



# Paddock Press

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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**

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jana.cruse@cincinnati-oh.gov.

**Avon Woods Nature Center**

861-3435



## The Great Oaks in Paddock Hills are Pin Oaks, As Many Residents Know... But What Exactly is a Pin Oak?

I'm not an expert on trees, but my last newsletter from the Arbor Day Foundation was devoted to this mighty tree that lines our streets, and I learned that of the sixty kinds of oaks in the U. S., the pin oak is unusual in its single huge trunk or "central pole" -- one great trunk, not several branching trunks.

The "pins" of the pin oak are the tiny spurs of growth seen along the branches and twigs if you look close. The leaf generally has five rather slender lobes, and the lobe at the end is thin and pointed. Last month the flowers of this tree, thin fuzzy stringlets called catkins, floated down all over our streets and lawns. The acorns are rather small, half an inch long with thin little caps. Wildlife love to eat them -- in our neighborhood especially the squirrels, of course; but twenty-nine species of songbirds like them, too.

The roots of these giant trees are shallow but wide-spreading, so they need space, and ideally [it seems] should be planted in parks or forests, not along sidewalks, where they suffer root-pain from constriction. Not to mention headaches from the constant surgery on their heads on behalf of overhanging wires, and distress from the amputation of their lower limbs to clear the way.

On streets they may be just relics of themselves and may not live out their natural span of life -- at least a century, it is said, and sometimes two. In the open, all their limbs can grow naturally and their low-hanging skirts may extend right to the ground.

Still, they have been good friends to Paddock Hills - for their shade and companionship and something of their natural beauty. Drought and violent winds of recent times have of course taken many of them away. In drought, says Arbor Day, we would do well to water them.

When a pin oak was taken down years ago at Paddock Hills Lane and Westminster, a route I once traveled every day, it made a tremendous difference in the glary heat at that

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*"Life is something that everyone should try at least once."*

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~Henry J. Tillman  
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## Upcoming Events

- Sun., 9/20 5:30-7:30 pm Community Picnic at the Lowry's
- Mon., 9/28 7:00 pm Community Meeting



corner, and I remember composing a piece for this newsletter called "Farewell to a Vegetable Friend." Today many farewells are being said to these old friends of ours.

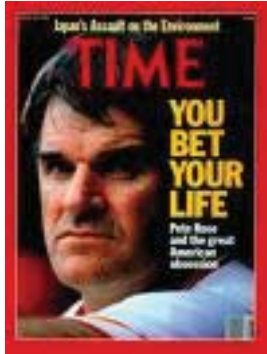


~Martha Stephens

*"Illusion is the first of all pleasures."* Oscar Wilde (1854-1900)

## Just Talk...

Even though the weather this summer is quite unlike any summer I can remember in Cincinnati, and in spite of the fact that we seem to be in "the rainy season" I love summer in Cincinnati. I love that it stays light until late in the evening. I love that there is so much to do indoors and outdoors in the summer. I wish the Reds were doing better, but hey one cannot have everything. The opera season was delightful ending with a packed



house for Carmen. I haven't given up trying to excite some of our Paddock Hills neighbors about opera. I haven't had too much success so far but I intend to keep trying. Summer is much too short a season. It should be against the law to start school before Labor Day.!

On the world scene there is a lot going on even though it is summer. We have had been busy confirming a supreme court justice and trying to get the economy moving, a national health care system in place, many other serious concerns like the reckless use of Nuclear bombs, young Americans who go overseas to train as terrorists and then return to this

country ready for terrorist acts. None of that seems important to our local newspaper. The big news item in Cincinnati is whether Pete Rose should be invited to the Hall of Fame! For those who don't know, Pete Rose is a former Cincinnati Reds baseball player who in his career made more hits than anyone else in baseball. I have seen reasonable, self assured people yelling about this issue. Well, here it is. In spite of his amazing record he has confessed that he bet on baseball and that is an unforgiveable no-no in the land of baseball. The baseball commissioner banned Pete from the ballpark and took away or disregarded his amazing record that would have made him a shoo-in for the Hall of Fame.

I am sorry that Pete bet on baseball and believe me I think he is too, but baseball is all about statistics and statistics don't lie. There are plenty of bums in the Hall of Fame. No, they didn't bet but they certainly weren't a credit to the game. Anyway, I saw Pete at two games against the Padres at the ballpark. Does that mean that the ban was lifted? Does that mean that Pete has a chance if they add a asterisk to his name explaining that he bet on baseball. He didn't do drugs or beat his wife or cheat on his taxes. But he did bet on baseball. That was wrong. Is the Hall of Fame about moral rectitude? I don't think so. Therefore, I believe that Pete Rose belongs in the Hall of Fame. Hank Aaron, another great Hall of Famer said that Pete belongs in the Hall. I agree... Happy eating crow.

~Gari

*"The first question I ask myself when something doesn't seem to be beautiful is why do I think it's not beautiful. And very shortly you discover that there is no reason."* John Cage (1912-1992)

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"I have never let my schooling interfere with my education."  
Mark Twain (1835-1910)  
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**paddock hills**  
**Healthy Hills**  
Embracing our natural resource

*Help us Locate Our First  
Rain Garden in  
Paddock Hills*

The Healthy Hills campaign has seen great success since its launch in April of 2008. The campaign has helped to education residents about the value of our hillsides through a "101 Great Things About our Hill-sides" postcard campaign and has hosted workshops on the "History, Wildlife and Value of Paddock Hills Hillside." In addition, the campaign has helped to educate residents on how to maintain and care for hill-sides by hosting workshops on preventing hillside erosion through the use of "Rain Gardens and other Viable Solutions." This success has been due to the in-kind contribution of time, resources and talents of partners. However, in order to fully implement the spirit of and ideas of the campaign it is necessary that the campaign secure addition funding. Additional funding would enhance the program by enabling it to reach more residents and provide more services.

Caring for hillsides in Paddock Hills is everyone's responsibility. While hillsides are a cherished asset in our community, they are also connected to a larger system that includes the City of Cincinnati as well as our region. By working together we can help protect this valuable natural resource and maintain the beauty and character that is uniquely Paddock Hills. Through dedicated residents, strong partnerships and collective work we can truly acknowledge, celebrate and embrace our hillsides.

Take notice of wet spots in the neighborhood. Make a note of where you see water "pooling" after a rain, note locations of fire hydrants, and water that may be collecting elsewhere. These may be potential locations of rain gardens and No-Parks. Please email [nabillups@cinci.rr.com](mailto:nabillups@cinci.rr.com) or call 513.706.5686 with these loca-tions.

Healthy Hills Campaign Partners include:

**Hillside Trust Paddock Hills Assembly**  
**University of Cincinnati**  
**Xavier University**  
**Cincinnati Park Board**  
**Community Building Institute**

*~Nelda Billups*

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*Ice Cream Social/National Night Out*  
**CANCELLED!**  
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Due to the weather, the Ice Cream Social/National Night Out was cancelled on 8/4. We are very disappointed but thought it better to cancel now and not expose everyone to se-vere weather later. At our community picnic this year, we plan on bringing in the clowns, stilt walker, etc. so that every one is able to enjoy them there. It is tentatively scheduled for September 20th at the Lowry's.  
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# Features by Rheba Clark for Paddock Press

## Recent High School Grads Home For Summer

Preston Tarrt of Avon Drive is home from Bowling Green (OH), working at the zoo, as he has in other years.

Claire Leichty, also of Avon Drive, is teaching swimming at Clinton Hills Swim Club, and giving private swim lessons, a natural for her, since she attends University of Toledo on a swimming scholarship.



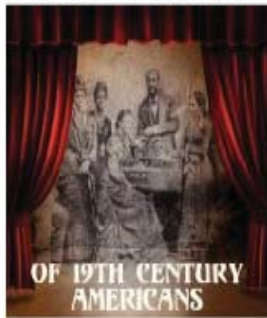
Lindsey Daniels, home from school in Rochester, NY, had one job and was looking for another at the beginning of the summer. She, too, is an Avon Drive dweller.

Hannah Daly, of Westminster Drive, home from school in NYC, once again works for a neighborhood business that she worked for when she was still in high school, and does some house sitting, as well.

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## Vivian Kline Receives Award From NAACP

LET FREEDOM SING:



Vivian Kline, of Westminster Drive, recently published a book called Let Freedom Sing, a historical novel about the life and times of Cincinnatians, and others, at the time that the Jubilee Singers were being recognized as wonderful singers and representatives of Fisk University in Nashville, TN.

As a result of her efforts to put forth this unusual story, she has received an award from the local NAACP as an "innovative educator and writer". She will be recognized and honored at the 54th Annual Freedom Dinner, a celebration to be held on October 16, 2009, at the Duke Energy Center. There will be a private awards reception, a dinner, and a dynamic speaker. About 1500 guests are expected to attend.

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## Another Neighbor Introduction Postponed

Maurice Brown and Aisha Howard moved to 1211 Paddock Hills Avenue in February of 2008. Some explanation seems appropriate regarding the long time it has taken to make this presentation to the neighborhood. Early contact with the family was made, but an emergency in their family prevented visitation at that time. Then rumor had it that Maurice was a fireman, so the welcome people hesitated to call for fear of disturbing his rest. Finally, Maurice was spotted working in the yard one Saturday morning, and an appointment to call was made. The well-kept yard had, all along, spoken clearly that someone was living in the house. Neatly mowed lawn and new plantings were seen. The couple chose Paddock Hills for the universal reason-the neighborhood appealed to them. They have a daughter, Morgan, 2 years old, and a son, Jaylen, soon to be 9.

Maurice actually works for the Park Board of the City of Cincinnati. That explains the well-kept yard.) He is in the Maintenance Department, and is presently assigned to the Mt. Airy Forest. Aisha is a social worker with the Hamilton County Juvenile Court. She likes the work and confirms that it is exciting---never two days with the same challenges.

Maurice is the coach for Cincinnati Sizzle, a football team for young women, 18 years and older, meeting and practicing at LaSalle HS. It is in its 5th year, and he enjoys working with them. The family enjoys travel,

family get-togethers, and they attend New Missionary Church in Madisonville. Obviously, they are already acquainted with several neighbors, and knew that someone had moved into the "Park house" nearby.

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*..And, Those New Neighbors in the "Park House" on Paddock Lane*

Steve and Quanita Munday moved to 4488 Paddock Lane in July, 2009. Their move was anticipated by many neighbors for several months, because Quanita and the children, Makala, 5, and Jacob, 8, had been at the fall picnic last year, and it was known that they were interested in the neighborhood generally, and this house specifically. They had looked at another house in the area, liked it, and moved on from there, meeting the former owners of their home, and starting the process, with encouragement from Cathi Lowry, fellow parent at North Avondale Montessori. They were drawn to the neighborhood by the atmosphere, particularly the diversity of the people.

Quanita had several connections to the neighborhood already. One of her mother's best friends lives on Sunnyslope; she worked with another neighbor at Oyler Elementary School; another neighbor was her creative writing teacher at SCPA. She has a small business as a Life Coach, assisting clients in identifying goals and planning activities to further them. In this work she has partnered with the folks at Grailville, and there has worked with another neighbor. Quanita has a Masters in Organizational Development and Management from Fielding University. She exudes energy and enthusiasm.

Steve is a transplant from Colorado where he was a high school math teacher. It was there he learned to enjoy desert hiking. Here he is an engineer in the Performance Engineering Division a of GE. He takes Makala and Jacob hiking on the trails of Avon Woods.

They are still settling into their new home, but Quanita is also enjoying being able to garden. They like having guests; they keep a sort of "open house". Steve's parents have a log home at Red River Gorge in KY, and they enjoy weekends there as often as possible. They have 2 kittens---Daffodil and Mittens, who are as friendly as the family!

**Personal note from Rheba:** I grew up on a West Texas farm, where my family conducted business in a small town named Munday. I attended Munday Elementary School in 4th and 5th grades. Later, in a rural school in another county, I had a teacher from there, named Bessie Sue Munday. When I grew up, I taught high school English in Munday for one year. I asked Steve if he had ever heard of the town, and he said yes, his dad had researched the family history, and the people who founded Munday, TX, are part of his family tree. Wow!

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*Nichols Family Moves Into "Harriet's House"*

The house at 1249 Avon Drive is now occupied by the Nichols family---Julie and Michael and their children, Ethan (7 years) and India (4 year). They moved here in June. The family is friendly and welcoming, still settling in.

Julie and Michael are both self-employed chiropractors. Their practice in Clifton is called Gateways to Healing.

The family enjoys travel, nature walks, and spending time with family. India and Ethan are home-schooled. They have a 14-year old Irish terrier named Clancy. When National Night Out was mentioned, they knew about it and said it was already on their calendar. Maybe you have already met them there.

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*"Everything is funny as long as it is happening to Somebody Else."  
Will Rogers (1879-1935)*  
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# *Keep Cincinnati Beautiful & Benkens' Generosity Blooms*

Earlier in the summer Benken's, once again, generously donated annual flowers to city neighborhoods. Benken's works through Keep Cincinnati Beautiful to offer flowers that they would otherwise go to compost. There was an awesome variety of flowers offered; since our gardens in PH are full sun, red begonias were the plant of choice. Begonias are a succulent that retain water and do not need much watering; perfect. Here is a begonia interesting fact: they have asymmetrical leaves - a rare thing in the botanical world. One theory about the shape of the leaves is that it helps them stand out in the forest, attracting pollinators, giving them an edge over other species with insignificant flowers. You never know when you might need that flower fact; Trivial Pursuit, per chance?

You can view the beds planted with the Benken's flowers near Avon Woods Nature Center entrance and across from Clearbrook Drive; enjoy our community areas coming alive with color and beauty. And, please support Benken's if you are shopping for annuals, perennials, gifts or other gardening needs. Be sure to mention that you are from Paddock Hills and thankful for their donation & generosity.

**H.J. Benken's Florist & Greenhouse  
6000 Planfield Rd  
Cincinnati, Ohio 45213  
513.891.1040**

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*"The passions are the seeds of vices as well as of virtues, from which either may spring, accordingly as they are nurtured. Unhappy they who have never been taught the art to govern them!"*  
*Ann Radcliffe (The Mysteries of Udolpho, 1764)*  
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## *A Note from Cathi Lowry*

Hi Paddock Hills Community,

I am back in action as the environmental coordinator. I will do the job the best I can and still attempt to maintain my sanity with 3 kids, a dog, a husband and just returning to the workforce full time. As the environmental coordinator I will organize the yearly cleanup in April. Neighbors will be called to action for the cleanup, so mark your April 2010 calendar. The cleanup date will be announced and neighbors will show up with their tools and gloves to work along the perimeter of our neighborhood picking up trash, clearing over-grown honeysuckle covering the sidewalks, and planting donated perennial and annual flowers.

The cleanup, as well as maintaining our sidewalks and gardens is part of the environmental coordinator's position, yet I can't do it alone. This is our neighborhood, so if you have an hour or so to reach out and give, please go for it! You can always contact me via email if you want to see if there are any other neighbors able to help you tackle a section of the gardens or sidewalk. After living in PH 17+ years I have regularly seen neighbors picking up trash while walking their dogs. Recently I observed a neighbor, nowhere near his own home, clearing a section of the side walk on Paddock Hills Ave. What a guy, thank you! When we all do what we can, we build community; we feel partners in our presence here. So please, email me anytime to say you have an hour or two to give -OR- just pick up that trash in your own front yard or along the sidewalk. I am open for suggestions, comments and concerns. The best way to contact me is via email.

Thanks and enjoy the rest of your summer!

*Cathi Lowry*  
Lowry2@fuse.net



## YOU 52 Challenge

**Why:** Young professionals (YP's) moving into the city want to know more about the city's neighborhoods and the treasures they have to offer. The purpose of the competition is to spotlight local communities, providing an opportunity for neighborhoods to market themselves to the rest of the City and specifically the YP community. This is an opportunity to encourage people to shop, dine and live in your neighborhood.

**What:** A 60-second video competition among all 52 Cincinnati neighborhoods! Create a video highlighting your neighborhood and all the unique characteristics and opportunities it has to offer to those YP's looking to visit or reside there. Mayor Mallory's Young Professional Kitchen Cabinet Housing Committee will review the videos and select the inner to be featured on Channel 12 Newsmakers. You'll get to keep the finished product and your video will be featured on Fountain Square's Jumbotron.

**Who:** Mayor Mallory and his Young Professional Kitchen Cabinet members are inviting all 52 Cincinnati neighborhood Community Councils to participate. Media Bridges, Cincinnati's Community Media Center, will assist in video production and editing for this project.

**Production:** Media Bridges will work with your Community Council's designated representative(s). Media Bridges will provide a classroom, education and equipment to assist you in creating an effective message through media.

**Media Bridges will provide the following to each neighborhood:**

1. A media production class of up to 20 people. Number of classes available will be based upon participation level.
2. Class participants will get an advanced camera lesson, a shot list with story boards of the kinds of things they should shoot, and instructions on how they should shoot them.
3. Media Bridges would also go into the neighborhoods independently to shoot their own additional footage of scenery and landmarks to accompany that shot by the neighborhood representative.
4. Media Bridges will conduct video interviews with your community representative(s).

All dates for production and editing sessions will be mutually agreed upon between the participating neighborhood and Media Bridges within the months of August and September.

**Rules:** All videos should be 60-seconds in length. Deadline for entries is November 9, 2009. Submission of videos to be sent to YPKC at the address below:

Mrs. Mary Maune, (513) 319-3880  
YPKC - YOU 52 Challenge  
1419 Wittekind Terrace  
Cincinnati, OH 45224

Contest winners would be decided upon by a panel of judges from the YPKC based upon several criteria. Six winning entries will be chosen, based on creativity, originality, relevance, usefulness and content. Winners will be contacted by a You 52 Subcommittee member and will be announced via the Mayor with their videos being posted to the Mayor's website and the YPKC website. Winners to be announced Winter 2009-2010.

**Prizes:** The number one winning neighborhood and video will be featured on Channel 12's Newsmakers program on a date and time decided upon by the station. All Entrants' videos would be shown on a rotating basis on the Jumbotron (LED board) on Fountain Square throughout 2009-2010 as Public Service Announcement. Videos could be displayed at events such as the Fireworks, Fountain Square events, and

Summer Movie Nights on the square, etc. - all opportune times when Cincinnatians and visitors to the area are watching!

Please contact Donald Swain by email [dleeswain@fuse.net](mailto:dleeswain@fuse.net) if interested on working on this project.



## *2010 Census Data Processing Center in Indiana*

On July 8, 2009, The U.S. Census Bureau opened a data processing center in Jeffersonville, Ind., which will process 58 million 2010 Census forms completed by households in 10 states. The new facility will be at the Census Bureau's National Processing Center (NPC) and will employ approximately 1,350 people.

The Jeffersonville Data Processing Center is one of three sites nationwide where completed 2010 Census forms will be processed as they are mailed back by households starting next March. The NPC is hiring staff for 2010 Census operations, including clerks and statistical clerks/data transcribers. Job descriptions and applications are available now at <http://www.usajobs.gov>. The NPC employment level at peak census processing will be approximately 5,000 people. Each worker will take a lifetime oath to keep census information confidential. By law, the Census Bureau cannot share respondents' answers with any other government or law enforcement agency. Any violation of that oath is punishable by a fine of up to \$250,000 and five years in prison.

### **ABOUT THE 2010 CENSUS**

The 2010 Census is a count of everyone living in the United States and is mandated by the U.S. Constitution. Census data are used to distribute congressional seats to states, to distribute more than \$300 billion in federal funds to local, state and tribal governments each year and to make decisions about what community services to provide. The 2010 Census questionnaire will be one of the shortest in history, consisting of 10 questions and taking about 10 minutes to complete. Strict laws protect the confidentiality of respondents and the information they provide.

*"Beauty is in the eye of the beholder and it may be necessary from time to time to give a stupid or misinformed beholder a black eye."*  
*Miss Piggy*

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