mt. Adams, including the Playhouse. The section we replaced dates all the way back to 1908 and was partially clogged. Some of the valves were so old that they would no longer close, resulting in low water pressure at the theatre as well as at residences along Ida Street. The upgrade we provided to water main will help sustain better pressure for those areas of our neighborhood.

Additionally, we are creating a new service drive going to the back of the new theatre on the Ida Street side. This new drive will make it easier for us to load in sets without disrupting public traffic flow. Preparation includes the construction of a new retaining wall that will run alongside the new drive.

Cutting down many of the trees on the north side of the building is

necessary to begin construction of our new mainstage, Moe and Jack's Place – The Rouse Theatre. We don't want to lose the essence of our iconic Eden Park setting, though, and once construction on the new facility is complete, we will be planting two trees for every tree that was cut down. In addition, we are taking special measures to preserve the 150 year-old elm tree that sits at the top of the hill on that side of the building, just outside the Rosenthal Shelterhouse Theatre lobby.

It will be a little while before any parts of the new building will appear, but this site work is crucial for laying the foundation for a successful construction. Even with the surprising turn of events that have impacted all of us, we are making good progress and are on track to complete preparation work by the end of the summer. Stay tuned for more updates as construction continues.

We look forward to continuing the process of creating a new national theatre right here in Mt. Adams, and we can't wait to see you soon at the theatre again!



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My Self Isolation Diary:

by Judi Cettel

Day 1 – I Can Do This! Got enough food and wine to last a month!

Day 2 – Opening my 8th bottle of wine. I fear wine supplies might not last.

Day 3 – Strawberries: Some have 210 seeds, some have 235 seeds. Who knew?

Day 4 – 8:00pm. Removed my Day Pajamas and put on my Night Pajamas.

Day 5 – Today, I tried to make hand sanitizer. It came out like Jello Shots!

Day 6 – I get to take the garbage out. I'm so excited, I can't decide what to wear.

Day 7 – Laughing way too much at my own jokes.

Day 8 – Went to a new restaurant called "The Kitchen". You have to gather all the ingredients and make your own meal.
I have no clue how this place is still in business.

Day 9 – I put liquor bottles in every room. Tonight, I'm getting all dressed up and going bar hopping.

Day 10 – Struck up a conversation with a spider today. Seems nice. He's a web designer.

Day 11 – Isolation is hard. I swear my fridge just said, "What the hell do you want now?"

Day 12 – I realized why dogs get so excited about something moving outside, going for walks or car rides. I think I just barked at a squirrel.

Day 13 – If you keep a glass of wine in each hand, you can't accidentally touch your face.

Day 14 – Watched the birds fight over a worm. The Cardinals led the Blue Jays 3-1.

Day 15 – Anybody else feel like they've cooked dinner about 395 times this month?

Observations of a Grocer

by Bob Laferte

Cleaning supplies are pretty much nonexistent...a few boxes or in some cases 2-3 pallets of paper goods arrive each delivery..only lasts a couple of hours....cereal,oatmeal, granola bars all are well stocked...beverages also...rice is empty..pasta hit or miss....when the scare first hit and our deliveries were cancelled, if it wasn't nailed down they bought it...except for hamburger helper...30+ years I tell them, "don't put this on display, you can't give this s**t away"..just proves my point....shopping habits mostly returned to normal..waits to be seen what will happen as the meat supply chain starts to break down...yeast?...who knows..

I'm the end game I can't answer for manufacturing or distribution, but customers expect me to know why we don't have it..when it's coming in..and how much will we be getting.

I love the constant customer calls to the store looking for "specific items".. not just a commodity. I have a woman who called a half a dozen times looking for Crusty Canyon gluten free blueberry frozen bagels. She says " they are the only ones my son will eat". What can you say to that and not get fired???

Speaking of gluten free, and organic for that matter, just throw a global crisis at people and it's funny how quickly they abandon food allergies and "healthy eating". It confirms my suspicion, not that many people can be allergic to gluten, or peanut butter ..p.s. this doesn't even touch on customer behavior like one way shopping...6 ft apart. It can really give you a chuckle watching the human behavior aspect playing out in front of you through the contents of a shopping cart

Rookwood Food and Beverage Company

Opening Soon

by Bret Michaud

The Rookwood Food and Beverage Company is tentatively looking at an early September opening; earlier if circumstance permits. Like everyone else we are assessing how to appropriately address the new normal and appropriately integrate that into our plans moving forward. Though we would have liked to open months ago, we feel fortunate that we did not have to sort through the issues that existing restaurants and businesses are having to cope with currently. That being said, our situation enables us to make adjustments on the fly and we think that everyone will be pleased with the outcome.

The Rookwood will be the sum of many parts. As some may know, our family originally started Teak in 1994. Some will assume our expertise is mainly Thai Cuisine, but to meet us one would see we are a mixture just like most of America with our father being American and our mother this little tan Thai woman. Just as the vast majority of our menu at Teak were Thai family recipes, the majority of the recipes at The Rookwood also be traditional family recipes that carried down from my father's side of the family. For years we have sought an opportunity to offer the other half of what we do in a restaurant. The Rookwood Food and Beverage Company is the realization of this desire to again offer the world the great traditional food we took for granted growing up. Whether it was the Teak or the delights our grandmother created in our family restaurant in Northern Wisconsin, we learned that great food doesn't have to be complicated and that great flavors can result from simplicity and execution.

Great food done right looks great, tastes great, doesn't have to intimidate, and makes you feel good. That embodies The Rookwood and

everything we are doing. Every morning our pastry chef will bake fresh items for breakfast as well as daily desserts and specialties that will be available for dine-in or on display and available for sale. In the same area as the bakery there will also be a full service coffee/beverage/ice cream bar that will have casual seating for lounging, eating, drinking, etc. This will be an area of The Rookwood that we see as a "café" component that will be a complementary, and vital part of what we are doing. The creation of the "café" area also led us to the decision of offering breakfast service on a daily basis as coffee and bakery lend themselves to an a.m. clientele.

The Rookwood Food and Beverage Company will be an all-day operation. There will be a rotating daily special for lunch and dinner and prepared home meals that customers can order individually or family-sized every day. The only days where the daily special will be the same every week are on Fridays and Sundays. Friday's special will always be our Wisconsin-style fish fry that will have a few variations of how your fish is prepared and Sunday will similarly be fried chicken day with all the fixings.

On a daily basis, and bringing something back from our Teak past, we will offer a Thai special as well. It could be any number of things, but one special will be available as well as our famous Pad Thai and perhaps a Fried Rice. We will not offer a full Thai menu on a daily basis as The Rookwood should never be a Thai/Asian restaurant, but we see nothing wrong with offering a taste of what made us famous to begin with from the family who did it right!

During the Holidays we plan on offering seasonal family meals as well as specific pies and desserts. We have a fruit cake that people actually love and plan on offering several varieties of traditional Christmas cookies to accentuate the holiday. There will be much more to come as we get closer to that special day of reopening the doors.



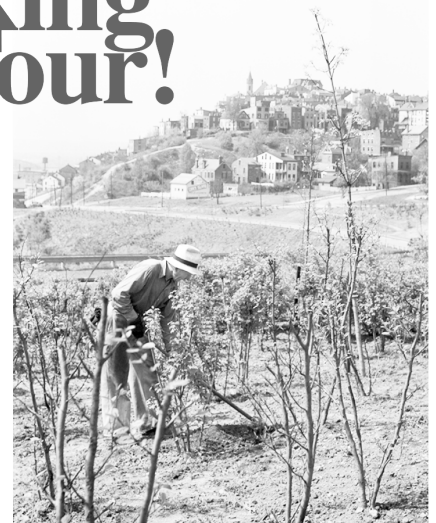
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What's in a Name? Intro to PhilanthroPub.

by Tom Nurre

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PhilanthroPub will also be hosting charity events on special evenings and raising money by various methods....Cover charges, Raffles, Silent Auctions, Special drink pricing....all to raise money for the designated Charity.

Even 1 drink can make a difference.!

Cheers,

- PhilanthroPub

House Hunting on the Hill

by Beau Tuke

Happy Spring from Mt Adams Yacht Club Commodore Emeritus and YOUR Mt Adams real estate agent – Beau Tuke, Executive Sales Vice President at Sibcy Cline Realtors. Real Estate is alive and well in Cincinnati. Showings, offers and closings continue in all neighborhoods in Greater Cincinnati, which has kept me busy over past few weeks. Mt Adams currently has 35 available for sale properties, 8 pending transactions, and 24 closings in the past 6 months all ranging from \$85,000 to \$1,620,000. Many wonderful opportunities to become a part of Mt Adams and at a variety of price points – house hunting is open for business! Virtual showings and tours are very popular taking place, but in person viewings also still happening with safety measures of masks, gloves and distancing. With safety being paramount, I am showing houses and meeting with homeowners regularly in Mt Adams. I want to remind the readers all that our residents, neighbors and businesses are The Hill's biggest advocates. I frequently meet people looking to move to Mt Adams because they have acquaintances here and patronize our churches and eating and drinking establishments. As longtime residents, we know the benefits of living in Mt Adams with its walkable proximity to the Arts, Parks, OTR, Riverfront and even Covington/Newport - keep promoting what a wonderful Hill we all get to be apart of and live on. I am positive the market will have momentum going forward and our neighborhood will thrive. I hope everyone is staying safe and looking forward to a warm summer!

Holy Cross-Immaculata Update

By: Elaine Fuell

We hope this issue of Mt. Adams Grapevine finds you, your family, and your friends, in good health and good spirits! We know the last few months have been trying for all of us

When the Governor announced the plans for the careful re-opening of the State of Ohio, the Catholic Bishops of Ohio extended the temporary Mass suspension until May 29, 2020. At the time of this writing, it is expected that public Masses will once again resume in time for the Solemnity of the Pentecost on the weekend of May 30 and 31, 2020. We have adjusted to the need for social distancing by emailing out a weekly "virtual bulletin," and a weekly Word from our Pastor. We also posted a virtual celebration, which included readings and songs, nearly every weekend on our YouTube Channel!

Daily Masses from St. Peter in Chains Cathedral are available online at <http://www.catholiccincinnati.org/> at 8 a.m. Monday through Saturday and Sunday Masses are live-streamed at 9:30 a.m. (Spanish) and 11 a.m. (English). The Catholic Telegraph has a complete list of live-streaming Masses in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati on their website, found here: <http://www.thecatholictelegraph.com/covid-19-live-streaming-mass-schedule/65683>

A Very Different Good Friday at HCI

For the first time in 160 years, HCI did not host thousands of pilgrims in person praying the steps from midnight to midnight on Good Friday. To continue our tradition, we created a nearly hour-and-a-half long video and posted it to our YouTube channel on Good Friday morning. The video is still available on our website at hcuparish.org.

HCI Hilltoppers

During this time, HCI Hilltoppers, the senior group open to anyone 55 or older, has temporarily suspended all activities. We do hope to be able to get together again in time for the fall season. For more information, or if you are interested in joining, please contact Ann Carroll at awcarroll@zoomtown.com.

Holy Cross-Immaculata Mt. Adams Festival

We are cautiously optimistic, and still preparing for our annual Summer Festival, scheduled for Friday, August 7 and Saturday, August 8 from 5:30 p.m. to midnight each night.

Although everything is currently on hold, we are still hoping to hold our Festival, as it is not only our parishes biggest fundraiser, but a wonderful and important way to build community and strengthen bonds with each other as neighbors in Mt. Adams.

One way you can help kick off the Festival right now is to participate in our expanded Main Raffle! The Main Raffle is no longer a reverse raffle, and there are now more prizes! Tickets will be drawn on Saturday, August 8, 2020. First Prize is \$7,500 (if 400 or more tickets are sold) Second Prize is \$1,000, and Third Prize is \$500. Tickets are \$50 each, and if you buy 5 tickets, you get the 6th free! Your odds of winning are excellent since there are only 500 tickets sold, plus a possible additional 50 bonus tickets.

This year we are also adding FOUR Earlybird Drawings! We already held one drawing for all 85 tickets purchased by April 30, and the winner won \$250! The next Early Bird drawings are scheduled for: May 30 (\$200); June 30 (\$150); and July 30 (\$100).

Don't want to buy the tickets for yourself? Sell them to your friends and family! We are offering Seller Prizes of \$200, \$100 and \$50 to the persons who sold (prior to the Festival) the 3 winning tickets. Please visit hcuparish.org to purchase tickets.

We are excited to announce that we once again have a great line-up of bands, starting Friday night with Boo Radley, a band that's been in the Cincinnati area for over 10 years, featuring classic and modern rock. Saturday again features Haymarket Riot, local favorites from the 1970s and 1980s that have joined us for the past few years and have been a huge hit.

After last year's success, we are once again taking the HCI Festival Silent Auction ONLINE! Links to our Silent Auction webpage will be provided this summer. There will be a one-week preview of all auction items. Even those unable to attend the Festival in person can preview, place bids, and win items online from wherever they are. Watch for the auction link on the HCI website and in our weekly newsletter (subscribe at hcuparish.org).

We are already looking for Silent Auction donations. Do you want to support your favorite local restaurant, bar, boutique, coffee shop, or other business during this time of uncertainty? Think about buying a gift card or two and donating them to the Silent Auction. Have you been decluttering during the Stay At Home order? If you find any excellent-quality valuables (unused Christmas or wedding gifts? new home décor that just isn't your taste? priceless art or memorabilia?) please consider donating to the Silent Auction.

We are also still looking for Sponsors, so if you would like to be a Festival Sponsor, or if you know a local business that would like to be a sponsor, please contact the HCI Parish office at 513-721-6544. Festival Sponsors at all levels will be thanked in our weekly bulletins, on social media, at the Festival itself, and will be given the option of well-placed ads within our Silent Auction listings.

Free, convenient parking will again be available beginning at 5:30 p.m. each night. Shuttles will deliver visitors to the festival site every half-hour from 5:30 p.m. to midnight each night.

We are continuing to monitor all state and federal guidelines, and are working through ways to incorporate new methods of preventative practice and social distancing into our Festival.

Holy Cross-Immaculata's festival began over 40 years ago. Our goal each year is to have fun, build community, and raise money to support our parish. The proceeds from the festival support the operations of the Holy Cross-Immaculata Parish and help the Parish continue its various local and regional outreach ministries and liturgical programs. We wish you and your families and friends good health in the coming months. We pray each day for our community, and we remind you to pray for each other. Please offer extra prayers of protection and thanks for our health care professionals, scientists, first responders, retail and food service employees, teachers, government service employees, and all those on the front lines of the fight against COVID-19 every day.

For more information, please call the parish office at 513-721-6544, visit the Holy Cross – Immaculata website at www.hcuparish.org, or visit our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/HCIParish/>



Pilgrims' Progress

by Rev. Bruce Ford

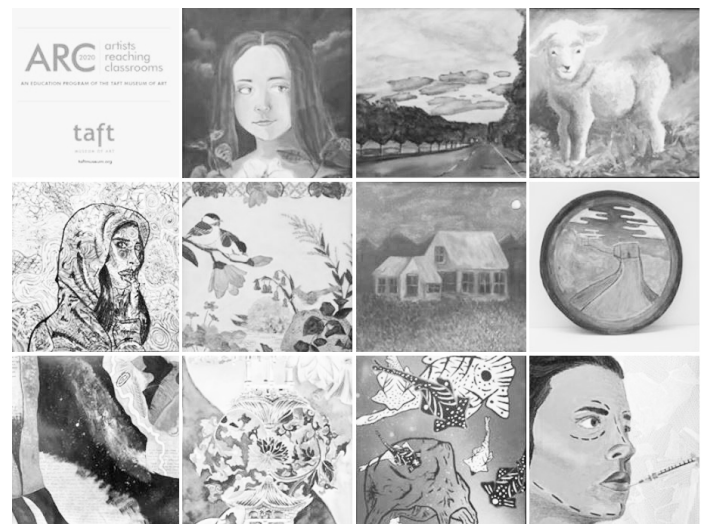
Greetings all. Your friends and neighbors from Pilgrim Chapel hope this issue of The Grapevine finds you well. The times in which we find ourselves have been challenging to say the least. They have forced us to come to grips with our better selves. The words of wisdom of Franklin Delano Roosevelt, 'There is nothing to fear but fear itself....' Are words that we have all tried to cling to in order to cope with social distancing, stay at home or stay safe orders and the separation anxieties we face. I hope that as we all read this issue of The Grapevine, that events and life 'On The Hill,' and summer's dawn brings us truly a season of warmth and light. We all are in need of this.

As seasons go, many events are tradition. We have had graduations, whether they be via Twitter, or parents with their children graduating via FaceTime. We are proud to say that some of our Artists in Residence from The Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music who perform at Pilgrim Chapel have graduated this May. Our graduates are: Giselle Haas, soprano- Bachelor of Music; Melinda Hunt, bassoon- Bachelor of Music; Rachel Lee, violin - Doctor of Musical Arts; Jacob Lemons, saxophone Masters of Music; Paul Moak, trumpet- Bachelor of Music. Also, Andrew Lu, our CCM Preparatory Department Music Intern Xavier High School Suma Cum Laude and will attend Harvard University in the fall. We are so proud of these young artists!

Jacob Miller, piano, our principal Artist in Residence continues with us finishing his Doctorate of Musical Arts in 2021. We have several new students who have joined our Music Ministry and Concert Series or are entering CCM in Fall, 2020. Like most of the universities, churches are also planning contingencies for cyber church as well as outdoor gatherings on the church grounds, or other sites 'On The Hill,' where we can gather as Pilgrims but both use social distance, and experience worship in the sunshine and fresh air. Stay tuned to our webpage, mtadamchurch.com as well as our Facebook page for these opportunities. In addition, we launched this Spring a YouTube Channel, 'New Hope for Pilgrim,' where we post music that uplifts the soul and inspires. The music ranges from favorite hymns, contemporary Christian pieces, to the classic repertoire that our CCM students are performing at the college. We hope that you will tune us in and enjoy the music. We post each week new pieces that follow the worship cycle of readings which can be found on The Vanderbilt University School of Divinity Website at (<https://lectionary.library.vanderbilt.edu/> .)

We are working on online encounters and studies for The Mt. Adams Book Club, Bible Studies, and Cyber Church gatherings in the event that we need to continue the Stay Safe At Home program in Ohio this summer. Again, you will find links and announcements to these offerings via the church website, and Facebook.

Finally, we want our community to know that we are always available for prayer concerns, or other individual or family needs via email or telephone. You may email the pastors / prayer chain at mapcmeeting-house@gmail.com or telephone the church and leave a confidential prayer request at 513.381.7999. This line is monitored 24 / 7 and a pastor will contact you within twenty four hours of your message. All of us at Pilgrim Chapel, as well as Mt. Adams community as a whole are anxious to have things return to normal as soon as possible. Yet, we want everyone to remain safe and healthy. So, while this might require more patience and sheltering for a time, we know that this too will pass. God shall bring us to the other side of this pandemic. It indeed is a time of challenge. Yet, we are all undergirded by our faith, and sure and certain hope that God will be with us through these challenges. May God bless and keep you and your family and friends.



We are repeating here a paragraph from the Library (p. 33) that tells us where we can view this year's Artists Reaching Classrooms exhibit. We regret we do not have a color page available to show you the wonderful vibrant student works pictured above. Go to the Gallery site listed below to view them in their true colors.

"For almost three decades, the Taft Museum of Art (TMA) has celebrated students and their artwork with an annual program and exhibition called Artists Reaching Classrooms. Normally this exhibition would be housed at the Downtown Main Library; this year it was slated to open April 8.

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Selling Under Quarantine

by Vinni Brown

Last issue I wrote about the biggest mistakes buyers make. I planned another article for this quarter and then COVID-19 hit and rocked the real estate world. I decided to write about the biggest mistakes sellers are making as we venture into a "new normal".

1. Thinking this is not the right time to sell. Yes, I know, this is crazy but true! My Coldwell Banker office had 240 homes close in the month of April and although the numbers are slightly lower than last year, it is not near what everyone is hearing or predicting in the news. We are having a major supply and demand issue. In some areas we now have a less than 1 month supply of homes on the market. This is historically unheard of and sending prices for homes through the roof...pun intended. Let's put this into perspective. Homes that in a normal market would take 2-3 months to sell at a slight year after year increase of 6%, are now getting multiple offers and selling at 5-10% over list price. People that have been reluctant to put their homes on the market because of COVID-19 are simply missing the market.

2. Pricing your home too high. The market will dictate what your home is worth. Have your agent do a thorough market analysis based on number from the last 6 months. Overprice your home, it will sit even with all the demand. Price it correctly, chances are you will end up with more money in a shorter time period. Banks will not allow their clients to overpay for a home, so the last thing you want is to have your home appraise for less than you have sold it for and now you have to go back on the market.

3. Make sure your home is market ready. I cannot stress enough that it is worth it to make sure your home is in great condition. Take this time to clean every closet and your garage. Paint what needs to be painted, and do any repairs you have been putting off for the last 20 years. Even though supply is limited, buyers today do not want to do any work and it will cost you dearly in negotiations. Invest in your home and you will reap the rewards. I tell most of my clients, you have to move anyway so get rid of everything now, don't wait until you have to move.

4. Trying to sell on your own. This is a dangerous and unpredictable time to have strangers coming through your home without protection. A responsible and professional Realtor should have your best interest at heart. Realtors should insist on limited showings with appropriate social distancing. Realtors should also provide gloves, booties and sanitizer, and insist that everyone coming into your home wear a mask. Virtual tours should be available online so interested buyers have an opportunity to see your home as if they are walking through, before actually making an appointment.

Next Issue: How to manage when a loved one passes and there is a house involved. From cleanup to market with as little stress as possible on the family

Strangers in the Kitchen

I watched an obviously professional career woman of some ilk, slowly and painfully select a set of measuring cups at the grocery store. She checked out the various types, materials, styles, and assessed at some length. She plopped a set in her basket and moved on, with a backward glance at the rejects. I so badly wanted to tell her she had bought the wrong set. Instead of basic dry measures, she bought liquid cups with the extra rim on the edges that keeps you from spilling and let you pour. If she measures dry ingredients with those, nothing will come out right. But I could neither risk offending, or more to the point, I couldn't get within 6 feet. I hope whatever she is making, it isn't something that she bakes.

There are a lot of strangers fumbling around in their kitchens right now. Any intelligent person that can read, can learn to cook. Mistakes can be costly in terms of food and of time. That's why the big rush on ground beef, and turkey, and the invention of Chicken everything. They are basic and the least intimidating to tackle. But if neither is available, you may have to stretch your comfort zone and try something new. No, we are not going to drown you in recipes, but we do have a few hints.

When you buy fresh herbs, trim off the bottom of the stems and stand them in a glass of water with a small plastic bag popped over them. They will last longer than in the refrigerator.

You can hurry the ripening of fruit if you place it in a paper bag.

Pierce a squash, such as butternut, ten or so times with a fork and then place in microwave for 1 minute. It will be much easier to peel.

Rolling a lemon back and forth with hand pressure across the countertop will make juicing easier.

Put a raw roast in the freezer for 15 minutes and it will be easier to slice thinly for sandwich steaks or for wok cooking.

Spray a grater with product such as Pam first and cheese etc will be easier to clean off afterwards.

Cut a thin waistline around your potatoes and boil for 15 minutes. Place in ice water. When cool, the peel should slide right off.

Smear both sides of a fish fillet with mayo and broil. The fish won't stick (This Yankee also adds Panko and dried or fresh dill..)

Got small amounts of broth or wine? ...freeze it in an ice cube tray to add to whatever.

Cut up your herbs with a pizza wheel and they won't mush.

Preheat your skillet BEFORE you add the food and it won't stick.

A ripe cantaloupe should smell like one at the stem end. If it's just green smelling...it's not ripe.

Substitute! A daughter made a side dish that called for Orzo. She had none, but found tiny alphabet pasta. They had a fun dinner trying to spell sentences. Her youngest child is 22. That pasta has been waiting a long time. MCH

Family Stories

by Lee Rasmussen

This story is about my father's side of the family. Both his mother and father were European immigrants. Elizabeth Bryan was from a little Irish town in County Cork called Dunmanway, just west of Cork City. Why Elizabeth decided to abandon her Irish family and immigrate to the US by herself is not known but, obviously, she was a very brave and headstrong young lady determined to make her own way in life. Henry Rasmussen was from Copenhagen. Little is known about his family in Copenhagen other than there was a rumor that there was some Jewish blood in the family. In Denmark, that would not be unusual as Denmark had a well-established and valued Jewish community. Rasmussen is a very common name in Denmark about like Smith and Jones is here. The current premier of Denmark is Lars Rasmussen.

Eva was probably 18 or 19 when she met Henry on the boat on which they were both emigrating to the United States. By the time they got to Ellis Island, they were in love. Not hard to figure. She was an articulate, ambitious and attractive "fine Irish lass" and he a distinguished looking young gentleman just a few years older. My father inherited his good looks. Just ask my mom. Not much is known about the Bryan family in Dunmanway other than they belonged to the only Presbyterian church in County Cork. That's interesting in itself. Years later, when Bessie died at age 96, my father kept his promise to her and sent her ashes back to Ireland to be buried in that church's cemetery. Also, years later, while my brother and I were making a tour through Ireland, we actually found that little church, now abandoned. We quietly walked the grave yard just to pay our respects to Elizabeth, the grandmother we barely knew.

Apparently, they didn't stay in New York very long. They headed for Chicago and lived there long enough for Bessie, as she was later called, to find a job at Marshall Field's Department Store. It didn't take long for her to climb the promotion ladder. She soon became the first woman buyer the store ever had. Guess what department she managed.....the Irish Linen department. Dah! Well, why not? She was smart, articulate and being Irish, she knew the product. I'm sure her looks and her charming Irish accent didn't hurt. Back in those days, Irish Linen was an important commodity for department stores. Many self-respecting homemakers considered serving a formal dinner table with set Irish Linen was a must and a sign of good taste. How many of today's Cincinnati younger generation know that the huge Alms & Doepke Building downtown on Central Parkway was a department store? I'm sure it had a thriving business in their Irish Linen department, especially in this town of so many European immigrants.

I never heard what Henry was doing for a job while living in Chicago. But, obviously he wasn't happy with his situation there because he decided to move the two of them to Wahpeton, North Dakota. Good grief! Why North Dakota? Well, it turns out that back then many of the Scandinavian immigrants were attracted to that part of the US and decided to settle there. There were so many of them, in fact, that they actually created a mini Scandinavian culture which survives there even today. Minnesota, the state adjoining North Dakota to the east, was an even more popular location, witness the former and very popular Minnesota Public Radio program "A Prairie Home Companion." narrated by Garrison Keillor. I used to really enjoy that broadcast. Wahpeton was actually a fairly progressive little town in its day, located in the very south/east corner of the state on the banks of the Red River. Apparently, living in Wahpeton agreed with Henry as he opened a

successful hardware store and later even became the town's mayor. The town later became known for its fine City Hall and its elaborate classical revival architecture. It was a progressive town and the first town in North Dakota to become electrified. Three children followed. Darryl was the first born, then Eva, the only daughter, and then my father, James Henry.

I didn't hear many stories of their family life there from my father but he did talk about how cold and snowy the winters were. Starting in late November they had to put up a snow fence around the house. If you didn't do that, the blowing snow would pile up on the sides of the house almost to the second floor, turning the house into a giant freezer. One winter the snow got so high that it blocked the front door and they had to crawl out of a second story bedroom window and jump into the snowbank just to get out. Those were the days!

Easily, one of the most memorable stories my father told of those days was the time when a notable relative came to stay. In 1900 William Jennings Bryan was again running for President of the United States. In fact, he ran three times and was a major figure in the Democratic Progressive Party. Back in those days, there was no Holiday Inn to stay in while on the campaign trail, so when you came to town, if you were lucky enough to have a close relative living there, of course you stayed with them. I'm pretty sure that Henry was a Conservative so that had to be a really interesting dinner conversation! One of these days I should look him up on my family tree. His stand during the Scopes trial would not be one of mine.

He also told me that one of his earliest jobs as a teenager was working for the Great Northern Railroad laying railroad track heading west. It paid well but, that was hard work. Later, while attending college at the University of Minnesota, he made money stoking the coal fire furnaces at the girl's dorm and modeling hats at the local haberdashery. I'm pretty sure there are some more stories there! At the end of his junior year, he dropped out of school to look for full-time work. His family needed the money. That's where the story stops.

About 15 years ago, my younger brother Mark and I, feeling the need to know more about our family's history, decided to take a road trip to Wahpeton and explore our father's hometown and place of birth in person. We thought it would be a great adventure. We'd go to the town archives and surely find some interesting history. In preparation, I thought it would be smart to first call the city library and historical society and see what recommendations they had for us. You can imagine my chagrin when the nice lady at the library said, "I'm sorry to tell you this, Mr. Rasmussen, but in 1883, the city suffered an attack by Indians, possibly from the Dakota reservation, and they set fire to the court house and all our records were burned up in the fire." Really! I didn't know we were still having Indian uprisings that late in our country's history. Well.....you can't make this stuff up! Needless to say, sadly we cancelled our trip. Bottom line.....I think I can safely say that....." I'm pretty sure that I'm the only kid on the block that can say my father's family hometown records were burned up in an Indian attack."

No wonder the Lone Ranger was my hero when I was a kid!

Ed. Note: When you ask folk to help fill a newsletter in a time of sparse events, it's delightful to have someone belly up to the bar. Thanks Lee. I'm thinking we might like to continue family stories as a regular feature. The next issue is your turn. MCH

Zoom Zoom, Our New Toy

The following report is mostly adapted from an article sent out by Consumer Reports. I could not get a response in time for this issue, though as we are not for sale, I think we are OK, and the news is rather important. Funny, my old college roommate was the Editor in Chief for decades. Now they don't answer. Sigh.

Covid 19 has trained us in many new ventures. Some we have sought out, and some have found us. Zoom was around before the virus, but its use has boomed once personal contact was lost. It has been used to connect moms in a sort of Coffee Klatch. They share who has toilet paper for sale, how to make a good meatloaf, who was going shopping and could pick up something for another. It has been used for business interviews and transactions, telemedical visits, mental health sessions, therapist visits, business sales strategies, flirtations, academic conferences, and who knows what else. Privacy is a major issue here, and Consumer Reports is calling for Zoom to update and revamp their privacy policies. At issue is what sort of information Zoom can collect, and what Zoom can do with it. There was one backdated update in late March, but more is needed.

Zoom's privacy policy is similar to many digital platforms, claiming the right to collect and store personal data, and share it with third parties such as advertisers.

CR tells us: "In Zoom's case, that extends to what the company calls customer content, or "the content contained in cloud recordings, and instant messages, files, whiteboards ... shared while using the service.

"Videos aren't off-limits, according to the document, and neither are transcripts that can be generated automatically, the documents you share on your screen, or the names of everyone on a call. Could your instant messages and videos be used to target advertising campaigns or develop a facial recognition algorithm, like videos collected by other tech companies? That's probably not what people are expecting when they contact a therapist, hold a business meeting, or have a job interview using Zoom."

Zoom puts a lot of power in the Host's hands, many of whom don't know they have powers. There are things you need to know when you are using Zoom:

When the video is being recorded, a small red button pops up along with the word "recording" in small type. Watch for it and the host can turn recording off. There is a consent button for participants to click on, but by default, it is off. Host needs to activate. While we assume by agreeing to go on a video call that it will be recorded, Zoom can re-share the recording. Not good for your session with your therapist. A recording could be stored locally on a laptop or on Zoom's cloud storage...check. The host can turn on Attention Tracking. It kicks in if anyone clicks away from the conference, but your leaving the discussion could be business related or game playing. The tracking does not differentiate. This feature should be eliminated or at least let folk know when it is on. You don't want your boss thinking you are watching YouTube during his presentation.

CR recommends that you keep your camera and mic turned off when using zoom and back on if you speak. You can use a background photo for your video and then your personal life and items are not on display. Be careful out there, big brother is watching you.

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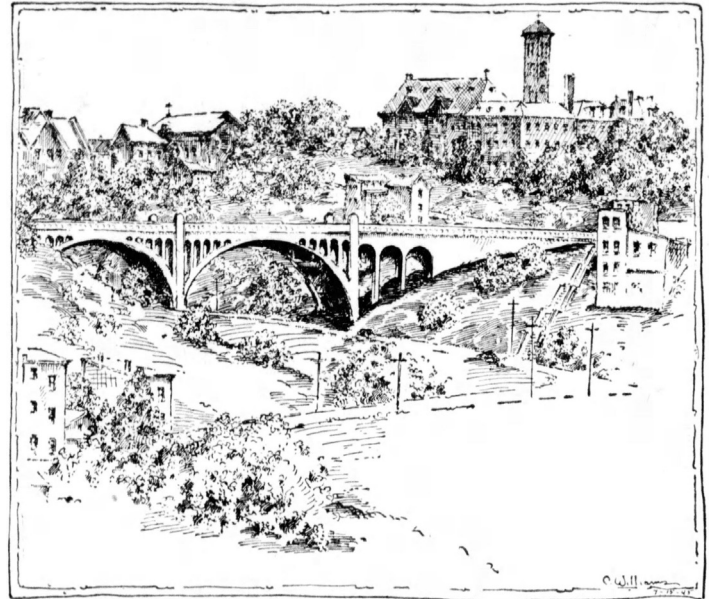
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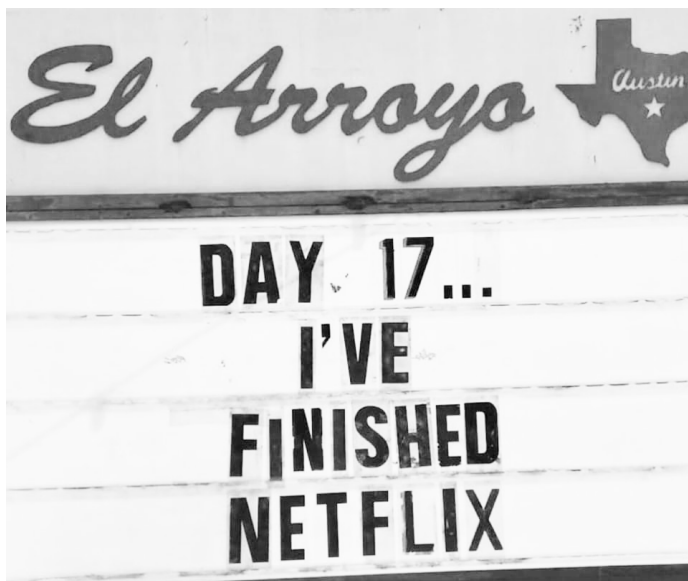


From Highland Avenue and around the curve on Liberty Street a continuous panoramic view of the city and surrounding hills unfolds below. Mt. Adams stands out in impressive clarity with the white expanse of the Ida St. Bridge and the buildings of the Holy Cross Monastery above the streets that wind up the hillside.

A Spot in Mount Adams

by Jim Steiner

This sketch is by Caroline Williams and was published in the Cincinnati Enquirer on July 15, 1945. The Holy Cross Monastery and Holy Cross Church are seen in the upper right corner. The building left of the church and monastery with the cross on its roof is Holy Cross School which closed in 1976 and was demolished in 1983. A parking garage occupies the site today. Mount Adams School, seen along the left border, has been repurposed as condominiums. The bridge is the Ida Street Bridge, opened in September, 1931. It carries traffic over Court Street, today called Wareham Street. The street joining Court is Elsinore. Note the Wareham/Monastery steps, still in use, rising from Court Street to the right end of the bridge. The Holy Cross Monastery today is the headquarters of Towne Properties and the Monastery has become the Monastery Event Center used for receptions and business gatherings.



"Barn's burnt down — Now I can see the moon."
 Poem by Mizuta Masahide

**I know this. When this ends—
 AND IT WILL—every game will
 sell out, every restaurant will have
 a 2-hour wait, every kid will be
 glad to be in school, everyone will
 love their job, the stock market
 will skyrocket, every other house
 will get TP'd, and we'll all embrace
 and shake hands. That's gonna be
 a pretty good day.**

Hang in there, World.

Candy From Quarantine?

Fun fact: 1949--In the midst of the polio epidemic--a disease that placed tens of thousands of children inside iron lungs, and many thousands more around the country quarantined at home--a young San Diego schoolteacher named Eleanor Abbott invented Candy Land, one of the most popular board games of all time. Abbott created the game inside a polio ward, as a patient herself, with the hope of giving the immobilized children around her a momentary sense of freedom and mobility. As a way of further connecting with the kids, Abbott featured on the game board an illustration of a boy with a leg brace. Milton Bradley was quick to buy the game from Abbott. And to this day, Candy Land continues to be popular, more than 65 years after the disease was eradicated. Of course so many of us played this game as kids, but I found the back story fascinating. Who knew? Makes me wonder ...what will be invented from this pandemic?



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News

As this edition of Grapevines goes to press, the Library would love to share all its exciting summer events coming up. As of now, though, we don't know what's going to happen with the stay-at-home order or the COVID-19 virus in the next few months.

But what we do know for sure is that our digital collections and resources are available to you no matter what. You don't have to be quarantining at home to enjoy eBooks, eAudiobooks, virtual storytimes, and the like. Log in while on vacation, commuting, or stuck inside on a rainy day.

Plus My Librarian offers year-round assistance with small business concerns, job searches, filing for unemployment, computer and database assistance, and more. Don't have a PLCH Library card? No problem. You can easily get a Digital Library Card to use until the Library reopens.

Also, the Library is holding the Quilts for a Cause project. The community is invited to create cloth squares that will be sewn into a quilt(s) for the Library Foundation to auction off to benefit critical Library services and programs, such as Homework Help and summer learning activities for youth.

- **Quilts for a Cause**

Details: blog.cincinnati.library.org/Blog/quiltsforacause

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Summer Reading

The Library is working on changes to the summer reading program in light of all the educational challenges students, parents and schools have been dealing with due to the pandemic. Check the website at www.cincinnati.library.org/summer for details this summer.

Holiday Closures

While the Library is currently closed due to the COVID-19 pandemic, if it does reopen during the summer it is closed again on the following days:

- Saturday, July 4 (Independence Day)
- Monday, Sept. 7 (Labor Day)

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A quarantine party on Baum, and Dianna Lars' self-celebrated birthday, with style.

Deadline for the fall issue of the Grapevine will be August 1st for a Sept 1st publication. For ads and articles please contact Sue Zimmerman at suezimmerman@gmail.com or M'ellen Horrigan at mellenvine65@gmail.com. We take TIFF's, JPEG's, PDF's, or just about anything else. We can help with design and we do speak "Adobe Creative Suites" esp InDesign. MCH

My Quarantine Finale:

I was about to sign off this quarterly with a cautious “go out and be free” sort of message. Get back to living, but be careful. Some sort of drone that we hear so much of. The message is true, but we are tired of it. If one more reminder to wash my hands comes through, I’m going to hit someone with a bar of soap. But...

In asking for people’s experiences, I also asked my family. Molly, our fourth of five children has recently completed her total requirements for her DNP doctorate, with the exception of defending her thesis before the board at Regis. Enter Zoom, and Molly, in full quarantine gear (She is Director of Nurses’ Training at University Hosp. in Boston, and a professor at Curry College, and a Homeland First Responder) defended successfully her thesis on line, it was filmed, and will be used as a demo for others, of how to do this in the future. What a world! So I ask her to tell us of her experience.. Molly is a wit and I expected humor. Here in Ohio and on Mt Adams, we have truly been fortunate to be out of the Hell of our major cities. Molly sent me a reality check.

The following is a series of texts among the members of a family of four. Bob, the father, now lives, I think, at his grocery store. Daughter Katie Beth, a manager for Champion and Vanity Fair, is a new bride using her time to rehab her first home with hubs and two dogs. Molly, you now know. Son Justin is a brand new EMT who was swabbing mouths at Logan Airport, until they shipped him to the Bronx in NYC. From Molly...

“A mother watching a son come of age thru Covid 19.... thru group text messages to our family (Bob, Me, Kate Beth)...

“We arrived in New York with a convoy of 150 ambulances. I am having so much fun here. I have experienced things I would never see elsewhere.”

“Mom...this is great...I left my mark on New York.... the NYFD asked if I wanted to go on a cardiac arrest run.... the young skinny kid broke their ambulance bumper....and they laughed about it...”

“Yes Katie you are considered a “non-essential”...no one needs underwear....

Bob...”she is essential...my mother always told me to have clean underwear on in case I got into an accident”.

In texts delivered only to the other healthcare worker known as his mother.....

“Mom there isnt enough PPE for nurses and EMTs....rather than have us wear a gown they spray us and our clothes with disinfectant and tell us to wait two minutes to allow it to dry”....

That one killed me

“Mom....has your hospital stopped working Covid codes?”

No Justin...we are still running Covid codes.....

“New York has stopped....the last three patients we brought in were determined on arrival to be too sick to utilize resources for, so they just let them die....this is a lot”.....

He came home shortly after that....

One day I asked him to drop off something for me at the post-office...the kid had serious PTSD about putting a mask on....."

Justin is 18

Stay safe, continue to wear a mask, WASH YOUR HANDS. Prayers for you all. MCH

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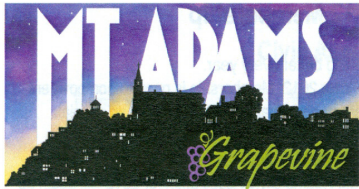
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