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Frequently Called Numbers

Unattended, abandoned cars

District 4 Police, 352-3576

Litter, overgrown grass, and weeds

Health Dept., 352-1459
Litter, 564-1750

Large trash, Christmas trees, etc.

Sanitation, 357-2637

Cinti. Public Works, 591-6000

Snow removal, pot holes, dead animals, graffiti, etc.

Cinti. Public Works, 591-6000

Serious home structure prob- lems

Bldg. & Inspec. Dept., 352-3978

Sidewalk repair,

352-4503

Cinti. Police—Street Corner Drug Enforcement

352-3715

Community Police Officer

Louis Arnold, 569-8400

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Avon Woods Nature Center

861-3435

Message from the President

As many of you know, when I able to tap into your passion, to volunteer, you are hooked for life. One of my passions happens to be mentoring. During my spare time when not performing PHA functions, I am a mentor coordinator for the Cincinnati Youth Collaborative.

As an advocate and catalyst for young people, I assist CYC in bringing together people, institutions and community resources to help Cincinnati Public School students graduate from high school. C.Y.C vision is very straight forward: "All Cincinnati area youth will graduate from high school with the knowledge, skills, attitudes and behavior necessary to participate fully and responsibility in society."

In the spring of '08, I will be the coordinator for the new Bond Hill Academy. Are you aware that Bond Hill Academy is our neighborhood school? Please join me in opening this fabulous new building by becoming a mentor. I need your help; the students urgently need your help!

Together, we can make the new school the number one K-8 facility in the district. If you can spare one contact a week, over the phone or e-mail, one face to face contact a month and commit for one year, you can become a hero for a child.

I need your help in assisting a child to feel valued and special while receiving help and encouragement to stay in school. Please contact me on 242-7766, dleeswain@fuse.net.

Upcoming Events

Former Resident Returns for a Visit

We had a visitor a few weeks ago. My husband Rick was on his way to the hardware and I was gabbing on the phone. Seconds after he left, I spied him returning, chatting with a visitor. I pondered the very real possibility that I knew this person but my memory was sputtering as it sometimes does.

Checking to make sure I was fully dressed, and cutting my conversation short, I reached the front door at the same time as our guest.

Mary introduced herself as a former resident of the house, currently living in Colorado and in town for a reunion. She had lived in this house until she was four years old. As I murmured a silent thank you to the housekeeping gods that the house was presentable we toured the house and she shared her memories. She recalled being on the front porch with her mother and sister when the neighbors came running across the street whooping and waving. They had just heard on the radio that the war was over. Her father used the first floor maid's room as an office, as we do. She used to sit on the floor and practice rolling cigarettes for him while listening to her mother cook in the kitchen.

As a little girl, she and her sister both had chicken pox and while they recuperated in the bedrooms upstairs they had a string and tin can telephone that ran from their window to the window of the little girl next door so they could talk!

It was in the bathtub in the upstairs hall bath that she solemnly revealed to her father that there really was no Santa Claus, that he was just "a spirit we all have". She had hoped as a little girl that her father wasn't too disappointed.

Mary was the third such visitor we have had over our years in the house. Each brought their own vivid memories of times and places in this house and neighborhood. I am comforted each time with the thought that Paddock Hills is a special place, a place that stays in the fabric of peoples' memory and hearts. A place where people feel easy ringing the bell to announce, "Hi, you don't know me but I used to live here".

Contributed by Stacy Bird, of Avon Drive



"Never stand begging for that which you have the power to earn." Miguel de Cervantes (1547-1616)

Neighbor Featured in the Enquirer

Dr. Keith Melvin, Perth Lane, was recently featured in Allen Howard's Good Neighbor Column in the Cincinnati Enquirer. Dr. Melvin, an internist, was urging men to be tested for prostate cancer. He himself is a prostate cancer survivor, and speaks frequently in churches, schools, and other places about the importance of catching the disease early. His big concern is that there are few symptoms of the disease until it is almost too late to stop it.

Rheba Clark, from the Enquirer



Sympathy to Neighbors

Paddock Hills neighbors join to express sympathy to two families who have recently lost loved ones. We join Roy and Alice Netter of Avon Drive in their grief for the loss of their son, Rico, who died in early May.

The funeral of William Farmer, of Westminster Drive, was on June 1, at New Emanuel Church on Florence Avenue. His wife and 3 children have our heartfelt sympathy.

As the lives of these families are diminished by their losses, so, too, our community feels the loss of our neighbors. May all rest in peace.

What's In the Air

Have you ever wondered what is in the air that's making your allergies act up or to make living with them easier? Have you ever noticed a funny smell in your neighborhood and not known who to tell? The Hamilton County Department of Environmental Services (HCDOES) can help with three twenty-four hour hotlines.

Complaint Hotline: 513 946-7777

Smell something peculiar in the neighborhood? Strange dust settling on your car? Call the Hamilton County Air Quality Complaint Hotline and the department will send someone out to investigate the problem.

Air Quality/Pollen and Mold Count Hotline: 513 946-7753

Your eyes are watery, your nose is running and you are sneezing constantly. It must be allergy season. Do you want to know what is making you feel so miserable? Call the Hamilton County Air Quality/Pollen and Mold Count Hotline. During the week, the HCDOES checks the air quality twice daily, looking for mold, pollen, smog and particulate matter. The data from these tests is available twenty-four hours a day by calling the hotline or visiting www.hcdoes.org.

Living With Allergies/Air Quality Brochure Hotline: 513 946-7747

Interested in learning more about our air or how to make it through the summer with allergies? Call this hotline to get a copy of our Living with Allergies brochure or any other useful publications that HCDOES offers. The brochures are packed with information about topics such as particle pollution, air pollution and your children, cleaner school busses, living with allergies and information for people with asthma.

All of the documents are also available for download at www.hcdoes.org.

Neighborly Tips

Paddock Hills residents be aware that parking is limited in our neighborhood; and good neighbors share. Please don't hog the parking spaces near your house. And, do be mindful, that it is illegal to park for days on end without moving your vehicle.

Graduate Recognition

The only neighborhood graduate from School for the Creative and Performing Arts this year is DeNisha Taylor of Clearbrook Drive. She will attend Kentucky State in the fall.



Paddock Hills well represented in North Avondale Montessori (NAM) 'Graduating' Class!

Sixth graders Kennedy Burton, Maya Daly, Maryn Lowry, Jacob Stratman and Rian Washington were part of the NAM Class of 2007.

All five students along with chaperones (two from Paddock Hills!) NAM Assistant Principal Carmen Hull and parent Cathi Lowry went on the sixth grade trip to Washington, DC for 4 days in May. They traveled by charter bus with fellow classmates and teachers and had an exhaustive (and exhausting!) tour including all the major landmarks, Hard Rock Cafe and a visit with Representative Steve Chabot and an opportunity to see the House in session (thanks to another Paddock Hills connection - Ann Liechty's brother (and Jacob's uncle), Sam, who works on the Hill.)

We wish them a Happy Summer and all the best on their next journey! - Kennedy, Maya and Maryn to Walnut Hills; Jacob to Clark Montessori; and Rian to either Clark or SCPA.

Submitted by Mimi Chamberlin Daly



New Neighbor on Clearbrook



James and Cynthia Mason were considering buying the home they had been living in, but something made them look around a little more before doing so. Cynthia is very glad they did, because she says when they looked at 1105 Clearbrook, "I felt like I was HOME!"

Everything they learned about Paddock Hills---the variety of ages among their neighbors, working class people, quiet cul-de-sac streets---confirmed her first feelings. So, around June 1, they and sons Demetrious and Demetri and daughter Ja'myla moved in.

They have set up a sparkling aquarium and a marvelous big TV in the living room, and are working at furnishing the rest of it. The dining room is functioning, because, of course, with teenagers, and Ja'myla, too, a place to eat is at the top of the priority list.

Cynthia works at Aramark Uniform Services, nearby, as she has for more than a dozen years. James works at Consolidated Metal, a manufacturing company in Price Hill. In addition to his "day job", James is a serious student, working toward a degree in Business Administration at UC. At the time of this interview, he was taking Calculus II, to be followed later in the summer by Calculus III. He has finished his English requirement, he is happy to say. James is also a veteran. He was in Germany when the Berlin Wall came down.

Cynthia is glad to have the summer to figure out schools for the children. She is not sure that her sons will continue in their former schools. She is looking into that, along with getting the rest of the furniture in place. She is also thinking about getting into some kind of fitness program.

Rheba Clark

New Neighbors on Paddock Hills Avenue

Peter and Andrea Ehoodin moved to 1247 Paddock Hills Avenue in May. They left north Avondale (Andrea says that Peter has lived in North Avondale most of his life!) in order to downsize, and Paddock Hills was the place to settle, to "stay in the neighborhood", as Peter puts it. Well, OK, Peter also says they moved because of the Witness Protection Program, but that statement is a better glimpse of Peter's sense of humor than it is of truth! They have three children, all of whom work at Clinton Springs Swim Club, a favorite family hangout. They know many Paddock Hills neighbors already because of friendships made at the pool.

Andrea was a stay-at-home mom for a long time, but now works as a teaching assistant at Winton Hills Academy, in the kindergarten. Peter has long been associated with the Ehoodin-Williams Art Gallery in Hyde Park. Their new home shows off some of the art pieces he has brought home over the years. He is now semi-retired, but spends some time at the Gallery and assisting a friend with a small business.

Peter likes being near the golf course where he has played for years, but the all-consuming joy in the summer is the Clinton Hills Swim Club. What do they do in the winter? "Wait for the summer," Andrea says.

Son Alex is a student at the Culinary Institute of Cincinnati and Assistant Manager at the Swim Club. Nick graduated from Purcell-Marion this spring. He will attend Cincinnati State, this fall, in the fire fighting program. Daughter Lydia will be a sophomore at Purcell-Marion this fall.

The family all enjoy their dog, a Mountain Cur named Scout.

Rheba Clark





Just talk by Gari Silverblatt

Recently, a large group of neighbors and friends decided to write letters to nominate me for the first ever Walnut Hills Hall of Fame. I was completely surprised when I received a letter from Walnut Hills High School informing me that I was nominated for this award. I almost laughed aloud when I read the letter from my high school, because I have not found a cure for cancer or written a book that received a Pulitzer Prize, nor have I amassed a huge fortune and endowed my high school with a science lab, etc. You get the drift. I am a woman who has lived my entire life in my hometown, have raised two independent women, and who since 1984 has written a little column for the Paddock Press in which I mostly review restaurants within range of our neighborhood that I think our neighbors would enjoy. Even though I am active in the community I do nothing that would warrant my being elected to the Hall of Fame, any Hall of Fame! And of course I was right.

This Spring I received a letter saying in a most diplomatic way, that I was a loser. They also enclosed a list of the winners and they were a most impressive lot. I called one of my neighbors to inform her that I had let all the letter writers in my behalf down. She brought me a consolation prize of pens, note pad, etc. all emblazoned with Walnut Hills High School on them. She warned me that the mug cannot go in the dishwasher or the gold printing will disappear. I got a good laugh about all the fuss and more or less forgot about it. Then the invitations came out for the event and there was my name as a nominee. Phone calls started coming in from everywhere. One guy wanted to know if I had nominated myself. How is that for one's self esteem. Others were much warmer and congratulatory and I was so pleased to hear from everyone.

It was in the spring that I learned that a classmate of mine, who died at 77 and was a world class, published poet didn't make the cut either. It was so comforting. Yes, I am a loser but so was he and I celebrated our mutual loss by reading an anthology of his poems which were published posthumously! Hey, being a loser isn't so bad. Now I know how Miss Congeniality must feel when she gets her award at the Beauty contest. I am a loser, a proud loser to have been nominated for the Walnut Hills High School's first ever Hall of Fame. Walnut Hills has and always will be close to my heart.

To those who were not nominated I say "don't eat your heart out".

Happy eating,

Gari Silverblatt



Congratulations to the 2007 Adult Graduates

Yolanda Evans, of Paddock Hills Avenue, graduated from Xavier University on May 19 with a Masters Degree in Community Counseling. Yolanda already has a Masters Degree in Business Administration, from UC, but has always wanted to go into counseling. She took great satisfaction in the field work she had during her study, especially with women inmates in prisons. Yolanda had to forego running in the Flying Pig Marathon in order to complete her studies at Xavier. She will sit for Boards in Counseling later in the year.



Robyn Floyd, of Egan Hills Drive, will graduate from Miami University with a doctorate in Educational Administration. Robyn is the Assistant Principal of the Primary Division in the Wyoming School District. The Primary Division consists of 3 schools. Robyn acknowledges that getting a degree when you are working full time is a daunting task.



Mother-Daughter Marathoners

Two neighbors ran the Flying Pig Marathon this year: Alice Cartwright and her mother, Sue. Alice, a soccer player from way back, said that she ran, and her mother walked. Hats off to both!



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