


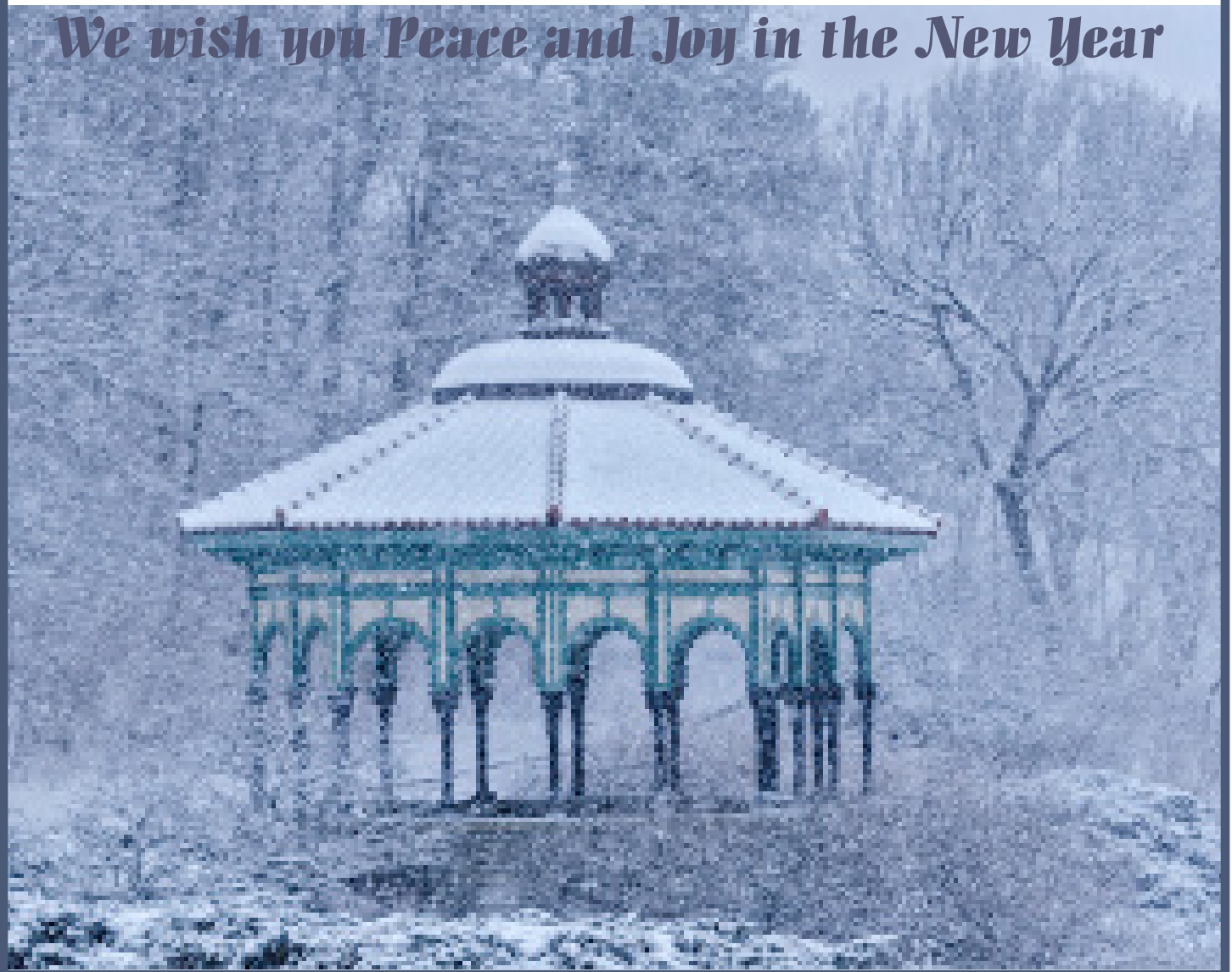
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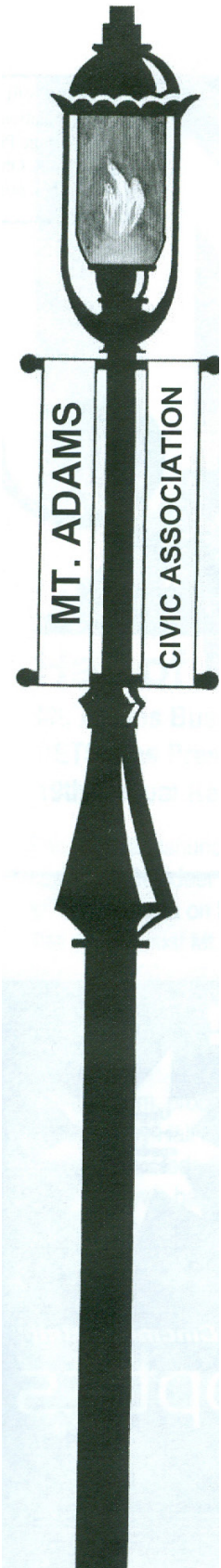
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Calling All Reindogs!

by Pat Sheppard

Get ready for the annual Mt. Adams Reindog Parade to start you holiday season. This will be our 33rd year so let's make it a good one rain-snow-sunshine we will be ready to roll and dressed for strutting our stuff. These businesses will allow our pets to join us for cocktails before and after the parade: Blind Lemon Patio, Bow Tie Patio, Luca Bistro Patio, Hi Fi Patio, El Barril, Hilltop, and Philanthropub. There is a change this year as we will gather on Pavilion Parking lot. The categories for costume winners will be: Best in Show, Small 25 lbs. and under, Large 26 lbs. and over, Dog and Owner Look-a-like and Groups of 3 or more. Our Grand Marshall this year is Thom Brennaman. Winners will be announced prior to the parade start with a Blessing of the Dogs to start the parade. The parade route will start at Pavilion and Belvedere then left on Carney left on Hatch and Left on St. Gregory to the Towne Fountain.

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MACA Minutes September 6, 2022

by Sue Zimmerman

The meeting was called to order by President Frank Obermeyer at 7pm in the Towne Properties 3rd floor Training Room.

Police Report: Officer Michelle Kleiner announced that August was the third month in a row that there were no thefts from autos. There was a Breaking and Entering August 23 at Mt. Adams Bar and Grill. The front glass door was broken into. The thief only took the cash drawer, but there was no cash in it. The camera footage was hard to make out the thief, but some blood from breaking the door window was recovered and it is now being analyzed. Last week on Celestial an eighteen-year-old boy shot himself.

On another note, Officer Kleiner explained that if there are problems with loud music, or other nuisances, call and report it to the police. The more calls the more attention to the problem happens.

Also, Pete D'juric wanted to thank Officer Carter who handled the incident on July 17. A vehicle crashed into his and his wife's cars parked on Hill Street.

Cincinnati Recreation: Vanessa Henderson – Thanked people for supporting Bush Recreation Center programs.

CRC is currently looking for part time staff members – Recreation Specialist for all Community Centers – please apply at www.cincyrec.org. Bush Recreation Center Fall hours are Monday – Friday 11:00 am – 8:00 pm. Adult Open Volleyball, Chess, Fitness, and Senior programs. CRC – Athletic Division is hosting Flag Football for 8 – 14-year-olds. All games will be played at Walnut Hills High School. For more information, please contact North Avondale/Athletics at 513-961-1584. Barbershop Talk Series – Monday, September 19th 6 – 9 pm. Free haircuts, Monday Night Football games, and food. Please contact North Avondale/Athletics for more information.

The Cincinnati Walk – Saturday, September 17th at Bush Recreation Center. Health screenings at 7:00am and walk/run begins at 9:00am. For more information or to register, please visit www.aawellness.org Bush Center & neighborhood partners will offer Trunk or Treat in October. More information to come.

We are looking to improve our adult programs for the Winter 2023. If you have any ideas, please call Bush Recreation Center at 513-281-1286 or email me at vanessa.henderson@cincinnati-oh.gov

CRC Center Membership Seniors \$10.00 (50 plus) Adults \$25.00 (25 – 49 yrs) Young Adults \$10.00 (18 – 24 yrs) Junior \$2.00 (5 – 17 yrs) Cards are valid at all CRC Recreation.

Guest Speakers: Dave Boutelle gave a presentation on Eden Park that showed the beauty of the park. His talk included the various gardens and monuments. (Did you know that the Spencer monument marks the of the halfway mark of the Ohio River?) He showed us the recent improvements to various gardens. He also showed the current repairs needed (the restrooms near Mirror Lake, the improvements to Tom Jones Commons (wetlands and better soil needed). He praised his team of florists and other workers. He also thanked all the volunteers who help out.

Mark House -Krohn Conservatory spoke about the present and upcoming events. Mark also explained that the Krohn's entire budget comes from the revenues of admission and gift shop, so they receive no tax dollars. He summarized this year's Butterfly event. Due to Covid less people at a time could be in the building. So, they started being open at night. It turns out the night hours were a huge success and a date night for people. Also timed reservation helped waiting times. In the typical 10 weeks of the Butterfly show 96,000 people come. Currently Prismatic is showing until Oct. 16th. Next on the agenda is the holiday show. Be prepared to see a new 8 foot model of Music Hall. After the holidays will be Bunnies and Blooms. Then Butterflies of the Meadow will come and summer and fall will be first flowers (actual flowers alongside their ancient fossils and maybe some dinosaur models. Due to the length the presentations. It was suggested that that the meeting deals with upcoming events and emails of information.

President's report:

MACA President Frank Obermeyer thanks both Dave Boutelle and Mark House for their wonderful presentations. Towne Properties also deserves the community's thanks for the great job repairing the retaining wall along Monastery. There are several fun events coming up this weekend, including both an Art Walk and Rock the Hill on Saturday 9/10 and the Peace Building in the Community concert on Sunday 9/11, with music from the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra and UC's College Conservatory of Music starting at 7 pm at Seasongood Pavilion. Please let Frank or Sue know if you are interested in participating on a MACA committee or even the board. Finally, if you see a problem in the neighborhood - vandalism, deteriorating infrastructure, overgrown trees, whatever - please make sure to report it to the City of Cincinnati. You can call them directly or use the FixItCincy app. The more data the City has, the more justification they have to apply resources on behalf of Mt. Adams. The City wants you to be a squeaky wheel. It helps them know where the needs are.

Treasurer Report: Tom Abare- Expenses National Night Out \$2,000, Grapevine printing \$3,913.66, and Yard & Company -Consultation \$350. Balance \$58,167

MABA: Margaret Mock. Next Meeting is September 13 at 6:30pm at the Monastery Event Center Courtyard. All Welcome! Please go to www.mtadamscincy.org for membership, meeting locations and donations. We appreciate MACA support for the successful Evening Garden Stroll in June and again the wine donation made by MACA members. Clean Up Mt. Adams is October 8.

Mt. Adams Walking Tours. There are eight more tour Sundays left to the season. Learn something new in 2022! Reserve a date with your favorite guide at www.mtadamscincy.org

Mt. Adams Yacht Club: From Dave Zimmerman- Next event Monk's Cove -Featuring Karaoke Fun! Tuesday, September 29 5:30- 8:30 pm. Enjoy the great Mt. Adams patio! Free Pizza! Cash Bar. 1104 St. Gregory.

Jim Steiner - September 24 **Crowley's Birthday Party** – September 10 **Art on the Hill** - September 10th 3pm – 10pm **ROCK the HILL**. September 11 **Concert at Seasongood** 7pm

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Art Club News: Gary Eith ... Online past exhibitions on website (cincinnatiartclub.org): Mt. Adams Garden Stroll, Sketch Group, Spring Signature. VIEWPOINT 54 (54 years of continuous juried shows drawing regional and national artists). Judge is curator of the Taft Art Museum. Exhibit is at the Eisele Gallery in Mariemont from 9/10 to 10/1, Gallery Hours.. Signature Exhibition Opening 9/16, 6-9 pm, @ the Clubhouse on Parkside Place. The show extends thru the weekend. High School Plein Air Competition @ Gorman Heritage Farm, 9/24, 25, Exhibit @ Clubhouse on Parkside Place on 10/2 from 1 to 4 pm. Several student scholarships will be awarded. New Continuing Education Program, Coordinated by New Club Board Member, Gary Eith, "Figure Drawing Series" by Carin Hebenstreit, every Monday morning from 9-11:30 am. There are four 10 week sessions, so the first ten week session is sold out and we are taking registrations now for the second. Special offer to non-members includes participation in the Monday afternoon sketch group sessions with the models from the class. Summer Camp for Kids in planning stages.... would any grandkids or children from Mt. Adams area be interested?

MACA Minutes October 4, 2022

by Sue Zimmerman

The meeting was called to order by President Frank Obermeyer at Towne Properties 3rd floor training room. Other officers present were Tom Abare and Sue Zimmerman. Directors present Nic Covey, Tina Russo, Steve Vogel and Dan Weinstein.

Police Report: Officer Michelle Kleiner reported. There were two auto thefts- a Hyundai and a Kia due to the problem with the device that can start these cars. She recommended getting a steering wheel lock until the manufacturer finds a way to fix the problem. Two of the three people responsible for these thefts have been arrested. Thefts from autos happened at 966 Pavilion. Cameras showed two suspects smashing windows of six cars in less than a minute. None of these cars had anything in the cars to steal. Other cars were broken into on Paradrome, Hatch, and Belvedere. One 18-year-old has been arrested; the police have a good idea who the other offender is. Another issue was brought up for the need to have signage or some way to make the ramp onto Columbia Parkway from Martin Drive safer.

Cincinnati Rec. Commission -Vanessa Henderson – CRC is currently looking for part time staff members – Recreation Specialist for all community centers. Please apply at www.cincyrec.org.

Indoor Pickleball Tuesday and Thursday 11:30-1:30 at Bush Rec. Membership is required; bring your paddle and a friend. Drive- October 10 – Dec. 2nd. Toys or monetary donations will be accepted. Families must register on Rec Trac or contact CRC main office 513-352-4000. Blink at Hanna Park, Fri. Oct 14 7-9pm. Family fun, food trucks, and poll activities. Trunk or Treat is Sat. Oct 29 11am to 4 pm at Bush Rec. Decorate your car and pass out treats to the neighborhood "Ghouls."

If you cannot attend, please drop off your treats or candy at the center. Saturday, Oct. 29, 11am-12:30 pm. Closing the Health Gap will offer a special fitness program.

Holiday Jingle Jam – 10:30 am to 2:30 pm at The Farm. Senior program – lunch buffet and special prizes. \$40 per person. For more information contact Karen Smith – 513-281-1286. Lastly, Bush Rec. Ctr. Is looking to improve their adult programs for winter 2023. Contact Vanessa Henderson 513-281-1286 or vanessa.henderson@cincinnati-oh.gov with your ideas.

Guest Speakers: Lee Taylor spoke about Halloween on the Hill. New this year is a House Decorating Contest. If you want to participate submit your name and address to halloweenonthehill22@gmail.com by Friday October 28th at Bow Tie. Halloween Night, Oct 31 5-6 pm will be Cincinnati Chamber Orchestra will perform at Bow Tie. The Halloween Costume Contest judging will be 5pm to 5:30. Winners will be announced for both contests 6 – 6:15. Regular Trick or Treating starts at 6 to 8 pm.

Matt Smith Cincinnati Water Works. Water Works replaces lead pipe for 31 miles a year. The presentation included the Mt. Adams project: The average water main age on the Hill is 88 years and is lead. Existing water mains are 6, 8, or 10 inches; it is proposed to replace with 8- and 12-inch water main. The estimated cost is \$2.9 million. The streets effected are Art Museum, Ida Street, Carney, Beveledere, Fuller, Loud-en, Wareham, Monastery, Paradrome, Parkside, St. Gregory, Pavilion, St. Paul, Jerome, Riverview, and Elgin. The anticipated schedule is 2022 RFP development, Jan. 2023 to June 2023 advertisement and Consultant Selection. July 2023 to June 2024 Engineering Design and Construction Bidding. July 2024- June 2025 Construction and Water Main Installation. People will be notified if they have lead pipes on the private side of the water system. There is no cost to owners to replace lead pipes. Questions? Contact Matt Smith at Matt.Smith@gcww.cincinnati-oh.gov.

Chris Ertel Transportation Department: Mr. Ertel gave an update on his July transportation report: 1110 Carney and 1043 St. Gregory have new asphalt. 1140 Fortview has sidewalk concerns. The procedure is sending a letter, if no response, a certified letter is sent. After that there are fines. It was mentioned that on Fuller there has been a dumpster for 2 1/2 years that does not have a permit. Letters will be sent. Another problem was the lamp post that was run down on Pavilion.

President's Report: Frank explained that the present directors up for running for their second term are Ginny Corsini and Nic Covey. Mt. Adams After Art which follows Art after Dark. The idea from On the Hill group is to remind people that the businesses on the Hill are open. Signs were posted all over the Art Museum parking lot. Frank also praised the events on the Hill – Rock the Hill, Crowley's Birthday event, and the Peace and Community concert that was moved to HCI. Fall Clipsis of the last 3 months. We received an additional \$2,844 from the city's Neighborhood Action Fund and spent, utilizing the NAF fund. \$2,500 for Rock the Hill, and \$4,982 to cover some MABA expenses for the Garden Stroll. We received \$230 for 2 lifetime and 3 annual memberships. There were Grapevine expenses \$3,917 and receipts of \$4,200. The Grapevine continues to pay for itself. Thank you Mellen and Sue.



SUCCESSFUL FALL CLEAN-UP

by Dave Zimmerman

The Fall Mt. Adams Clean-Up, held on October 8, was very successful. Approximately 30 neighbors helped to pick up 40 bags of litter, lots of metal wire, steel stair railing and lumber off the public areas on the hill. The event finished with a pizza lunch at UDF's patio where the 'most unique find' prize was awarded for an electric pussywillow.

The community thanks the following businesses and persons for their sponsorship and participation: Keep Cincinnati Beautiful for supplies, coordination with city sanitation and public listing of the event; Bow Tie for providing volunteers with coffee; UDF for letting us use their patio; all the businesses and local community groups that publicized the event; Debbie Weinstein for baking breakfast pastries and being the #1 helper; Reggie Hahn for providing his pickup truck to coordinate trash removal and all the volunteers who walked the streets to clean up our neighborhood.

Preventing Package Theft. (2017 cinn police)

Worried about having your packages stolen or lost from your front porch? You are not alone. According to package theft statistics, 20+ million Americans have their packages stolen yearly. How can you avoid your Amazon, UPS, FedEx, USPS or eBay package from being stolen from your front door and prevent package missing while you are away enjoying your holiday?

1. Use Smart Package Lockers or Convenience Store - To avoid your Amazon package being stolen from your front porch, use Amazon Locker. Amazon now allows you to pick up your delivery in Amazon Locker in selected locations in Cincinnati with a unique code, which you can punch into the machine to retrieve your package.

2. Have Packages Delivered to Your Workplace - Have your package delivered to your office or friends' houses that you trust and will be there to get your package will help stop package theft and missing.

3. Install a Door Security Camera to Prevent Package Theft - A security camera will serve as a great deterrent for criminals and it helps to prevent package theft, especially visible HD security camera.

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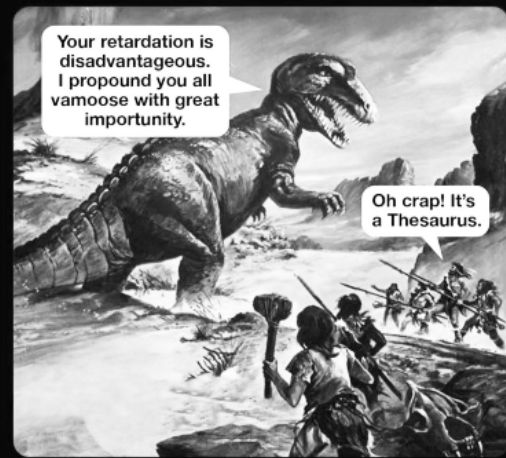
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6. Require Vacation Package Hold - Many delivery companies such as USPS and FedEx offer a free service to uphold your package at their terminals or delivery centers for a period of time.

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We spent \$2,000 for National Night Out, \$500 for HCI Festival, and \$2,800 for Mutt Mitts. Current cash on hand is approximately \$47,000. Minutes Approval: The September 6, 2022, minutes were approved. Planning and Development: Steve Vogel reported that there was nothing to report.

MABA: Margaret Mock: MABA is meeting next Tuesday at the Civic Garden Center of Cincinnati at 6:30. Mt. Adams Fall Clean Up on Saturday Oct. 8. Someone brought up an empty Mutt Mitts box. Lisa Massa is in charge Luminaria – All is Bright- Sunday, December 18, 5:30. Street Captains will deliver order forms.

Community Life: Events coming up – Beaujolais Nouveau, Reindog, Egg Nog Jog and Luminaria.

Business Guild: Maryellen Horrigan - The former Teak is going to be a doggie car wash. The Crowley's event raised \$3,000 for charity. Rock the Hill didn't make money but will be happening again. Luca Bistro is having a soft opening. Beaujolais is Nov.11. Mobile Mammogram at St. James Street will be here on Nov.18. Hilltop has been sold and there are plans for an opening there.

Art Club: Margaret Mock said that there will be an exhibit of associate members starting on Oct.14th 6-9 pm. Saturday and Sunday hours are 1-4pm.

Pilgrim Chapel: Charlotte Hahn – PACK THE PICKUP - Drop off October 22 9am to 12 at the Monastery Event Center on St. Paul or in front of Pilgrim Chapel. Items will go to Matthew 25 Ministries. Personal care products, Paper Products, First Aid Items, Clothing New/used, Linens, Baby and Infant supplies, New stuffed toys.

HCI- Tina reported that the construction is going well. There will be a St. Vincent DePaul Coat drive again this year.

New Business: Tina Russo Said the Winton Terrace Elementary needs reading tutors. If you are interested contact her.

Meeting Adjourned at 8 pm.



Above, The winning house Halloween decor was 1124 Belvedere Street. Meghan Vogel and Chris McCormick.



Halloween on the Hill

Fun and Scares on Mt Adams

by Lee Taylor

The Halloween-On-The-Hill Event was a huge success! We had a great turnout of many costumed guests, and a mix of residents and revelers visiting the neighborhood for trick-or-treating. A string quartet from The Cincinnati Chamber Orchestra played spooky musical compositions while ghouls and goblins mingled about at Bow Tie Cafe.

The event included a costume contest, with prizes for all ages as well as surprise appearances from The Ghosts of Mount Adams, played by actors from Playhouse in the Park and other thespian groups in Cincinnati. The ghosts portrayed were none other than historical neighborhood figures such as Ida Martin, Nicholas & Maria Longworth and late President John Quincy Adams. Each of them provided kids and families with historical background on the neighborhood.

Prior to the event, many residents competed in a Halloween House Decorating Contest and of all the streets on the hill, Belvedere Street took home the recognition for most decorated houses. After the gathering at Bow Tie Cafe, all visitors spread throughout the neighborhood for trick-or-treating.

Halloween-On-The-Hill was made possible by The Mount Adams Civic Association (MACA) and the voluntary help of many residents and local businesses within the neighborhood. A special thanks is due to **Cincinnati Chamber Orchestra**, **Bow Tie Cafe** and **Playhouse in the Park** for making the experience extra special this year. In addition, many prizes and gifts for contests were provided by members of our small business community namely, **Luca Bistro**, **Queen City Spa**, **Crowley's**, **El Barril** **Bow Tie Cafe**. Thank you all for your support!



Above and right..the Playhouse folk livened up Halloween with spooky tales of Creepy Mt Adams historical characters... A big plus to the evening.

IDA STREET BRIDGE STRUCTURE FROM 1916

by Kurt Meier

There is a residential project being built on a parking lot immediately across Ida Street from the venerable Pilgrim Chapel. The construction superintendant and foreman both pointed out that they had to remove a huge concrete support dead in the middle of the new basement and there were two buttresses that extended of the new basement foundation on the rear of the building. Both of these concrete structures were unearthed when the new basement was excavated.

The construction dudes surmised that these concrete structures were remnants from an early iteration of the Ida Street Bridge.

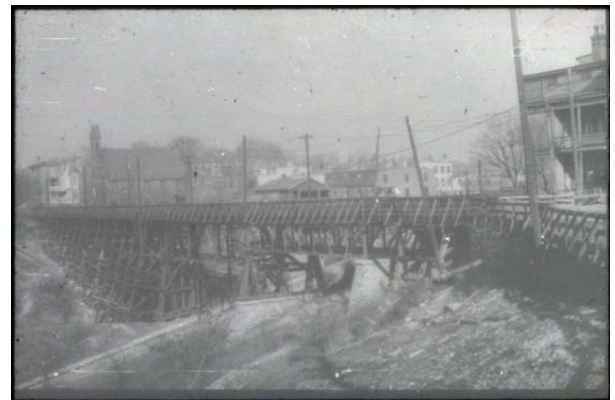
However, some residents surmised that they could have been from an earlier residence long ago torn down.

I googled up 'Ida Street Bridge' and, of course, Jim Steiner, the Hill's foremost historian, long ago wrote about the wooden Ida Street trolley car bridge that preceeded the later iteration of the bridge which was newly refurbished a few years ago.

GET TO THE SUBJECT...

There is an erstwhile political pundit who posts messages in and around the Staples store on lower Reading Road.

If you are a Repub, you hate 'em. If a Dem, you love 'em. But the lesson to be learned here is that this scribe knows how to frame an issue like a laser beam regardless of your personal position. We all could learn a little focusing of message.



Above:The Old Ida Street Bridge, Cinn. Public Library



MACA Minutes November 1, 2022

By Sue Zimmerman

The meeting was called to order by Frank Obermeyer, President, at 7pm in the Towne Properties 3rd floor training room. Other officers present were Tom Abare and Sue Zimmerman. Directors present were Judi Cettel, Ginny Corsini, Tina Russo, Steve Vogel, and Dan Weinstein.

Police Report: Officer Michelle Kleiner reported that there were only two thefts from auto. One was a report of a lost credit card and the other was a stolen U.S. passport. There was a call about a stolen converter, but it appeared that the converted had rusted off. She reported that other districts are experiencing a lot of juveniles breaking into cars.

Cincinnati Recreation Center: Vanessa Henderson sent in her report. She wants people to share what programs you would like at Bush Recreation Center. The center is hiring for part time position: Municipal Worker -duties include general cleaning and maintenance- Recreation Specialist/Leader – after school programs for children and teens. The starting pay range is \$11.53 to \$15.30 per hour. Visit the website cin-cyrec.org. Bush hours are Monday – Friday 11am to 8pm. The center will be closed on Veterans' Day 11/11 and Thanksgiving Day 11/24 and Friday 11/25.

A canned goods Food Drive November 1-18. Donated goods will be given to the neighborhood food pantries.

CRC Toy Drive is November 1 – December 8th. Please drop off new toys at any of the 23 CRC Community Centers.

New Winter Programs – 30 Minute Cardio Mondays & Wednesdays – 2pm to 2:30. Pickleball on Tues. & Thurs. 11:30 to 1:30. Euchre is on Wednesdays 6pm to 7:30pm. Adult Indoor Walking Monday – Friday at 11:30 am to 1:30 pm. Bush Center has Senior programming on Tuesdays & Thursdays 10:30 am to 2pm.

Holiday Jingle Jam is Weds. Dec. 21, 2022. Please contact Karen Smith 513-281-1286. of

Guest Speakers: Justin Halter -Dept. Economic and Community Development reported that the Park board is looking to have the old Pump House developed. They are looking for proposals for the historic Hannaford Pump House that will use the facility that will fit the building and the community. The proposal should 1. Have a high architectural design with attention to preserving the character of the neighborhood 2. Have planned engagements community council, neighborhood community development and community stakeholders. 3. Have consideration to the City and Community plans 4. Have creativity but compliance to zoning and historic conservation are required. For more information contact Chante Randolph – chanterandolph@cincinnati-oh.gov. If you want to see the building meet Nov. 8th 3pm at the Pump House. Justin passed out a document to the people present that listed all the details of the guidelines to create a proposal.

Anthony Maieron of Revel OTR Winery and a Hill resident is in charge

of the **Beaujolais Nouveau Event** on November 17th. The plan is to meet at the Rookwood Pottery parking lot for the parade at 6:30 pm. The parade will start at 6:45 ending at Bow Tie Café/ Monk Statue at 7pm. After the presentation by the Grand Master, we will meet at Hi Fi to finish the celebration. Food will be provided by Luca Bistro and there will be two jazz singers 7pm to 9pm. Mark your calendars!

Minutes: The minutes from the October meeting were approved.

President's Report: Frank explained that two Directors, Ginny Corsini and Nic Covey, have ended their first 3-year term and are up to be elected to a second 3-year term. A vote was called for, and they were elected. The officers are elected every year by the Directors. The current officers are on the ballot.

A Big Thank You to Lee Taylor and his crew for the excellent **Halloween** celebration. The turn out and the costumes were amazing.

Frank reported that Jenny Ferneding contacted Brandon Lecrone, Customer Service Center Administrator, because a light was out on the Ida Street Bridge. It was replaced by the next day. Frank also mentioned how the lamp post on Pavilion was quickly replaced. The point is if you see something that needs to be call or use fixitcincy.com. The squeaky wheel gets the attention.

Treasurer's Report: Tom Abare reported no expenses for October. The current balance is \$47,000.

Planning and Development: Steve Vogel reported that there was nothing to report.

MABA: Margaret Mock thanked Dave Zimmerman and Debbie and Dan Weinstein for the successful **Fall Clean Up**. The next Clean Up will be April 1, 2023.

MABA is meeting Nov. 8 at 6:30. Go to mtadamscincy.org to see the meeting details. All are welcome to join.

December 18th is "**ALL IS BRIGHT**" Luminary night. The kits have been assembled and after Thanksgiving residents should getting a flyer to order and get deliveries to your door. Kits are again \$10. MABA encourages everyone to decorate for the holidays and light up the Hill.

Clean, Safe, and Attractive: Jenny Ferneding – no report

Membership: John Corsini reported one new lifetime membership.

Community Life: Margaret Mock- Beaujolais Nouveau November 17th,

Reindog Parade Dec10th (new location between El Barril and Hilltop.)

Egg Nog Jog Dec. 17th, Luminary Night-All is Bright Dec.18th. Hilltop Grand Opening Nov.23rd 5pm.

NSP: Julie Dietz – no report

Business Guild Meeting: Sue Zimmerman – (For the dates of events see Community Life) **Your Mom's Pizzeria** is hoping to open by the end of the year. Their ovens have arrived.


Con't on p.12

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MACA Con't from p. 10

The Barkery and Bath – the dog wash has been ordered from the Netherlands and is on the way. Note the doggie wash is next to Your Mom's Pizzeria in the old Teak Location.

Current **Hilltop** hours-Thursdays 5 to 12, Friday & Saturday 5 to 2am, and Sunday 1 to 8. They will be open for Reindog.

Walking Tours: Margaret Mock. The walking tours are over until spring. Thanks to tour guides Mark Ahern, Pete D'juric, Chuck Curran, and Dave McCabe. The tour money, \$873, is donated to MACA.

Art Club: Margaret Mock -There is an all members show November 6-9. Friday 6pm to 9. Saturday and Sunday 1pm to 4pm.

Pilgrim Chapel: Barbara Whitworth reported that a new pastor will be announced soon. Pack the Pickup was successful. There was a packed pickup and a car. Thanks to all who participated. The donations went to Matthew 25.

Holy Cross Immaculata: Tina Russo said the construction is moving along and should be finished by Thanksgiving if all goes well.

Miscellaneous: Maureen Webb thanked her Mutt Mitt team. If you find an empty box call Maureen. Margaret asked about having a shred day on the Hill. Recycling was brought up, and Cincinnati Recycle and Reuse Hub was highly recommended. It is located at 911 Evans Street. It is open Thursday 12-6pm and Saturday 10am to 2pm. Deb Ruehlman said they also let you pick up items (the Reuse part). Check out the website. cincinnati-recycle-and-reuse.org There is a fee.

Meeting adjourned at 8pm



Gary Kessler and Nancy Chase at "Art Affair" on Mt Adams. Please not Gary's photography on our cover.



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Some time ago, as Covid diminished, Sue and I decided to ask reasonably cautious, but Gormand -talented people where they were going to please their palate. Luca Bistro, El Barill, and Hilltop along with our home base Mt Adams Bar and Grill, have certainly added to our lives in terms of both food and venturing out. However, we are still spending too much time in isolation. We felt we needed to branch out and get beyond the “cabin fever” of the past few years. So, we selected Kim and Chuck Curran as our roving food critics. Thus, the following entry.

Dinner Off The Hill

by Kim and Chuck Curran

La Cantina is located just a quick drive or a bit longer walk at the bottom of The Hill at 326 East 8th Street and the corner of Cheapside Street. It is located in the old Cheapside space, if you are familiar with Cheapside. It has become one of our favorite off The Hill places for a good dinner and refreshing cocktails.

Crown Restaurant Group owns **La Cantina**. Some of their other restaurants are **Crown Republic** and **Losanti**. La Cantina features modern Mexican cuisine and flavors from eight regions of Mexico. Their cocktail menu focuses on agave based cocktails with a concentration on Mezcal.

We have eaten at La Cantina several times and have yet to order any of the large plates offered on the menu. We are hooked on some of their appetizer and shareable dishes. Their guacamole is freshly made with charred vegetables and is hands down the best guacamole we've ever had! Not gonna lie, their chips can be a bit greasy, but the guac makes it totally worth it! We absolutely have to have their grilled oysters with serrano ponzu and foamy butter, They are yummy! One of us, she will remain nameless, does not usually like oysters that are baked or grilled. She only likes them cold and raw. However, she gets her own order of grilled oysters because she does not want to share. The third item of our standard order is the wedge salad. It is huge and we always share it. The wedge is delicate Bibb lettuce that fills an entire dinner plate and pomegranate cured bacon with tomatillo green goddess dressing. The dressing is light and totally delicious! We have asked them to bottle it so we can buy it, and we were told that many people make that request. Hopefully, one day? If we are still hungry or want another drink, we will order a couple of tacos. There are six different ones on the menu to choose from, including a brisket, fish and lamb neck among your choices.

The staff is very knowledgeable and friendly. The atmosphere is light and fun. The restaurant is bright with plenty of windows, however the noise level can be pretty high when they are busy. The kitchen is an open kitchen in the corner of the restaurant. We usually sit at the bar. Reservations are highly recommended.

There is ample parking on 8th Street and meters on Cheapside as well. La Cantina is open Wednesday, Thursday and Sunday from 5-9pm and on Friday and Saturday from 4:30-10pm. 513-345-6743 Crowncantina.com

Try it, you might like it! We hope you do! Chuck and Kim



Even construction doesn't stop weddings at HCI. A bride and groom process from Holy Cross Immaculata to The Monastery.



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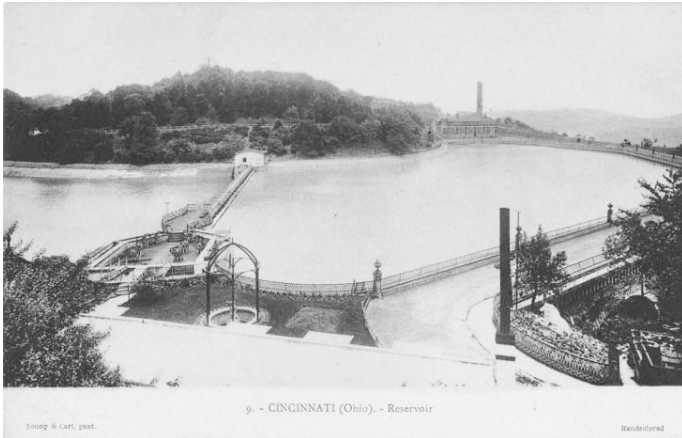
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A Water View:



Above: the Reservoir, Now known as Tom Jones Commons.



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Someone asked me to name 2 structures that hold water.

I was like, well dam.



Is it Time For a Kitchen Remodel?

By Vinni Brown

This is a topic near and dear to my heart as I am in the process of my own kitchen remodel right now. You may have questions, such as: Where to start? What to budget? How to find a contractor? How to plan the remodel? How hard is this going to be on me and my family? These are all great questions that may keep you up at night, but let's start with the most important one of all: Why do you want to remodel?

In my case, our kitchen is just not aging well. At only 8 years old, the cabinetry is failing, the counter and pantry space is inadequate, the floors cannot handle my husband's love of parties for 100+ people, the paint was never my favorite, and the lighting is horrific. Once you have your reason why, start a plan. With this step, I have to say that hiring an interior designer is your best option for personal sanity's sake, but, if you watch HGTV and you have a gazillion hours to devote to your project, here are some industry pointers.

First, the budget. Coming up with remodel numbers for my interior design clients is actually how I ended up in real estate in the first place. Rule of thumb for best resale values...10-15% of the cost of your home is a suitable estimate for the kitchen. Say your house is worth \$300,000, then your kitchen budget should be between \$30,000 and \$45,000 all in, including appliances. Keep in mind that the if you plan to live in the home for a while, you can always increase your budget accordingly, with an average of 5-6% value appreciation annually.

Now, start from the top down. If you are going to make a mess, might as well make a mess all at once. Revisit your lighting. In my case, we are going from a ceiling of Swiss cheese (11, 6" can lights when only 6 are necessary) to small 4" LED lights that work for task lighting and are on a dimmer. One linear light for the island instead of 3 halogen lights that are too bright and take up visual space. In most old homes, adding light is what you need. Start there.

Next, the kitchen plan. Here are a few things to remember: 1. Keeping existing water, electric and gas lines where they are is a huge cost savings. 2. Reuse appliances if you can. Remember, counter depth refrigerators are not the same as normal refrigerators, make sure you get the dimensions of any appliances correct. 3. Can you reuse the cabinets that are existing with new doors or a color change? If not, let's talk about how to replace it. 4. Take your drawings and measurements to kitchen cabinet places. Also, don't think you have to go super custom to get what you need for practicality. I have used IKEA in million-dollar beach houses, so know you can find a great semi-custom lines at kitchen cabinet places at a great price point. Stick with your budget, find a style you like that goes with your home, and pull the trigger. A trick of the trade: Use graph paper and draw out your kitchen using one square as 1' to play around with configurations.

There will be inconvenience, so be prepared. Most remodels go 20% over time and 20% over budget. Plan accordingly. Set up a temporary kitchen in another room in the house or garage and have Uber eats downloaded. Remember a kitchen remodel is like having a baby...it's painful, but once it's there you love it every day and don't remember all the pain.

Follow me on YouTube and Instagram to watch my entire process.



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Winter Upcoming Events on the Hill

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Cincinnati Ballet

The Nutcracker Springer Auditorium Music Hall
Choreography: Victor Morgan
Music Ilyich Tchaikovsky
Featuring the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra
Dec 15 and 16, 7:30 pm Dec 17, 2:00pm and 7:30 pm
Dec 18, 6:30 pm
Dec 20, 7:30pm
Dec 21,22,23, 2:00pm, 7:30pm
Dec 24, 1:00pm
(Nutcracker Luncheon Saturday Dec. 17, 2022.)

February 10-19 The Cincinnati Ballet will offer Alice (In Wonderland)
This will also be held at Springer Auditorium at Music Hall.)
for further details go to <https://my.cballet.org> or
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Egg Nog Jog

Saturday, December 17, 2022 at 10:00AM
Starts at El Barril
This scenic and challenging course begins at Jerome and St. Gregory Streets and winds through Mt. Adams and Eden Park offering spectacular views of the city.
Rain (Snow) or Shine! A portion of the proceeds go to a local food pantry.
<https://runsignup.com/Race/OH/Cincinnati/EggNogJog>

Nutcracker Luncheon Saturday Dec. 17, 2022.

Luminaria

Sunday, December 18, 2022: 6:00pm
Mt. Adams comes aglow with the soft light of thousands of luminaries for this event organized by the Mt. Adams Beautification Association. Join us at the Monk Statue for the Santa parade at 6:00 p.m. then support our Mt Adams businesses and stroll the Hill as it shines bright! Luminary Kits may be purchased through street captains or at Bow Tie Café. Proceeds from the event will be used by MABA to purchase planting materials and other supplies needed to keep our business district and other neighborhood gardens looking their best.

Playhouse in the Park

The Phoenix 812 Race Street, Cincinnati OH.
Dec 14-18, 2022

You're invited to ring in the holiday season with Mr. and Mrs. Fezziwig! Everyone's favorite hosts from Charles Dickens' A Christmas Carol invite you to an immersive Victorian-era party at the historic, stately event spaces at The Phoenix. Carolers and actors will perform throughout the party for an interactive, festive evening that takes you back in time and celebrates the cheerful spirit of the season.

Guests will have the opportunity to: Learn Victorian-era group dances, Enjoy holiday-styled beverages and lite bites coursed throughout the evening, topped off with dessert, Play a variety of parlor games, including knock rummy, charades and "Yes or No," as seen in the Playhouse's production of A Christmas Carol, Mix and mingle with Mr. and Mrs. Fezziwig and other Victorian-era characters.

Children ages 5 and up are welcome to attend and partake in guided, fun activities in the library and parlor room, including: Victorian-era floor games. A holiday arts and crafts station. Puppet shows. Interactive performances by a magician
A short, original melodrama written and performed in the Victorian style
Ticket price includes lite bites, dessert and unlimited punch, cider and hot cocoa. Adults will receive one drink ticket for beer, wine or spiced mead. Cash bar available for additional adult beverages. Doors open at 7 p.m., and the event ends at 9:30 p.m. To minimize lines and wait times for guests, timed entries will take place every 15 minutes from 6:45 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. The party is designed to be enjoyed as a two-hour experience. Holiday attire is welcome. Period costumes are not necessary.
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Reindog Parade

Dec 10, 2022
Dog Registration: 12:30 pm – 1:45 pm on Pavilion Street between St. Gregory and Belvedere.
There is no fee to register. Parade viewing starts at 2:00 and lasts until the last Holiday Dog finishes the route!
Costume categories have historically been Small Dogs (under 25 lbs), Large Dogs (25 lbs and over), Dog/Owner Look-A-Like, and Multiple Dogs (3 or more dogs). Be creative – we're looking for fun, unique, and festive costumes for each category!
Food and vendors will be available before the parade.

Trim the Tree (a MABA event) Dec 3, 2022

Meet at the Monk Statue at 9:30 am to decorate for the season. In foul weather, check MABA calendar on mtadamscincy.org.
Members Christmas party is Dec 13th at PhiloThropub.

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Sunday: 11:00 AM - 9:30 PM

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Hilltop

Thursday 5pm to midnight

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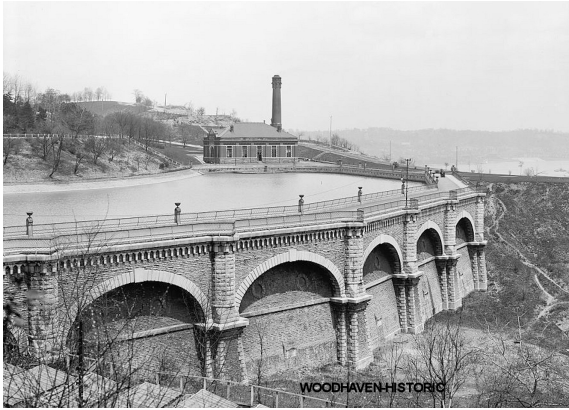
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The Eden Park Pumping Station and the southern reservoir. Part of the reservoir wall was torn down. Tom Jones Commons now occupies the floor of the former reservoir. Date of the photo is unknown. Photo Woodhaven Historic.

Hill Yes: DieWassergeister

by Jim Steiner

Mount Adams is known today for many things: rich history, community pride, beloved traditions, spectacular views, an active civic association, a cadre of successful businesses and a friendly place to live with a sense of Joie de Vivre. Some of the things our neighborhood was known for have been obscured by the mists of time. Did you know that Mount Adams was once home to Cincinnati's municipal water supply system? It was, and we have the remains of twin reservoirs, a pumping station and a water tower all located in Eden Park and a valve station near today's Chanel 9 building on Gilbert Avenue to prove it. They were part of the water system that supplied the city. Here's the story.

Cincinnati Town Council adopted an ordinance in 1817, granting the Cincinnati Manufacturing Company exclusive rights to construct a water works to deliver water to the city. Unfortunately, The Cincinnati Manufacturing Company was unable to deliver, and Samuel W. Davies, a successful businessman, took over the project, completed the water works and it began operations in 1821.

Davies built a pumping station on the Ohio River east of the mouth of Deer Creek near today's Montgomery Inn Boathouse. There were two lifting pumps, one in the pumping station that delivered water from the river to the second pump, which lifted water to a 54,000-gallon reservoir located on the south side of Mount Ida, later renamed Mount Adams. Horses or oxen walking on treadmills generated power for the pumps. Pipes for water delivery were made from logs with 2½-inch holes bored through their centers. A steam engine salvaged from the steamboat Vesta – the first steamboat built at the Fulton yards just upriver from Mount Ida - replaced animal power in 1824.

Davies was unable to fulfill all the conditions of his contract and offered to sell the water works to the city for \$30,000. Voters rebuffed his offer, so he organized a group of prominent Cincinnati Citizens and formed the Cincinnati Water Company in 1826. The new company replaced the original 54,000-gallon capacity reservoir with three earthen, stone lined reservoirs and laid the first cast iron water delivery pipes. They also add-

ed a second steam engine salvaged from the steamboat Betsy – dubbed "Old Betsy" - to power the second pump. The City eventually purchased the water works in 1839, with voter approval, from the Cincinnati Water Company for the princely sum of \$300,000 and owns it to this day. It is the first publicly owned water system in Ohio and today is known as the Greater Cincinnati Water Works.

Cincinnati continued to grow and to keep pace the Water Works built the 5,500,000 gallon Third Street Reservoir in 1850 located on the south side of Third Street – later replaced by Columbia Parkway - on the site of the original reservoir. The next time you cross the Columbia Parkway pedestrian bridge and reach its southern end, stop, and look west toward downtown to see the location of the reservoir which paralleled the parkway. It remained in service until 1907 and supplied the area below Third Street and part of the west end. The original pumping station was replaced by the Front Street Pumping Station, located on the site of the original station building.

Some years after the Third Street Reservoir went into service, the water works leadership realized they needed more reservoir capacity and began searching for a suitable location. They identified a site on Mount Adams that met their needs located in Nicholas Longworth's Garden of Eden. The city signed a \$28,080 annual lease with Nicholas Longworth's heirs – Nicholas died in 1863 - in the mid-1860s for 143 acres of reservoir land. Construction of the two side by side reservoirs with a capacity of 100,000,000 gallons began in 1868 and was completed in 1878. The land not used for the reservoirs became Eden Park. Limestone for the reservoirs was quarried from the area now occupied by the Twin Lakes in upper Eden Park. Longworth had mined the reservoir site for limestone for many years prior to the lease and had unknowingly excavated it to accommodate the reservoir.

The Cincinnati Waterworks continued to expand to meet the demand for water. In 1883, waterworks engineers built a second water line from Eden Park's Twin Reservoirs to supply the expanding downtown and Over the Rhine neighborhoods. The new line required valves at the western edge of Mount Adams to direct flow and control pressure. A valve house was needed and that's why Elsinore Gate, at the corner of Elsinore Street and Gilbert Avenue, joined the lineup. The design was inspired by scenery in a Cincinnati Music Hall production of Hamlet depicting Elsinore Castle in Denmark. Elsinore Gate was completed at a cost of \$15,000. A path was built behind the gate traveling up Mt. Adams to the Art Museum and Eden Park. The path is still in use today and Elsinore Gate remains a stately reminder of the Hills waterwork's connection.



Elsinore Arch on Gilbert Avenue. The path behind the arch leads to the art museum and Eden Park. Date unknown. Photo Detroit Publishing.

Walnut Hills, Mount Auburn, and other northern suburbs on higher ground above the city needed water and a plan was developed to meet their needs. In 1894, the Eden Park Pumping Station was constructed next to the lower Eden Park Reservoir and pumped water to those suburbs. A water tower was also built the same year on a hill above the pumping station and a short distance west of today's Krohn Conservatory. The tower compensated for water surges from the Eden Park Pumping Station and provided additional water storage and water pressure. The architect for both structures was Charles Hannaford. The cost to build the tower was \$135,000. The pumping station and water tower went into service in 1894.

In 1907, the waterworks moved to a new location ten miles upriver on Kellogg Avenue. The move was prompted by a desire to treat the water before it was delivered to consumers, something that had not previously been done. The new plant included state of the art treatment capabilities designed to improve water quality and safety.

Today, one of the twin reservoirs remains in use and the reflective pool covering it is known as Mirror Lake. The reservoir was rebuilt in 1965, has a capacity of 80,000,000 gallons and supplies downtown Cincinnati. A small pumping station was included in the \$4,288,000 project. The partially razed wall of the second reservoir encloses Tom Jones Commons, a recreation area recently added by the Cincinnati Park Board.



Aerial view of the water tower in 1922. Twin Lakes are to the right of the water tower and the Melan Arch Bridge is just below Twin Lakes. Did you notice the shadow of the photographer's plane on the water tower? Photo source unknown.

The Cincinnati Fire Department moved their Central Fire Alarm Station to the empty Eden Park Pumping Station building – vacated in 1907 - in 1939 as part of the City's plan to consolidate fire and police dispatching. The city invested \$100,000 to remodel the site and another \$152,250 for equipment. The new location was dubbed the "Fire Tower."

The Cincinnati Police Department began radio broadcast communication in 1932 and in 1942 moved to the second floor of the Eden Park pumping station and opened a two-way radio station with the call letters WKDU. It was known as "Station X" and allowed direct radio commu-

nication between the police dispatcher in the station and police cars in the field. A radio antenna was placed atop the water tower to facilitate communication. Station X closed when the city began using the 911 system. The station remains empty. So, that's the story and if you are wondering what the title of this article means, it's German for the water ghosts. Seemed like a good idea to me.



One of the reservoirs was drained annually for cleaning. Dances were held in the empty, clean reservoirs. Numerous items were found when the reservoirs were drained including cars and dead bodies. Date circa 1915. Photo Moser and Sons.



As a non sequiter, we show the beginning of the new Playhouse in the Park, early 2022.





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MABA Work Continues in Winter

by Sue Zimmerman

October was a busy month for the Mt Adams Beautification Association. The Martin/Hill Street Garden was a tribute to fall with 48 mums adding color to this entryway garden. The battle of MABA vs. Thistles continued in the Elsinore Garden and the Monastery/Baum gardens. The drought-like conditions made the Zoomin' Bloomin' II a common sight on the Hill until MABA finished the watering season by emptying the flower boxes on Ida Street and readying them for the holiday greenery.


MABA met in October at the Garden Center (part of the Cornelius J. Hauck Botanic Garden) at 2715 Reading. The Civic Garden Center is a non-profit horticultural resource dedicated to building community through gardening, education, and environmental stewardship. There are garden paths and classes available. MABA's monthly meeting locations are listed on the website www.mtadamsincy.org

October 8 was the Fall Clean Up which was very successful. October 19th members gathered on Baum Street to prepare Luminaria kits. Lisa Massa oversees the event and a few years ago got the great idea to make the kits when the weather was still warm, rather than wait until late November. The goal was to assemble 275 kits. Each kit has sand, bags, and candles. The dedicated volunteers managed to make the kits in about an hour and a half!

The actual event, All is Bright, is Sunday, December 18 at 5:30. People will gather at Bow Tie Cafe to sing and welcome Santa and Mrs. Claus. The cost of the luminary kits is \$10. Street captains will deliver flyers explaining how to order kits to each household. For those who live on the windy side of the Hill, it helps to fold about two inches of the top of the bags over to keep them upright. Also, candles are hard to light when in the bags, so pre-light them, blow them out, and then they are easier to light when in the bags. Light up at 5pm and then join the crowd at the Monk Statue to meet Santa. After event make sure to clean them up; we are lucky that Monday is our garbage day.

The November meeting was at the Seifert house. Pete D'juric who maintains the Martin/Hill Streets Garden heard that some lots next to the garden had been sold. Naturally, that caused us concern since the area is friable. Fortunately, the lots were purchased by Steve Vogel. Steve is a director of the MACA board and oversees MACA's Planning and Development Committee. Steve spoke at the November MABA meeting. He explained that he bought the five lots to preserve the hillside and defeat possible development. He will be working with a designer to create a plan to remove the evasive plants and replace them with plants that will stabilize the hill. He also reminded the group that we need to be vigilant when new construction is occurring. As a community, we can have a say when there are requests for zoning variants.

MABA intends to decorate the Monk Statue on December 3rd. Also the pots and the Ida Street Bridge will be decorated. The MABA holiday party is December 13 at Philanthro Pub. MABA's membership fee is \$25. That money is used to buy amenities for our meetings. The money from our fundraisers goes to maintaining all the gardens, pots, decorations, and the Zoomin' Bloomin' II (the John Deere). Currently, MABA is working on phase II and III for the Elsinore entry garden. This is the garden that meets at the point of Elsinore and Wareham and had so much greenery that it made it impossible to see traffic coming.



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Margaret Mock is Mount Adams Beautification Association's new President.

RSV, Isn't that a Kiddie Thing?

by M'ellen Horrigan

Okay, this is a bit personal. I am sick and miserable, and looking for sympathy. Well, actually, I'm attempting to inform, But I am sick and miserable.

Respiratory Syncytial Virus That's the name of the Flu virus most kids pick up in school. They usually get it a bit later than this. It often makes someone sick for the Holidays, or winter skiing. But that's not this year.

If you haven't been around grade school kidlets, you may not be aware that Flu has hit the schools early and hard. Really hard. Hospitals are full and drugs are in short supply. Covid shutdowns are being blamed.

Where there are kids, there are grandparents. The advent of senior contagion has been harsh, and in some cases, deadly. I haven't ridden in an ambulance in 30 years. It was not on my bucket list. Read on. The following is taken from various on-line news and medical sources.

Hospitals and health departments are struggling to respond to an early and surprising surge of cases of RSV — respiratory syncytial virus — which is striking across the country.

RSV is described as a very common respiratory virus that usually causes mild, cold-like symptoms. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Most people recover within two weeks — but RSV can be serious, especially for the very young or very old and those with compromised immune systems.

Hospitals are right now "seeing cases of RSV surge beyond what is expected for this time of year." Children from Oklahoma, New Mexico, Louisiana, have been sent to hospitals in TX because the hospitals in their state do not have any more beds for them.

"We are sometimes caring for people in the waiting rooms, hallways, wherever we can squeeze them in."

This is a virus that can cause inflammation in the lungs. It can cause infection in the lungs like pneumonia. If your child starts developing respiratory distress, breathing faster than usual ... they need to be seen by a provider as soon as possible.

For every three children that are hospitalized with COVID, doctors are now seeing up to 30 hospitalized with RSV.

"Because of the pandemic and people isolating themselves from each other, several of these young children did not develop an immune response to ... ordinary, common, everyday viruses," said Dr. Sankaran Krishnan, a pediatric pulmonologist at Maria Ferari Children's Hospital in Valhalla, New York. If your child starts developing respiratory distress, breathing faster than usual, that belly going in and out with every breath, the skin between their ribs being sucked in with every breath — that's when they need to be seen by a provider as soon as possible.

If you have asthma, hypertension or some other compromising health issue, be alert. Can you keep a clear airway? If you have difficulty breathing, call your doctor.

Now, another problem. I waited two intervals of 4 and 10 days for a prescription to be filled at my local grocery store. Ordinarily, the pharmacist fills the order and hits a button that generated a call to my phone, that tells me my medicine is ready.

Due to flu, RSV, and various Cvids they are out of many drugs. The pharmacist at my grocery store believes messages were sent out to any patient requiring a drug they do not have, that the store no longer carried the drug, and that they would have to go elsewhere. The problem is, no messages whatsoever were sent out! People are repeatedly putting in scripts for drugs and not being advised of the situation.

A licensed druggist should not have to deal with properly setting up a program to notify people of the shortage. That is a store management issue. I selected this pharmacy for my emergency needs because of the pharmacists here. (I don't even like their groceries.) These pharmacists are dedicated and stellar. Now they are stressed and short.

I believe, if a store manager has to make the calls themselves, they should get moving. If you don't get your script in two days...go in person and find out why, and then start calling other sources. When you find a place with your drug, ask them to hold it for your doctor to send a new script. Be safe.



CINCINNATI ART MUSEUM SPECIAL EXHIBITIONS

by Kaitlyn Sharo

Natural World

Now through January 15, 2023

Natural World is a commissioned collaboration between artists John Edmonds and David Hartt, poet Jason Allen-Paisant, and organizing curator Nathaniel M. Stein. The four collaborators explore meanings of nature and naturalness in overlapping dialogues with history, forms of knowledge, and museum collections and spaces. The exhibition features Hartt and Edmonds's lens-based installations in two dedicated galleries, as well as the artists' interventions elsewhere in the museum. In pivotal new bodies of work engaged with the museum's objects and environments, they illuminate the social frames through which nature and naturalness are commonly understood, and offer glimpses of other ways to know it. Their work invites us to see what and how we have taught ourselves about nature, and to learn nature again—with an enlarged ability to perceive. At stake is a natural world with less erasure, in which it is possible to recognize the existence and agency of culturally marginalized actors. Free admission.

Galloping Through Dynasties

Now through January 1, 2023

Galloping Through Dynasties explores the evolution of Chinese horse painting in both its symbolic and its stylistic aspects throughout Chinese history. The approximately sixty art works drawn from the collections of leading U.S. museums and one from Japan will decode the symbolic language of Chinese horse painting to reveal rich information about Chinese history and culture.

The horse is one of the oldest and most interesting painting subjects in China. From the ancient Zhou dynasty (ca. 1045–771 BC) to the Qing dynasty (1644–1911), the horse has formed an engaging symbolic language through which many political and social aspects of Chinese history are represented. The emperors' passion for fine horses and the evolution of the animal's political and social messages, from the tokens of a ruler's military achievements to the idiosyncrasies of a talented scholar, further enhanced the subject's prominent status in Chinese painting. Over time, the rich symbolic content of horse painting was matched by the increasingly diversified styles and personal expressions of the artists. Free admission.

Beyond Bollywood: 2000 Years of Dance in Art

Now through February 5, 2023

Beyond Bollywood: 2000 Years of Dance in Art considers the compelling visual language of dance in the arts from South Asia, Southeast Asia, and the Himalayan region from the first to the twenty-first century. Through religious, courtly, and everyday objects, the exhibition illustrates how dance occupies a uniquely important place in the region. The dance of the gods can provide religious and ethical lessons and can also symbolize power and majesty. In daily life, people have long danced for worship, for festivals, for the entertainment of emperors and princes, and for their own enjoyment. Experience the exceptional importance and power

of dance in religious thought, literature, politics, and societal structures. Dance was—and is—not only for delight. Ticketed. Free for members.

Georgia O'Keeffe, Photographer

February 3–May 7, 2023

How well do we know iconic American artist, Georgia O'Keeffe? Scholars have examined her paintings, home, library, letters, and even her clothes. Yet, despite O'Keeffe's long and complex association with the American photographic avant garde, no previous exhibition has explored her work as a photographer.

Georgia O'Keeffe, Photographer presents nearly 100 photographs by the artist, together with a complementary selection of paintings and drawings. These works illuminate O'Keeffe's use of the camera to further her modernist vision, showing how she embraced photography as a unique artistic practice and took ownership of her relationship with the medium.

Discover, for the first time, O'Keeffe's eloquent and perceptive photographic vision. Ticketed. Free for members.

Hours & Visitor Information:

Open Tuesday–Sunday, 11 a.m.–5 p.m. and Thursday, 11 a.m.–8 p.m. Members have special access each Saturday and Sunday from 10–11 a.m. Please visit cincinnatiartmuseum.org for more information.

The Lighting Doctor

By Debra Ruehlman

This writer is pleased to report that all streetlights on Oregon and Baum are currently working, thanks to the Lighting Doctor. That would be Dr. Peter Ruehlman (retired oncologist) who on his evening walks, was frustrated that so many street lights were out. He took it upon himself to fix the situation. First he took a picture of the pole number, and noted the location. Then a phone call to Duke Energy resulted in someone coming to fix each one, though not all at the same time. Now, we can enjoy our evening walks on at least part of The Hill with more visibility. Thank you Dr. Ruehlman!

If you see lights that do not work, note the location and pole number (usually on a metal plate on the pole) and call 800-774-1202. Let's get the whole Hill lit up with operating street lights. It takes YOU to call in the problem. And let there be light!

**I got gas today
for \$1.39.**

**Unfortunately, it
was at Taco Bell.**





Library Renovations

by Joe Wessel

As winter's chill sets in, the library remains the single-best place, in our humble opinion, to escape winter's potentially nasty wrath. And with fall's arrival came a special announcement from the library: The re-opening of the expanded and renovated Walnut Hills Branch Library, just a few minutes away from Mount Adams.

The Walnut Hills Branch was the area's first Carnegie Library – and the first-ever Library branch (the first one, of course, being the Main Library downtown). The location reopened October 20 after 17 months and a more than \$12 million renovation and expansion. The improvements to Walnut Hills include an addition more than doubling the Branch's square footage and making the former shuttered lower level usable again. The Branch is also now fully accessible. Entering the 1906-built branch – which had never received any significant improvements in its nearly 106-year history – was made prohibitive with no wheelchair ramps and a steep, concrete stair front stoop. Other improvements include:

- Doubled the Branch size to approximately 23,000 square feet
- Restoring the city of Cincinnati seal in the tile floor
- Seven small- or medium-sized meeting/study rooms and a large community room
- A 99-person capacity room in the re-opened basement
- A new CHPL-owned parking lot across from the Branch
- A marketplace area with charging stations, moveable chairs, and tables
- A brand-new children and teen area with play spaces
- An elevator



Renovations continue at the Main Library in downtown with estimated completion in late 2023 or early 2024. The nearly \$40 million renovation includes important behind-the-scenes building maintenance items such as a new roof on the north building, an energy retrofit in the south building, skylight replacement in the south building – and more. The big, visible change to the Main Library will be to the two plazas. The north building's plaza is done – with a new door being installed on the north building from the plaza – and includes a unique art installation with a definite Library theme. Come check it out!

If you have driven by the south building, south of Ninth Street, you might have notice lots of construction crews and, what will soon become a new glass entranceway. The new, at-grade plaza and large glass curtain wall will welcome library users to the revitalized atrium. The design will express the wonderful range of library spaces within. Upon entering the atrium, an inviting and warm social stair will knit together the Walnut Street and Vine Street entrances while providing a range of seating opportunities for individuals, small groups, and large events. Inspired by the hills of Cincinnati, this welcoming design provides new amenities and gathering spaces, as well as an intuitive connection to the upper floors of the library, accessed through a new stair extending from the second floor upwards.

Also, despite the construction, remember that the Main Library's north building remains open – including the third floor Cincinnati Room, home of the Genealogy and Local History Department. We will look forward to seeing you soon!



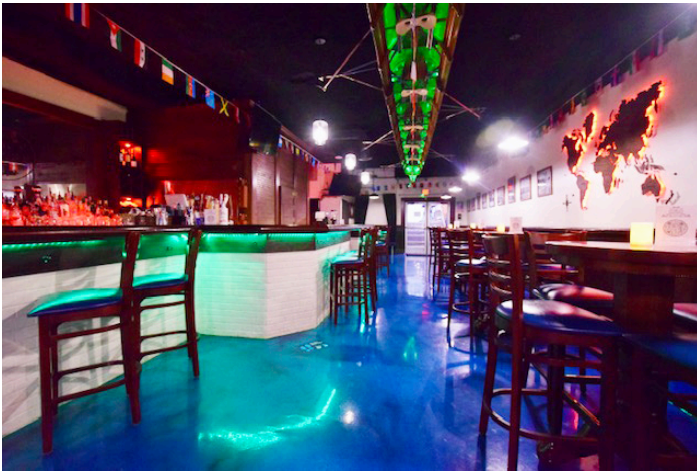
New Offerings on the Hill

by Maryellen Horrgan

Your party at our house! Avoid stress! Host your holiday party here at 930 Hatch St. 15- 50 people in a clean modern setting with the city's top rated beverages. If it stays warm, we even have a patio! For details call Steven J. Hromadka

(513) 325-4689 Mobile

(513) 332-9515 E-Fax Picture below:



Hilltop -Same Name New Owners

by Sue Zimmerman

Hilltop on Pavilion and Belvedere is now open. The current hours are Thursday 5 to midnight. Friday and Saturday 5-2:30 am and Sunday 1 to 8pm. The new owners are Brittany Keller and Robert Darr. Brittany comes from a family who have been in the restaurant business. Brittany has been bartending for ten years. The vision for the Hilltop is a comfy neighborhood vibe. They are dog friendly on the patio. The food truck will provide yummy bar food. You can call and do take out (513-818-8400). They have TVs for sports viewing, a trivia night, open jam sessions on Thursday 9 to 12. Friday has the resident DJ, Zap, 10 to 2 am. Saturdays have rotating themes.

The grand opening is November 23rd, 5pm to 2am. Brittany is looking forward to part of the neighborhood. The bar is available to have small private parties. Hours will vary depending on special events. So, check out the new place! Jam session Pictured below: by J. Dietz



Luca Bistro Opens at 934 Hatch.

Three photos don't fill the full picture.

Open and with a liquor license, Luca Bistro has both Charm, and a full menu. See intro on p.27



We thought we'd throw this in for fun,. We believe it's a late 19th or very early 20th century photo of Yesterday's Bar. It is now World Glass Bar at 930 Hatch Street. Note that there is no bar, just barrels, and the floor is covered in sand to absorb the spilled Beer. I don't know what is behind the right hand wall...but the bar in this photo is certainly a lot skinnier than it is now.



Luca Bistro Opens on Mt Adams.

by Hannah Lohr- Pearson and City Beat.

Chef Frédéric Maniet has opened a full menu French flavored restaurant called Luca Bistro at 934 Hatch St, on Mt. Adams. Maniet is a native of Vaucluse, in southeast France says that there the philosophy is to keep the food simple, honest and straightforward. "I am excited to create French food everyone will enjoy."

Frederic has a very different view of the French restaurant - he's trying to emulate the "American" vibe which he describes as very casual, nothing fancy. Super affordable!

People are encouraged to bring their laptop and work. He's hoping people will stay for a long while.

The aesthetic will be sunny, bright, and colorful, as seen in the photos to the left.

Maniet, who attended culinary school in Avignon, France, brings his experience of creating delicacies for private affairs at the Queen City Club and the University Club of Cincinnati to this newest venture.

Luca Bistro will serve croissants and coffee for breakfast along with full-service lunch, dinner and weekend brunch. The menu includes dishes like chicken Provencal, steak frites and the "84-burger," which a release says pays homage to Maniet's hometown. (84 is the department number, or regional identifying number, of Vaucluse; kind of like a zip code.)

In addition to eats, the drink menu boasts French wine and beer, as well as cocktails.

There is a large back patio for warm weather. His goal is to expand the outdoor space in spring by opening an outdoor bar, covered by an awning.

The Chef came to the states originally in 2000. Came back in 2010 after college for a backpacking trip. Met his wife here and ended up staying. He was finally able to realize his dream of Luca Bistro, now that he has one kid in college and one going next year. There's motivation to do well!

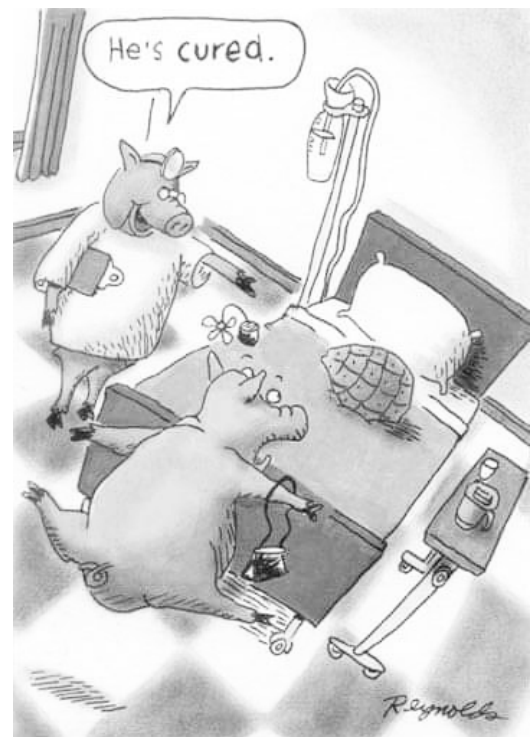
LUCA BISTRO
MT ADAMS YACHT CLUB
HOLIDAY PARTY

Wednesday, December 7

5 :30 – 8 :00pm

Enjoy Mt Adams newest restaurant! Free appetizers! Cash bar!

Come join the Yacht Club and try out the newest Mt Adams restaurant experience.



Happenings at HCI

By: Katherine Jurs and Amy Obermeyer



Parish Center Repairs

Thanks to the generosity of many parishioners, neighbors, and supporters of our church, the much-needed repairs to the parish center were fully funded by donations collected earlier this year. Coordination with Duke was necessary to protect the construction work from the power lines, delaying the start until September. Plates and tie rods have been installed to stabilize the Pavilion Street wall. As of the writing of this article, the new box gutters are well on their way to completion. The project is expected to wrap up by Thanksgiving. We look forward to opening our doors again to the parishioners, wedding guests and neighbors who use our parish center for a wide variety of reasons, from meetings and receptions to yoga classes and festival activities.

Remembering and Honoring

On Sunday, October 30 HCI held its annual Memorial Mass for all the deceased members of our parish from the past year: Laine Bober-schmidt, Mary Capannari, Norma Crowley, Laverne Gilb, Dennis McHugh, George Morano, Martin Schank, Tom Williams, and Linda Wilson. The parish welcomed their families to pray and celebrate their loved ones in fellowship.

On Sunday, November 6 HCI celebrated its 51st annual Armed Forces Sabbath Mass. The Armed Forces Sabbath is an opportunity to pray for and honor all military members, active duty, reserve, or retired, located here or abroad, and thank them for their service to our country. This moving annual event was co-sponsored by the Greater Cincinnati Navy League of the United States, the Reserve Officers Association, and the Reserve Officers Association League. The Elder Choir returned to lead the congregation in song.

Mass Schedule

Now that our new pastor, Fr Adam Puntel, and our new parochial vicar, Fr Eric Roush, have had a chance to settle into their routines in this new family of parishes, the daily Mass schedule at Holy Cross - Immaculata has settled, too. As a reminder, Fr Adam is now, since July, the pastor of Holy Cross – Immaculata where he resides, as well as St Rose, St Stephen and Our Lord Christ the King.

Holy Cross – Immaculata offers Mass each Monday evening at 7:00 p.m. followed by Eucharistic Adoration. Mass is also offered Tuesday and Thursday mornings at 8:00 a.m. Adoration is still offered on the second Wednesday of each month 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Weekend Masses continue to be held Saturdays at 4:00 p.m. and Sundays at 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. The weekend schedule is will be changed, though, expected to only offer one Mass on Sunday, after the new year. Fr Adam is working with the parish councils at each of his four parishes to make changes throughout the family of parishes in a judicious way and at a prudent pace.

Advent and Christmas

Advent begins on Sunday, November 27. As in past years, HCI will again sponsor a Giving Tree, this year benefitting St. Leo, Old St. Mary's Pregnancy Center, and Tender Mercies.

St Leo's will offer Christmas gifts for low-income families on December 4. Gifts, especially toys and household items are donated: Kids Crafts, Balls, Learning Games, Sweatshirts for all ages, Bath Towels, Kitchen Towels, Pillows, Bed Sheets and Blankets, Baby Blankets, Kitchen utensils, can openers, and pots and pans. Please deliver gifts and donations to HCI by Sunday, November 27.

For Old St. Mary's Pregnancy Center, donated gifts will be put into Welcome-Home baskets for newborns throughout the year. Please consider donating items for newborn boys and girls, NEWBORN DIAPERS, baby bottles, clothing, shampoo, baby powder, body wash and umbrella strollers. Larger diapers sizes are also needed. Please deliver gifts and donations to HCI by Sunday, December 4.

There are 200 residents at **Tender Mercies**. Please help us give them a Merry Christmas by donating \$10 gift cards (suggested value) to Walmart, Kroger, Walgreens, CVS, Panera, or Skyline Chili. We need 60 gift cards by Saturday, December 4 to fulfill our part of the wishes of the individual residents in the facility.

We are always in need of wrapping paper, tape, gift bags, batteries, and gift cards to Kroger and Walmart. If you are interested in helping sort or deliver any of the gifts, please contact Kathy Mayer at kathy_btca@yahoo.com.

The Christmas Mass schedule: Saturday, December 24, Christmas Eve Masses at 4:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m. and Sunday, December 25, Christmas Day Mass at 11:00 a.m.

Looking Ahead to 2023

Ash Wednesday is February 22, 2023 and Easter is Sunday, April 9, 2023. We will share more specific plans to celebrate Lent and Easter early next year, so please watch for more details in the HCI Bulletin, on social media, and in the March 2023 issue of the Mt. Adams Grapevine.

We hope 2022 has been good to you and your family. We wish the entire Mt. Adams community a joyous end to 2022 and good health and much happiness and peace in 2023!

For more information about Holy Cross – Immaculata Parish and any of its activities, please visit the website at www.hciparish.org, call the parish office at 513-721-6544, or find us on Facebook at HCIParish, on Instagram at [hci_parish](https://www.instagram.com/hci_parish), or on Twitter at [HCIchurch](https://twitter.com/HCIchurch). For the most up to date information, you are invited to subscribe to our weekly email using the link at the bottom of the website. If you are interested in special event updates, subscribe to the Good Friday email.

Mt. Adams Pilgrim Chapel U.C.C.

by Jim Whitworth



Calendar

December, 2022

Sunday, December 4, Second Sunday of Advent
Sunday, December 11, Third Sunday of Advent
Sunday, December 18, Fourth Sunday of Advent
Saturday, December 24, Christmas Eve Candlelight Service 7:00 PM
(Excerpts from The Messiah sung by a duet from UC CCM)
Sunday, December 25, Christmas Day – Worship at home and celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior with family

January, 2023

Sunday, January 1, Second Sunday After Christmas, New Years Day
Sunday, January 8, Epiphany Sunday & Baptism of Our Lord
Sunday, January 15, Second Sunday after Epiphany Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
Sunday, January 22, Third Sunday After Epiphany
Sunday, January 29, Fourth Sunday After Epiphany

February, 2023

Sunday, February 5, Fifth Sunday After Epiphany
Sunday, February 12, Sixth Sunday After Epiphany
Sunday, February 19, Transfiguration Sunday
Wednesday, February 22, Ash Wednesday
Sunday, February 26, First Sunday in Lent

A Time of Preparation

We are entering an exciting time in some of the world's major religions. Christians celebrate Christmas – the commemoration of the birth of Jesus the Christ; and Jews celebrate Hannukah/Chanukah (the Festival of Lights) – the recovery of Jerusalem and rededication of the 2nd Temple.

There are other significant events during the next three months that are associated with various cultures, such as Kwanzaa and New Year's Day. Hanukkah (Chanukah), also known as the Festival of Lights, is a relatively minor holiday compared with Rosh Hashonah, Yom Kippur, Purim and Passover. This year (2022) Hanukkah begins on December 19th and concludes December 26th. Hanukkah is based on events that took place in 165 BCE in Jerusalem and is a celebration lasting eight days. It was after the second temple had been desecrated by the Emperor Antiochus IV that Jewish priest Mattathias and his sons rebelled retaking Jerusalem and the Temple. They then lit the holy lamp (menorah), but had only enough holy oil for one day. But, miraculously the lamp stayed lit for eight days until enough holy oil could be procured.

There is also a "season" leading up to Christmas called Advent. Advent begins on the fourth Sunday before Christmas; this year (2022) it begins November 27th. (In the Eastern Orthodox church Advent begins on November 15th this year and continues for forty days.) The term advent

comes from the Latin term *adventus* meaning "arrival" or "coming," especially something of great importance. The Advent season is both a time of joyful, anticipatory celebration of the arrival of Jesus Christ, and a time of preparation consisting of serious reflection. Advent also marks the beginning of the church year.

There are many variations and interpretations of Advent customs existing today. In Mt. Adams Pilgrim Chapel United Church of Christ, we prepare for the celebration of the coming of the Christ Child using the Advent Wreath as our guide for the season. This tradition was begun by the Lutherans and Catholics in 16th century Germany. The wreath typically consists of branches or garland in a circle with four or five candles. Mt. Adams Pilgrim Chapel uses five candles – three purple candles and one pink arranged around the circle, and one white candle in the center. These candles are lit, one each Sunday in Advent, and are lit in the following order: first is the purple Candle of Hope; second is the purple Candle of Peace; third is the pink candle, the Candle of Joy; and the last purple candle to be lit is the Candle of Love. The white candle in the center is the Christ Candle which is lit on Christmas Eve.

You are invited to come to Mt. Adams Pilgrim Chapel and join with us during Advent preparing for the celebration of the coming of Immanuel – God with us. Each Sunday will build toward the Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, which will include special music provided by our own Jacob Miller on piano, and a duet from the University of Cincinnati College Conservatory of Music singing excerpts from the Messiah by George Frideric Handel. See you there!

Mt. Adams Pilgrim Chapel, Your Chapel on the Hill, is an open and affirming congregation of the United Church of Christ, where all are welcome to come and worship. 1222 Ida Street just north of the Ida Street bridge.

Pilgrim Chapel Announces Selection of New Minister

We are pleased to welcome Rev. John Pohlman as our new minister. After retiring from a 35-year career in law enforcement, Captain Pohlman answered God's call to ministry and became Reverend Pohlman, having ordained ministerial standing in both the United Church of Christ and the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). Since then, John has served the church first as a minister/missionary managing Denominational Disaster Response in 14 states, and then as a local church Senior Pastor for many years. John and his wife, Sharon, raise and manage a herd of alpacas at the North Pohl Farm in Lebanon.

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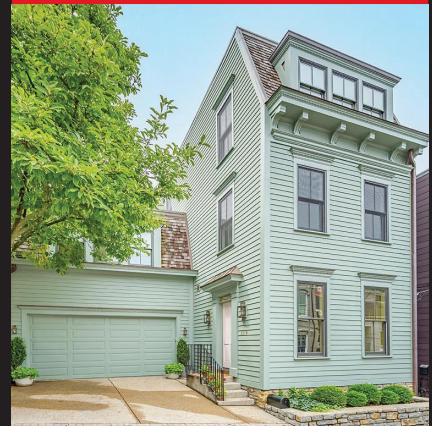
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CINCINNATI PLAYHOUSE AND MR. AND MRS. FEZZIWIG TO HOST INTERACTIVE HOLIDAY PARTIES AT THE PHOENIX THIS DECEMBER

by Natalie Hastings

WHAT: You're invited to ring in the holiday season with Mr. and Mrs. Fezziwig! Everyone's favorite hosts from Charles Dickens's A Christmas Carol invite you to an immersive Victorian-era party at the historic, stately event spaces at The Phoenix. Carolers and actors will perform throughout the party for an interactive, festive evening that takes you back in time and celebrates the cheerful spirit of the season. A new production of A Christmas Carol will return for the 2023 holiday season.

WHERE: The Phoenix, 812 Race Street, Cincinnati, OH 45202

WHEN: DEC. 14 - DEC. 18, 2022

- Dec. 14-16, 7 p.m.
- Dec. 17, 2 p.m., 7 p.m.
- Dec. 18, 2 p.m.

Purchase tickets here.

WHO: Recommended for ages 5 and up. Everyone of any age must have a ticket. No strollers will be allowed in the venue.

DETAILS:

More information is available at cincyplay.com. Guests will have the opportunity to:

- Learn Victorian-era group dances
- Enjoy holiday-styled beverages and lite bites coursed throughout the evening, topped off with dessert
- Play a variety of parlor games, including knock rummy, charades and "Yes or No," as seen in the Playhouse's production of A Christmas Carol
- Mix and mingle with Mr. and Mrs. Fezziwig and other Victorian-era characters
- Children ages 5 and up are welcome to attend and partake in guided, fun activities in the library and parlor room, including:
 - Victorian-era floor games
 - A holiday arts and crafts station
 - Puppet shows
 - Interactive performances by a magician
 - A short, original melodrama written and performed in the Victorian style

Ticket price includes lite bites, dessert and unlimited punch, cider and hot cocoa. Adults will receive one drink ticket for beer, wine or spiced mead. Cash bar available for additional adult beverages. The party is designed to be enjoyed as a two-hour experience. Holiday attire is welcome. Period costumes are not necessary.

SPONSORS

Sponsors are First Financial Bank and Barbara Fitch and the Stona Fitch Family.

The Playhouse is supported by the generosity of almost 40,000 contributors to the ArtsWave Community campaign. The Ohio Arts Council helps fund the Playhouse with state tax dollars to encourage economic growth, educational excellence and cultural enrichment for all Ohioans. The Playhouse also receives funding from the Shubert Foundation.

Calling all Botanists, Plant Lovers, Green Thumb Experts, and Grow-it-Yourself Students and Enthusiasts.

What is happening at the Lloyd Library

by Erin Campbell

Floral Empires: Plant Hunting and Painting in Victoria Britain with Lindsay Wells

December 1, 7-8 p.m. Virtual Lecture. Registration Required.

Sylvan Roots: A Celebration of Trees

December 9, 2022-March 24, 2023

Sylvan Roots Opening Reception. December 9, 5-7 p.m.

Lloyd Library Holiday Open House, December 17, 12-4 p.m.

Walking Walnut Woods: Restoration of an Urban Forest with Greg Torres. In-Person Outdoor Tour. Walnut Woods. January 14, 10-11:30 a.m.

Drug Discoveries from Plant Sources with Barry O'Keefe and Nicholas Oberlies. February 15. 7-8 p.m. Virtual Program. Reservations Required.

Forest Conservation at the Edge of Appalachia with Mike Hall. February 23, 7-8 p.m. In-Person. Registration Required.

From Friend to Foe: The Story of the Invasive Callery Pear Tree with Theresa Culley. March 8, 7-8 p.m. In-person and Virtual Program. Reservations Required.

The Healing Power of Trees : A Global Perspective with Rama Kasturi. March 18, 1-2 p.m. In-person. Reservation Required.

A Force for Nature Movie Night with Meg Hanrahan. March 24, 7-8:30 p.m. In-person. Reservations Required.



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There's No Place Like Krohn

Sue Zimmerman

Krohn Conservatory hosts a nationally recognized showcase of more than 3,500 plant species from around the world. Our permanent collection includes desert plants, tropical specimens, Bonsai trees, rare orchids, carnivorous plants, and exotic fruit trees.

Krohn Conservatory was built in 1933 at the height of the Art Deco era. Boasting five unique floral shows annually, including the ever-popular "Butterfly Show," which can be viewed mid-March through mid-June. During that time, thousands of butterflies are free to fly throughout the show room in a specially-themed garden.

Volunteers support the day to day operations of the facility, help with changing out floral displays, support events and provide educational interpretation as docents, and welcome guests as ambassadors.

<https://www.cincinnati-oh.gov/cincyparks/get-involved/volunteer/>

Thousands of volunteers serve in Cincinnati Parks each year through group work events. As a long standing tradition of Cincinnatians giving back to their community; local corporations and community institutions show up for their beloved park system! Through organized efforts and well thought out projects, teams excuteimmeasurable support for the day to day operations of preparing our Parks for seasonal recreation use, maintaining clean and safe public spaces and have a tremendous impact on our conservation efforts.

Group projects entail grounds maintenance tasks, beautification efforts and conservation work:

- Mulching tree rings & floral beds, spreading wood chips on playgrounds and picnic areas (year round)
- Planting annuals, perennials, shrubs and trees (spring/fall/winter)
- Invasive plant removal such as honeysuckle (summer/fall/winter), garlic mustard (spring), porcelain vine (yearround)

We are honored to have such support, and the success of our top ranked urban parks system truly depends on the love of this community! We look forward to working with your group for a fulfilling and impactful experience!

The first cohort for the Pilot Program is full. Please check back in spring 2023 for information on a future cohort, or contact Christyl to be placed on a list for updates: christyl.johnson-roberts@cincinnati-oh.gov

Cincinnati Parks is now a host site for the Ohio Certified Volunteer Naturalist program.

The OCVN program is a research-based education program of The Ohio State University offered in partnership with several host locations, such as, park districts and OSU Extension offices. The OCVN program emphasizes hands-on natural resource and environmental education coupled with volunteer service. Participants in the OCVN program receive 40 hours of combined classroom and field instruction. Upon completing the OCVN course, participants provide 40 hours of volunteer service at any Ohio organization with a compatible program mission.

What is an Ohio Certified Volunteer Naturalist?

An Ohio Certified Volunteer Naturalist is an individual with a passion for the natural world who wishes to attend training and use his or her knowledge by giving back to the community through volunteer service. The program has three components: training, volunteer service hours, and continuing education. (See below for instructions on adding your email address to the statewide email list-serve to stay informed) After course completion, OCVNs typically volunteer in the following service categories:

Education/Interpretation & Outreach - Volunteer to give an educational and/or interpretive program at a park or arboretum. Lead a nature hike or help develop a visitor guide for a natural area! Many of these places depend on volunteers for helping educate visitors.

Citizen Science - Volunteer to collect data for a University, agency, or not for profit organization. Wildlife and plant surveys, water quality monitoring, and other scientific monitoring are some examples. These surveys are critical for maintaining and managing biological diversity.

Land Stewardship - Volunteer to maintain a natural area, control invasive species or restore native vegetation. Or, perhaps you'd like to assist in maintaining a trail or other public recreation area. If you like to get your hands dirty, this might be your way of volunteering.

Program Support - Nature centers, local, state, and federal park visitor centers, and various natural resources groups need volunteers to work on newsletters, help with educational events, help manage meetings, websites, and even meet and greet the public at information stations.

This is a great way to give back if you have physical limitations, want to hone your skills in these areas, or just want to contribute in a way that may be less physically taxing

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Come to the Krohn Conservatory this holiday season to enjoy our Celestial Holiday. The Krohn will be transformed into a glowing winter wonderland surrounded by the shimmering lights and twinkling stars. Join us for the unveiling of the newest landmark piece created by the talented artists of Applied Imagination, Music Hall!



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January 8, 2023**

OCVN Mission

To promote awareness and citizen stewardship of Ohio's natural resources through science based education and community service. Certification Requirements To become an Ohio Certified Volunteer Naturalist:

- Complete the 40-hour online instruction course (you will receive a certification of completion)
- Participants must attend 9 of 10 in person training sessions. The ability to schedule "make - up" sessions will be very limited.
- Perform 40-hours of volunteer service with an Ohio organization of your choice
- After certification, 20 hours of volunteer service and 8 hours of continuing education annually
- There is a certification fee to cover the Ohio State Extension Agency administrative function of the program. This fee is TBD, but should be at or less than \$100. Details to come.
- This schedule is subject to change.

Program Benefits:

- Learn about Ohio's ecology, practice interpretive and education approaches, and build your skills to participate in stewardship and community science efforts near you.
- Become part of a local and statewide network of dedicated volunteers.
- Apply your talents and passion to protecting, restoring and understanding Ohio's natural treasures.

For more info, go to

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The Cincinnati Public Library announces 2023 Writer-in-Residence

CINCINNATI — The Cincinnati & Hamilton County Public Library's 2023 Writer-in-Residence is ready to share his writing experience in his new role.

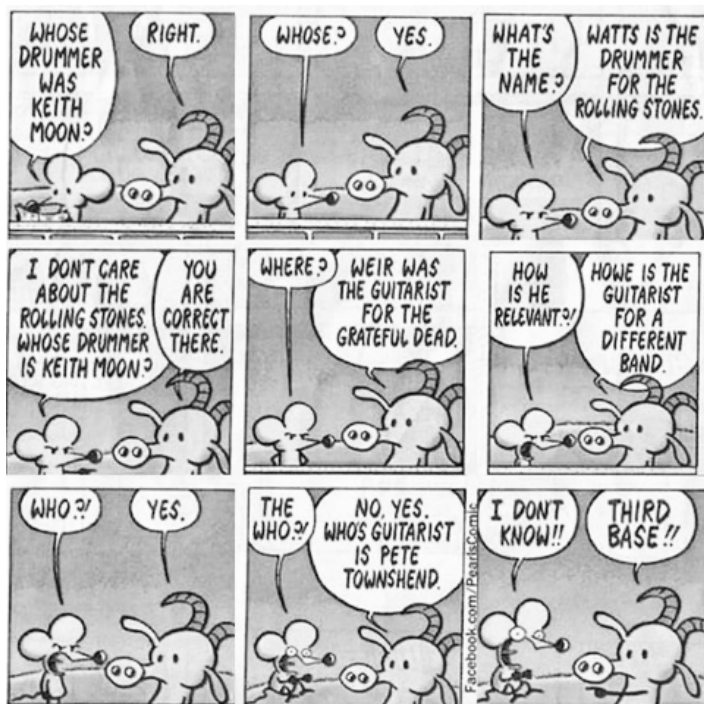
The Library Foundation named poet and essayist Manuel Iris the 2023 Writer-in-Residence. Iris is coming off winning the 2022 Ohioana Reader's Choice Book Award for "The Parting Present / Lo Que Se irá" in July. He was Cincinnati's second poet laureate emeritus (2018-2020). "Combining my love for my adopted hometown and expressing myself through language, learning and writing, well, that intersection is the Library," Iris said. "To get a year to be the local Library's ambassador and share my passion, that's a wonderful opportunity to share my passion." During his year as WIR, Iris serves as the Library's ambassador in the local literary arts scene, fosters engagement between the Library and regional writers, and provides instruction on the craft of writing, both online and in-person. The WIR also hosts a Library podcast, writes for the Library's blog and newsletter, holds office hours, and leads workshops and other events to engage readers and writers of all ages.

"Writing has always been a way for me to define things difficult for me to understand completely," Iris said. "Poetry is a translation of the silence. I look forward to sharing my journey and my process to inspire others to share their experiences through writing or other ways."

Charitable donations support the Writer-in-Residence program, including the generous contributions of Naomi Tucker Gerwin and The Library Foundation.

Special thanks go out to the WIR Selection Committee: Mike Boberg, Kaya Burgin, Susan Cranley, Staci Dennison, Marilyn Duke, Naomi Tucker Gerwin, Dan Hurley, Ed Loyd, Jessica Strawser, and Kathy Y. Wilson.

ABOUT MANUEL IRIS: Iris received the "Merida" National award of poetry (Mexico, 2009) for his book Notebook of dreams, and the Rodolfo Figueroa Regional award of poetry for his book The disguises of fire (Mexico, 2014). In 2016 two different anthologies of his poetic work were published: The naked light, in Venezuela; and Before the mystery, in El Salvador. His first bilingual anthology of poems, Traducir el silencio/ Translating silence, was published in New York in 2018. This book won two different awards at the International Latino Book Awards in Los Angeles, California, that same year. Iris has published poetry, essay and translation in magazines and literary journals from Mexico, Spain, Chile, Cuba, Colombia, Portugal, France, the United States, and Angola. His poetry has been included in several Mexican, Latin-American, and American, poetry anthologies. Iris holds a BA in Latin American Literature from the Autonomous University of the Yucatan (Mexico), a MA in Spanish from the New Mexico State University, and a Ph.D. in Romance Languages from the University of Cincinnati, the city in which he lives with his wife and 4-year-old daughter.



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by John Corsini

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How Did Those Holiday Traditions Come About?

By Sue Zimmerman

I became a bit curious about why we do some of our holiday traditions and the source of our must haves to make it a true holiday. (And we needed a short article.) So, I asked Mr. Google and found some interesting answers.

Rudolph the Red Nose Reindeer – In 1939 the Montgomery Ward (a Chicago department store) asked its copywriter, Robert May, to create a coloring book. May experienced teasing as a boy, so he created a reindeer who was teased for his red nose. But the reindeer could lead the sleigh on a foggy Christmas Eve. It was an instant success. Not long after May's wife got cancer and passed away. May had medical bills and Montgomery Ward gave him the rights so he could publish the book and make some money. Gene Autry's "Rodolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer" was written by May's brother-in-law.

Fruitcakes – Believe it or not, there are people who like fruitcake and aren't ashamed to admit it. In the 1800's fruitcake was popular because of its shelf life. It could be brought overseas, and it was still edible. Fruitcake began with Egyptians who put fruitcake in tombs when a relative died. Romans took a lot of fruitcake into battle. Fruitcake was temporarily outlawed in short time for being sinfully too rich.

Eggnog- Eggnog came from a medieval drink called posset. It was a mixture of ale, hot milk, spices, and other liquors. Eggs were added to the mix. The word "nog" comes from noggin, a wooden cup used in pubs. Supposedly, George Washington had a heavy alcoholic recipe for eggnog. In colonial times, the ingredients were very expensive, so eggnog was used for toasts to good health and good fortune.

Mistletoe- Mistletoe has a long history. It was deeply rooted in mythology. The plant was known for its healing ability even though it is moderately poisonous (especially for pets). Ancient Druids believed that restored fertility because it bloomed even in winter. Legend has it that the Norse God, Baldur, was killed when he was pricked by a sprig of mistletoe. But he woke up the next morning afraid that all plants and animals were out to get him. His mother and his wife went out to all plants and animals and got them to promise they would do him no harm. However, they forgot to ask the mistletoe. The gods resurrected Baldur from the dead. Out of joy, his mother, Frigg, the goddess of love, made mistletoe the plant of love and promised to kiss anyone who stood under the mistletoe.

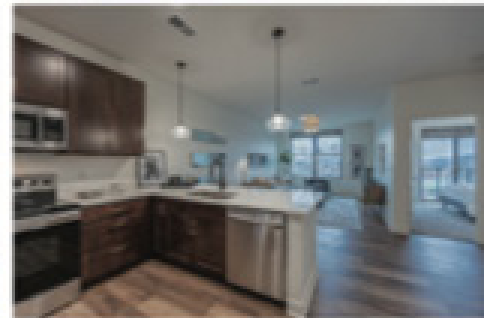
Stockings – Legend has it that the original St. Nicholas while traveling from village to village, heard about a merchant who had fallen on hard times and could not afford the dowries for his three daughters. St. Nicholas knew the man was proud and would never accept money. So, St. Nick took three sacks of gold down the chimney and the sacks fell into the daughters' stockings that were drying by the fireplace. So, children started hanging their socks by the fireplace in hopes that St. Nick would leave presents.

Christmas cards- The very first Christmas card was invented by an Englishman, Sir Henry Cole in 1843. Cole was too busy to write individualized Christmas messages. He commissioned his artist friend, John Callcott Horsley to draw a scene and put a short message on the back. Horsley printed 1,000 cards with holiday scene on the front and on the back "A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you." The scene was a tad upsetting because it showed a child being given wine. The temperance movement in England discouraged underage drinking. In 1874, American Louis Prang opened a shop in Boston and sold a line of Christmas cards. His business did well and ended up producing 5 million cards every year. Thus, Americans no longer had to order their cards from overseas. (I don't know if he showed children drinking.)



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Lee

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Mangled Bits and Pieces

By Maryellen Horrigan

First...yes...the team of Horrigan/Zimmerman is retiring. It is time.

In 2004 I was the Photographer. In 2006 Sue Zimmerman joined as Editor, and I moved up to "Events," in a 20 page black and white newsletter. Many wonderful busy people did their best to put together some sort of Community spread sheet of current events, history, business opportunities, intro to goods and services, and names and photos of residents of the Hill. We applaud their Herculean efforts. However, in the early days of the 21st Century, this really hand-assembled project needed non-working empty nesters, and retired folk. All the hard working residents of the Hill simply didn't have the available hours to roam the Hill, ask questions, recruit writers, bully folk into contributing, and crawl door to door to keep up with changing addresses of multiple dwellings into single houses, singles rehabbed into multiples and tear-downs being rebuilt.

No one knew the cost of an issue. No one knew who had paid what. No one knew if all residents were on the mailing list. Photos were dragged in sporting weird shapes. Columns were printed vertically in 12 point type, and then taped to a dummy page. They were talking color cover. Who had the time to manage this? Then desktop publishing changed the face of the modern world. Richard Boyd, acting editor, producer, and a hundred other tasks on the Hill, disrupted our lives. We were recruited. In 2008 Sue signed on as publisher and I moved to editor. And there we were, two strangers staring at each other over Sue's diningroom table.

Fifteen years later, we will go out with a 40 page, 10 point type professional product collected by the Cincinnati History Library and Archives at the Cincinnati Museum Center as an historical microcosm. Many folk have stepped forward to fill our pages with tid-bits of both historical and current interest. Local businesses have supported us through some difficult and sparse years. We have struggled through together. We have increased pages as our advertisers have increased. We have tried to balance ads with articles so neither overwhelmed the other. Some months are easy and we can't get it all in. Some seasons are hard to find material to fill in, and we scramble for new areas of potential interest...balance, balance.

We hope we have a new leader. If, so, we are very fortunate. If our new producer takes the helm, we can count on organization, imagination, literary talent, and a sense of humor.

Please be patient. The Grapevine is no longer due to a simple Broderbund program, used by every grade school in the country. It is via InDesign, a professional program that is smoothly logical but complicated. There is a learning curve. The new team may likely have to retreat for starters back to Broderbund. We have a stellar printer in Printzone that can steer anyone through the process. Whatever is used, be patient. We will transition-in over the next 2 issues.

Having said that, if you can help with deadline notices, billing, editing, writing, or possess some knowledge of printing or publication let us know and we will pass it on. Whatever the new leader decides is theirs' to choose. And we always need writers. Please volunteer to help keep the Grapevine alive.

Moving on, we do thank John Corsini for writing a new membership form. Heaven know it was long overdue.

Larry Cochran continues to offer us stellar photos. Even when he is basking in Hawaii, he delegates. We have never had so many choices.

Under the top of Hill events, Lee Taylor brought Halloween to a whole new experience of enjoyment. We are gobsmacked at the level of organization, imagination, outreach and humor brought to the Hill's costume celebration. It was a true Community event. It was not to be missed. We certainly hope this is an event that continues on the Hill.

Luca Bistro has recently both opened and got its liquor license. It is great to have another full menu spot on the Hill. El Barill and our historic Mt Adams Bar and Grill continue to offer fine places to dine. Hilltop is open and its menu is growing. Your Mama's Pizza hopes to open before the year's end. You won't go hungry on the Hill.

Check the coming events and the business pages in the Grapevine. as we continue the post Covid rebuild.

Keep an eye on the mtadamscincy.org site, and on Ginny Corsini's flash email event updates. Remember to continue your support of the Mt Adams Grapevine, and do have a lovely and safe Holiday season.

BECOME A MEMBER OF THE MT. ADAMS CIVIC ASSOCIATION

The Mt. Adams Civic Association (MACA) is a group of community minded residents working together to keep our neighborhood a great place to live. We strive to maintain a safe, friendly environment, offer a variety of retail/restaurant/bars and support the cultural assets such as Cincinnati Art Museum, Playhouse in the Park, Eden Park and Krohn Conservatory. Membership is open to homeowners and renters living in Mt. Adams. Strong membership gives MACA a louder voice when negotiating with the City of Cincinnati for neighborhood improvements and beautification.

Only members may vote at meetings.

By providing your email address, you'll be informed of upcoming meetings, security issues, use of funds and community events. You will automatically be enrolled to receive the monthly MACA eBulletin. and a copy of the quarterly newsletter, The Mt Adams Grapevine.

MACA is proud to have 501©(3) status as a not-for-profit entity.

MACA meetings are held the first Tuesday of every month at 7:00 p.m.

MEMBERSHIP FORM

Name _____

Email _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Annual \$10 _____ Lifetime \$100 (2 people) _____

Grapevine Non-45202 address: annual fee \$10 _____

Return this form with payment to: MACA, P.O. Box 6474, Cincinnati, OH. 45206

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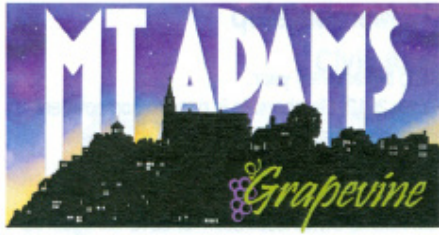
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