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Frequently Called Numbers

Unattended, abandoned cars litter, overgrown grass, weeds large trash, Christmas trees, etc. Snow removal, pot holes, dead animals, sidewalk repair, and graffiti, etc.

Cinti. Public Works, 591-6000

Serious home structure problems

Bldg. & Inspec. Dept., 352-3978

Cinti. Police—Street Corner Drug Enforcement

Community Police Officer

Jana Cruse 513-8654

jana.cruse@cincinnati-oh.gov

Avon Woods Nature Center

861-3435

Great American Clean-up!

The Great American Clean Up is **April 24th, 2010** from 9 am to 12 pm.

We will meet at the bottom of Avon Dr. Lunch will be provided at the Avon Woods Nature Center following the clean up. With all the snow this winter, the trash level is much higher than in the past, so we need all the volunteers that we can get!!!

Please join us in helping to make our neighborhood a better place to live.



I still find each day too short for all the thoughts I want to think, all the walks I want to take, all the books I want to read, and all the friends I want to see. John Burroughs

Upcoming Events

- **Saturday, April 24th 9a - 12p** Great American Clean-up
- **Monday, April 26th 7p** Community Meeting at Avon Woods Nature Center
- **Saturday, May 15th** Community Walk contact Pat Jones (513) 641-4225
- **Monday, May 24th 7p** Community Meeting at Avon Woods Nature Center
- **Monday, June 28th 7p** Community Meeting at Avon Woods Nature Center

Just Talk...

Unlike many of you I do not look forward to grocery shopping. One of the many challenges for me is my small stature. It seems that everything I need is on the top shelf of the super market and I can only reach to the second shelf. What is a girl supposed to do? I have a never fail technique. I stand at the spot and stare. Without fail, someone (I mean another shopper) stops and says "May I help you?" then I smile and say "Would you please reach the (fill in the blank) for me?" In my over 60 years of keeping house no one has ever said no. This may be a social experiment. What does it prove? Simply that people are so nice and so

eager to be good people who help strangers. I understand totally that I am not asking a lot, but I still believe in the "niceness" of American people. I try to keep that in mind when I read about all the murders that are going on among our young people in our beautiful city. Yes, there are bad people but down deep I believe in the goodness of people. That is what Anne Frank wrote in her diary before she was killed by the Nazis. If Anne Frank were alive today she would be an old lady like me. I am convinced if she needed help there would be someone in Holland who would gladly reach out to help. It is my belief in the goodness of the majority of people that makes the bad people more tolerable for me. Happy eating!



~Gari Silverblatt

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He who has a why to live can bear almost any how. Friedrich Nietzsche
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Paddock Hills Yard Sale!

Yvonne Hocker has graciously agreed to head the Paddock Hills Neighborhood Yard Sale!



The dates that have been picked are May 15 & 16 with May 22 & 23 being the rain dates.

The cost will be between \$7.00 & \$10.00 per resident which covers the newspaper ad, balloons, flyers & signs! The final cost will be determined by the number of participants. The monies will be collected the week before the sale.

Please contact Yvonne through email, gorvon@fuse.net or phone, 513.242.3483. Please pass this on to any neighbors that may not read this article.



We have a new Paddock Hills resident!

He is a bouncing baby boy, named Henry Miles, born March 16, 2010. His parents are Ted & Mandy Monty. I know that Lewis (their dog) & Simon (their cat) are thrilled to have a new "brother"!

Congratulations to Ted & Mandy, grandparents and all the other family!

~Lina K. Orr

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I arise in the morning torn between a desire to improve the world and a desire to enjoy the world. This makes it hard to plan the day. E.B. White
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And the Nominees Are...

The Paddock Hills Assembly would be happy to accept trustee nominations from the floor in the May 24, 2010 community meeting. We look forward to hearing from you!

I have a simple philosophy: Fill what's empty. Empty what's full. Scratch where it itches. Alice Roosevelt Longworth

HOW SAFE IS YOUR HOME?

Home is where the heart is. But the home is also where the hazardous waste lies. Many items we use on a daily basis are considered household hazardous waste. These items can range from home improvement products to automotive fluids. Believe it or not, an average home contains 60 to 100 pounds of hazardous chemicals.

The first thought is to throw these products in the garbage or down the drain when finished with use. However, improper disposal and storage can injure waste haulers, family members, and helps explain why household poisonings are the second leading cause of death in Hamilton County (tied with firearms).

To solve the problem with little effort and nothing out of your pocket, Hamilton County residents can drop off their household hazardous waste starting **April 10 through October 16, 2010** at **Clean Harbors located at 4879 Spring Grove Avenue.**

Although the usual items (listed below) are accepted, latex paint is NOT acceptable latex paint can safely thrown away with regular trash once it is in solid form.

Since waste haulers cannot pick up liquids, to dry out latex paint, simply leave the lid off of the paint can and mix it with sand, saw dust, or kitty litter to speed up the drying process. Once dry, leave the lid off when you dispose of the can with your regular trash so your waste hauler can see that the paint is dry.

Acceptable items: pesticides, fertilizers, cleaners, automotive fluids, solvents, thinners, pool and lawn chemicals, oil based paint (non latex), batteries, fire extinguishers, stains, mercury, propane tanks, fluorescent bulbs, driveway sealer & thermostats.

To learn more information about the free Household Hazardous Waste Drop-Off Program or composting, call 513.946.7700 or visit www.hamiltoncountyrecycles.org

Sent out by Veronica Smith, Public Relations Intern, Hamilton County Department of Environmental Services



CISV and Paddock Hills – the Tradition Continues

Griffin Daly (Westminster) an 11 year old North Avondale Montessori student will travel to Sweden for a month this summer to represent the US as part of Children's International Summer Villages (CISV.)

Village is a four week international camp attended by delegations of eleven year olds from 12 countries. Each delegation consists of 2 boys and 2 girls and an adult leader. Over 60 Villages are held throughout the world each year.

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...CISV story continued.

On Friday, April 30, Griffin (and others traveling this summer) will shoot 80 soccer (or basketball) goals as part of CISV "Around the World in 80 Goals" Fundraiser.



You can sponsor an amount per shot (for example .10 each/\$8.00, .25 each/\$20.00, .50 each/\$40.00, \$1 each/\$80 and \$5 each/\$400) or make a general donation.

Griffin is also willing and able to help with yard work, pet care, office work, etc. this Spring and Summer to earn money for his trip.

CISV is an independent, non-profit, non-political, volunteer organization that offers children, youth, and adults the opportunity to make new friendships worldwide and to understand and appreciate different cultures. You can learn more about CISV at www.cincycisv.org

To sponsor Griffin this summer, please email his mom, MiMi Chamberlin Daly at mimichamb@aol.com or call 513-242-3940.

Subscribe to our e-newsletter at <http://tinyurl.com/cainenews>

~MiMi Chamberlin Daly

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Two Really New Neighbors

Paddock Hills continues to attract interesting residents. David Leopold and Annette Crompton, who moved to 1233 Avon Drive in January, 2010, fit that description. Annette has worked in the administrative sector of Early Childhood Education most of her career. One of her jobs made living downtown appealing, but leaving that job encouraged her to seek other living arrangements, as well. She had been introduced to this neighborhood by acquaintances on Egan Hills Drive and had been captivated by the big trees and quiet streets for walking and bird-watching. So she was pleased to find a house here that fit her budget and her work with the Community Action Agency as a quality monitor for Headstart in Cincinnati/Hamilton County. She chose colors for re-painting rooms, uncovered beautiful wood floors, and cleaned up a non-working



fireplace to house an eye-catching aquarium. A son who is an artist has helped with the painting. David Leopold is equally---even more boldly---interesting. In addition to leading exercise classes at 6 AM week-days at a downtown Y, he also leads classes twice a week at more "reasonable" hours at the Norwood Y. But, most interesting is the new business he is launching from his studio on the second floor of his home in "lovely Paddock Hills". In his new business, he is creating a network for small business owners (his target audience) to interact with each other to enhance business, to facilitate their getting together to share experiences and other things. A key word, he says, is "barter", and his e-mail address says it all:

david@dreamingwithentrepreneurs.com

The show can be seen daily on the Internet, live. David has 2 adult sons, one in Columbus, one in Knoxville. All 3 sons of Annette and David seem to make it home often for delectable, favorite family meals. They have discovered the Blue Gibbon, a great find, since one of their interests is eating out. The bird feeder in their front window attests to a second hobby. They have had some squirrels checking out the food, as have most of us. They expect to be walking our streets when the weather permits. We are enriched by these new neighbors.

Another such interesting couple, Amy Blyth and Mark Bauknecht, moved to 1259 Westminster Drive in mid-November, 2009. They knew it was the RIGHT house from the moment they saw it. They were more the welcomers than the welcomed when we called. They have an amazing number of acquaintances in the neighborhood already, and even contributed the information that the house on the corner of Egan Hills and Paddock Road had just sold---stating the names of the sellers! Mark urged the completion of a Welcome call on Avon Drive that had never been finished, saying the residents were waiting for the call (see story below). Such neighbors as these, we certainly prize.



Part of the knowledge of the neighborhood residents comes from Mark's work as manager for Fifth Third Bank in several locations, now in Roselawn, and his active interest in people. Amy is a Physical Therapist at Children's Hospital. A house in Paddock Hills was not only a compromise between east and west (Mark being the west-sider) but a perfect location for their work-places. They race each other to see who gets to work first (and finds a parking place!) after they turn in opposite directions at Reading Road.

Amy proudly showed off the house, newly renovated with modern touches, but still keeping exposed beams and high ceilings that Mark and Amy like. Their spacious living/dining room merge into each other, a perfect spot for entertaining, an interest of Mark and Amy. They have already tried out the space for friends and co-workers.

Their warm, welcoming ways make them a perfect fit for Paddock Hills.

~Rheba Clark



And Not So New...

Chris Rush and Shaneia Bryant moved to 1240 Avon Drive in January of 2008. Yes, 2008. Through a series of mishaps, mostly bad communication, this article has been delayed. For so long, that they now have 2 children, but only one when they moved here. Aaliyah, the older daughter, is now ready for school, and the Rushes are taking their time to find the one that is exactly right for her. Gabrielle is a friendly baby, happily

observing the interview from her father's arms.

Chris lived here when he was a very young child, on the northwest corner of Paddock Hills Lane and Avon Drive. The family moved away, but when he was house-hunting, he returned, actually looking at more than one house before settling on this one on Avon Drive. Chris and Shaneia were looking for a larger house, already knowing they hoped to enlarge their family.

Chris's dad lived on Egan Hills Drive until about 10 years ago.

Shaneia works as a Dental Assistant at Cornerstone, downtown. Chris has a small business in Carthage. They spend much of their free time with their daughters, enjoy walking and landscaping their property.

Being with them is to experience their enthusiastic love of life, especially as a family in a house and neighborhood they love. We are glad that Chris "came back home".

~Rheba Clark

Yard waste collection is back!!!!

I was made aware of this by LueKiucius Brown, I am pleased to pass this on! Please set it out in marked "Yard Waste" containers or the leaf bags on the same day that the trash goes out!



Also, there have been some complaints about people not cleaning up after their dogs when the dogs use the great outdoors for restrooms. There have been piles of dog feces left on the sidewalks for others to step in & piles left in the yards of residents that don't have dogs. Please be respectful of others and clean up after your dog!!! Most everyone has experienced stepping in dog poop and it is not a pleasant experience!!!

~Lina K. Orr



Cincinnati Reds Green Team Volunteers

If you would like to volunteer, please let me know ASAP so I can put you on our list.

You can volunteer as many times as you would like as an individual or a group. I need at least 30 volunteers per game and no one will be turned away from volunteering.

Volunteers can pick up their credentials at Gapper's Alley up to 1 ½ hours prior to game time. Just tell security that they are part of the Green Team. They can wander the concourse and find a good place to stand and watch the game until the 6th inning (the credential is equivalent to a Standing Room Only ticket.) In the middle of the 6th inning, I will meet all volunteers back at Gapper's Alley where I will distribute shirts, bags, gloves, and detailed instructions on what they are doing.

Essentially, volunteers will be paired up and will be given an assigned area to work in. Volunteers will then report to their area. In the middle of the 7th inning, an announcement will be made say, "Volunteers from the community have partnered with the Reds to keep our ballpark Green. Please help the Reds Green Team collect any recyclable items you may have." If you miss the announcement, but hear Take Me Out to the Ballgame, please go ahead and start. At this point, volunteers should walk to the bottom of the aisle and work their way up. Then keep on moving from section to section.

Gapper's Alley is an entrance on the North side of the ballpark. This is where the notch is in the stadium that allows view into the ballpark from Sycamore Street.

Future Dates:

April: 4/9, 4/10, 4/11, 4/22(Earth Day), 4/23, 4/24, 4/25

May: 5/7, 5/8, 5/9, 5/14, 5/15 (Civil Rights Game), 5/16, 5/28, 5/29, 5/30

I look forward to meeting all of you when you volunteer for the Green Team. Contact me at SBrown@reds.com or call 513-765-7061.

Sean Brown, Director of Ballpark Operations

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A man who dares to waste one hour of time has not discovered the value of life.
Charles Darwin
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