



# INDIAN HILL

## VILLAGE

# BULLETIN

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### COUNCIL ACTIONS

### REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

November 20, 2017

- Presentation on the Rowe Arboretum Master Plan & Collections Policy
- Held a Public Hearing on 2018 Annual Budget
- **First Reading** – Ordinance amending Chapter 93 of the Codified Ordinance of the City of the Village of Indian Hill regarding municipal income tax by setting the rate at 0.55% provided in Section 93A-03 for Tax Year 2017 and 2018
- **Second Reading** – Ordinance approving the right-of-way dedication plat of Nichol’s Subdivision and accepting the dedication of Indian Hill right-of-way
- **Third Reading and Passed Ordinance** – Amending Chapter 155 of the Zoning Ordinance of the Village of Indian Hill Code of Ordinances to ban marijuana land uses, amend accessory structure setbacks and enforcement, setting forth additional review criteria for special exceptions and variances, and to require site clearance release permits be reviewed and approved in accordance with the plans presented and approved by the Planning Commission
- **Third Reading and Passed Ordinance** – Changing the name of Remington Road to Old Remington Road between Loveland-Madeira Road and the Village Corporation Limits adjacent to the Metropolitan Sewer District’s Sycamore Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant
- **Passed Resolution** - Authorizing the City Manager to execute a program agreement in substantial format with Constellations LLC for supplying natural gas to participants in the City of the Village of Indian Hill, Ohio governmental aggregation program
- **Second Reading** – Ordinance amending Chapter 52 of the Code of Ordinance, changing various operational procedures and related fees and charges for services provided by the Water Works Department
- **Second Reading** – Ordinance changing the charges and fees to be charged by the Water Works Department of the City of the Village of Indian Hill, Ohio for new water service connections for customers, amending Section 51.37 “Service Brand Regulations” of the Code of Ordinances

#### DECEMBER COLLECTION SCHEDULE CHANGE

Village offices will be closed Friday, December 22 and Monday, December 25 and the collection schedule will be as follows:

- Trash and Recycle pickup scheduled for Friday, December 22 will take place on Monday, December 18.
- Trash scheduled for Friday, December 29 will also include an additional recycle pickup.

#### Village of Indian Hill Public Meeting Dates

#### All meetings held in Council Chambers

Please see back page for a complete listing of Village Public meeting dates & times.

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**December 8, 2017**

## THE VILLAGE OF INDIAN HILL, OHIO

### ARMSTRONG CHAPEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

5125 Drake Road  
Cincinnati, Ohio 45243—561-4220  
www.armstrongchapel.org  
David Brown, Senior Pastor  
Kathleen Kisner, Associate Pastor  
Stanley Lawrence, Associate Pastor  
Kyle Hazen, Pastor to Students  
8:20 a.m. Traditional Worship in Old Chapel  
9:40 a.m. Traditional Worship in Sanctuary  
11:11 a.m. Contemporary Worship in Worship Ctr.  
Adult Christian Education at 8:20, 9:40, 10:00 & 11:00  
Student Christian Education at 9:40  
Children's Christian Education at 9:40 & 11:00  
Nursery care provided at 9:40 & 11:00  
Student Ministries on Wed. at 7:00 p.m.

### THE INDIAN HILL CHURCH

Episcopal-Presbyterian  
6000 Drake Road  
Telephone: 561-6805  
www.indianhillchurch.org  
The Rev. Dr. Stephen Caine, Presbyterian Minister  
The Rev. George Sherrill, Episcopal Priest  
Jennifer Taylor, Dir. Of Youth  
Nikki Daley, Communications Director  
Worship Schedule: Sunday 8 am & 10:30 am  
(Alternating Services: Episcopal/Presbyterian)  
Nursery/Preschool care provided 10:30 am  
Sunday School (K-7th grade) 10:30 am  
Adult Ed Forum 9 am (Sept-May)

### CINCINNATI FRIENDS MEETING

8075 Keller Road—791-0788  
www.cincinnati-friends.org  
Jim Newby, Minister  
SUNDAY:  
Adult Discussion 10:00 a.m.  
Meeting for Worship 11:00 a.m.  
Children's Sunday School 11:00 a.m.  
Nursery and childcare provided

### SONRISE COMMUNITY CHURCH

8136 Wooster Pike, Cincinnati, Ohio 45227  
513-576-6000  
www.sonrise-church.com  
Facebook: facebook.com/SonRiseCommunityChurch  
Twitter: @sonrise  
Contemporary Worship & K-6 Programs:  
Sundays @ 9 a.m. & 11 a.m.  
Childcare provided at both services  
Jr. & Sr. High Sundays @ 6 p.m.

### HORIZON COMMUNITY CHURCH

3950 Newtown Rd.  
Cincinnati, Ohio 45244  
513-272-5800 www.horizoncc.com  
"Yours to Explore"  
Schedule of Sunday Services: 8:50 a.m. Equipping Service, 10:00 a.m. & 11:10 a.m. Exploring Service  
Separate programs offered for infants through high school students

### GREENACRES ARTS CENTER

8400 Blome Road, 45243  
513-793-2787

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561-7000  
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831-3712  
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### PERSONNEL ADVISORY & APPEALS BOARD

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William Higgins, Treasurer  
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Dan Feigelson Jim Gulick  
Dan Magarian Dave Parlin  
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### THE HEART CHURCH MINISTRIES OF CAMP DENNISON

10048 Campbell St, Camp Dennison OH 45111  
513-831-5659  
Alfred B Winters Jr, Pastor  
10:45 am Sunday Worship Service  
7:00 pm Tues Night Bible Study & Perfecting Class  
2:30 pm 1<sup>st</sup> Saturdays, Ministry of Love at Heartland of Madeira Nursing Home  
7:00 pm 4<sup>th</sup> Friday Men & Women Fellowship (please call for Host/Hostess location for the month)

### INDIAN HILL EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION

6855 Drake Rd., Cincinnati, Ohio 45243  
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Eddie Hooker, Vice President  
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Dr. Mark T. Miles, Supt. 272-4500  
Michael Davis Clerk-Treas. 272-4522  
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Indian Hill Middle School 272-4642  
Indian Hill Elementary School 272-4703  
Indian Hill Primary School 272-4754

### RECREATION COMMISSION

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Christian Sharp, Program Coordinator 979-6212  
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891-1873  
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Mrs. Frank Welsh, Vice President  
Mr. Edgar Cox, Secretary  
Mr. James Barber, Treasurer

### ST. GERTRUDE PARISH

Miami Ave. & Shawnee Run Rd.  
Church 561-5954  
School 561-8020  
Religious Education 561-8369  
www.stgertrude.org  
Fr. Andre-Joseph LaCasse, O.P. Pastor  
Sister Mary Aquinas, O.P. Principal  
Shari Siebert, Dir. of Religious Education  
Mass Schedule:  
Daily: 7:00, 8:00 & 11:30 a.m.  
Saturday: 4:30 p.m.  
Sunday: 8:00, 9:30 & 11:00 a.m.  
12:30 & 6:00 p.m.

### THE INDIAN HILL CLUB SWIM & TENNIS

Dot Lane off Shawnee Run Road  
Across from St. Gertrude, www.ihclub.com

### INDIAN HILL WINTER CLUB

10005 Fletcher Road  
Camp Dennison, OH 45111  
513-576-9444  
ihwinterclub.com

## THE VILLAGE SAYS THANK YOU

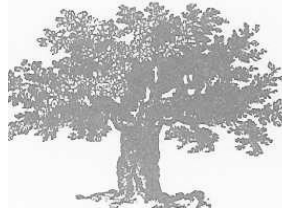
The Village of Indian Hill would like to thank the *Village Garden Club of Indian Hill* for their generous donation of three trees planted behind the new Ranger Station at Grand Valley Nature Preserve. The three maples trees include a Red Sunset, October Glory, and a Redpoint.



The Village of Indian Hill would like to thank *Mark and Kimberly Kuening* for their generous donation of two aluminum Osagian kayaks for the Grand Valley Nature Preserve. The aluminum kayaks have become a favorite for the visitors of Grand Valley.



## GREEN AREAS ADVISORY COMMITTEE HOSTS PRESENTATION ON COYOTES



Please join the Green Areas Advisory Committee at its monthly meeting on **Wednesday, December 6, 2017 at 5:30 p.m.** in Council Chambers of the Administration Building. Detective Ranger

Shawn Perdue will be presenting the Village's approach to addressing the highly visible coyote population throughout the Village. Ranger Perdue will provide background on what attracts the coyotes to the community and how residents can protect their property and pets. Please mark your calendars for this very educational and enlightening event.

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## CAN I GROW IT?



One of life's enjoyable moments is growing a plant from seed you have collected. It can be really exciting when it is from one of the large nut trees, specifically the acorn from an oak tree. One of the challenges

with acorns, and other nuts, is collecting viable seed or keeping the seed viable once you have it in your possession. The key to success is to make sure the acorns do not dry out. In addition, acorns can lose viability due to pests like the weevil larvae which like to get inside the acorn and feed. Infested acorns often have visible pinholes where the egg was inserted. Acorns bearing any holes or cracks should be discarded. Viability can also be determined by floating the seeds in water. If it floats than they are not viable, while those that sink are sound.

It helps to know which oak you are working with. Oaks are classified into two groups. The English oak group includes species such as the white oak, bur oak, and chestnut oak. The second group is the red oak group, which includes pin oak, black oak, and willow oak.

A seed from the white oak group will send out a root in the fall with the shoot in the spring. It is important to collect the acorn soon after it falls from the tree before the root has extended. The seed from this group can only

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be stored dry for a short time. They should be sown soon after collection in the fall either in pots or in the ground.

Acorns from the red oak group will remain dormant through winter and germinate in the spring, sending out both roots and shoots. These can be sown either in the fall or spring.

With either group, the acorn will need a cold moist treatment before the shoot tip will emerge; thus if you plant them in pots you will need to provide this cold stratification for up to three months by placing in a location that gets cold but doesn't freeze such as in a garage or within your refrigerator. The temperature should be between 33 and 41 degrees.

If you want to sow acorns from the red oak group in the spring, store them in damp clean sand or sphagnum moss in a plastic sandwich bag and place them in the refrigerator. This will also provide the cold stratification requirement needed.

In early spring, shoots will emerge from the acorns sown in pots. The pot should be brought into a sunny room where the seedlings can be cared for until it is safe to place them outdoors.

Follow these guiding principles and you will have a greater success growing one of these giants.

By: Jason Donovan, Rowe Arboretum Manager

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## GRAND VALLEY BIRD WALK

Over 30 people participated in the November 4, 2017 bird walk at Grand Valley. The day started off foggy and the bird sightings were scarce, but as the fog lifted, Grand Valley came to life. Mike Kravitz led the group around the northern path to start. He informed the group that the warblers were gone for the season but we should see cool weather water fowl. The north path took us through grassy areas that provided plenty of bird sights and sounds. A beautiful Belted Kingfisher posed high atop an evergreen, seen through the scopes of Dennis Myers, Kenny Braun and Campbell Jolly. Also found were Blue Jay, Ring-billed Gull, Northern Mockingbird, Carolina Wren, Northern Cardinal, Eastern Towhee, White-throated Sparrow and American Goldfinch. Mike entertained us with a few bird calls of his own, trying to attract the White-throated Sparrow, but also cautioned us that we should not make bird calls during mating season (spring) because it would use too much of the bird's energy to respond to a false noise.

We moved up higher on the trail, watching a Bald Eagle fly right over us. The sights and sounds continued with an American Robin, Black-capped Chickadee, Tufted Titmouse, Red-bellied Woodpecker, European Starling and the ever-present American Crow. Next we traveled to the lake, which provided even more birds. Through binoculars, scopes and the naked eye, we saw Pied-billed Grebe, Song Sparrow, a pair of Ruddy Ducks, Turkey Vultures, Northern Flicker, Eastern Phoebe, Red-winged Blackbird, Greater Yellowlegs and Killdeer. The Bald Eagle sat majestically on top of a tree. One person noted that it looked like the eagle was posing for a postage stamp it sat so perfectly. The most amazing sight for most of the birders was to see a minimum of 40 Eastern Bluebirds flitting around the grassy area near Osprey Point.

Once again, Grand Valley provided the perfect setting for a bird walk. The trails are easy to navigate, the lake is open for kayaking, and the surroundings provide a perfect setting to see and listen to nature. We hope you will join us at the spring 2018 bird walk.



Residents  
In the  
Spotlight

webFEAT Complete, a full-service web company from Cincinnati, acquired Cleveland businesses Modest Creation and Viable Host last month. This is the first of multiple planned expansions.

Michelle Selnick, a longtime Indian Hill resident, is excited to begin business in her hometown. “The happiest person of all is my mother who still lives there,” Selnick said. “She is hoping I will visit Amherst more often.” And that hope will be answered! Selnick will oversee the Cleveland client transition with help from her Cleveland market

manager, Emma Dickman. They will spend several days each month in Cleveland.

Selnick identified Louisville as the next intended expansion city because it is a manufacturing boomtown. 65% of webFEAT’s clients come from the manufacturing and distribution markets.

webFEAT Complete and Hosting began in Cincinnati in 1998. Most of their clients take full advantage of their web design, hosting and search engine optimization services.

## BRENNAN EQUINE WELFARE FUND OFFERING \$10K MATCHING GIFT

One injury and one could think that it could be the end of an athlete’s career. But then, one might not know the fortitude of a Thoroughbred mare and the team of equine professionals that could turn that fate around. So is the case with Gimme Jimmy, that Thoroughbred.

After an upward start on the racetrack and winning \$26k, Gimme Jimmy’s race career came to a sudden stop because of an injury. Turned over to an Accredited Thoroughbred aftercare facility in New York, this horse was sidelined for over 5 months, mainly on stall rest. It was here that Cincinnati-based Brennan Equine Welfare Fund (BEWF) gave a grant that helped with the care of this mare as well as others at the facility in their rehabilitation and adoption facility.

Upon Gimme Jimmy’s recovery, she was adopted and re-named Sassenach. She was able to return to her career as an athlete, but in a different form...that of a Vaulting horse. Vaulting is a type of gymnastics on horseback where a human does jumps, vaults, and other maneuvers while the horse is being lunged or trotted in a circle or other formation. Sassenach and her human partner entered the October 2017 Retired Racehorse Project’s Thoroughbred Makeover, an event which showcases the breed’s versatility, especially after “retiring” from the racetrack. We are proud to announce that Sassenach and her rider won Gold at the event!

BEWF is proud to partner with ReRun, the Aftercare facility which took in and rehabilitated Sassenach. BEWF Founder, Linda Pavey says that, “All horses, regardless of

the breed, discipline, or stature in life have the right to dignity and even a second career”. Others may think you are finished and you are only just beginning, and Sassenach proves that!

Brennan Equine Welfare Fund is a fund-raising, non-profit 501(c)(3) organization that was established in 2000 at the Greater Cincinnati Foundation by Linda Pavey in honor and memory of her horse, “Brennan”, an off-the-track Thoroughbred. Grants from Brennan Equine Welfare Fund are used to serve equine rescue shelters across the country that provide dignity to final years of aged, injured, abused, starved and slaughter-bound horses, as well as those used in medical experimentation.

If you would like to honor a special person or equine that has touched your life, or are interested in year-end giving ideas, a charitable donation to Brennan Equine Welfare Fund would be honored. And because of a Matching Gift opportunity, **every gift received through December 31 will be matched – dollar for dollar—up to \$10,000!** Your donation will have double the power to offer a second chance to equines in need! Checks may be made out to The Greater Cincinnati Foundation (make sure to write “Brennan Equine Welfare Fund” on the memo line) and mailed to The Greater Cincinnati Foundation, 200 W. 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202. For more information or to donate online, please visit <http://www.brennanequinewelfarefund.com> or call Linda Pavey at (513) 561-5251. Any contribution to BEWF is tax deductible and 100% goes towards the horses.

## TWO INDIAN HILL VETS HONORED

The Rotary Club of Cincinnati honored its Vietnam Veterans on Thursday, Nov. 9, with a nationally designed commemoration ceremony to honor the men whose original homecomings were often quiet or ignored.

“It was such a controversial time,” said Fred Fischer of Indian Hill, who served in the Navy from 1971 to 1975. “You didn’t talk too much about it when you got home” he said.

Fischer was one of 13 Rotarians honored. The program was part of a national commemoration project called “The United States of America Vietnam War Commemoration,” designed to recognize, thank and honor the United States military veterans who served during the Vietnam War (Nov.1, 1955 through May 15, 1975).

The ceremony was formed as part of the 2008 National Defense Authorization Act. This is the first time the Rotary Club of Cincinnati has held this commemoration. Veterans received a lapel pin and a standing ovation. Brigadier General (retired) Mark Arnold of the US Army/ Special Forces thanked the veterans for their service and talked about the history and ongoing mission of the Special Forces, which is also known as the Green Berets. Arnold is the President of Chapter XLV (45) Buckeye Chapter of the Special Forces Association in Ohio.

The honorees included soldiers who fought in Vietnam

and those who served during that time in other parts of the world.

Fischer was a Navy anti-submarine air crewman in Europe. “I wasn’t in Vietnam, but I trained some of the people who went there,” he said. Some of the lessons he learned in the military remain with him today.

“I grew up,” he said. “I came home from the service and my friends were still kids. It gave me a maturity and a seriousness that has followed my through my life. The freedoms that we enjoy are not free.”

Another Indian Hill Rotarian honored was: Al Koncius, Indian Hill, Army Sgt., 1965-71

Steve Drefahl also is president of the Military Officers of America, Greater Cincinnati Chapter. In 2015 that chapter became a partner program with the national commemoration project. Drefahl coordinated the presentation for the Rotary Club.

The Rotary Club of Cincinnati was founded in 1910 as a service and networking organization with a mission to provide selfless service in the community and the world and to meet needs of children with disabilities. With close to 350 members, it is the largest Rotary Club in Greater Cincinnati. For information on The Rotary Club of Cincinnati see [www.cincinnatirotary.org](http://www.cincinnatirotary.org)

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## CINCINNATI COUNTRY DAY SCHOOL’S THEATER DEPARTMENT PRESENTED *YOU CAN’T TAKE IT WITH YOU*



Cincinnati Country Day School’s Theater Department presented the comedy, “You Can’t Take it with You,” which focused on the first meeting between two families, one “normal” and the other full of eccentrics. Among the cast, from left, is Anika Minocha and Nick Jaccaci, both of Indian Hill, and seated is Ava Kellar of Hyde Park. The spring musical, “A Chorus Line,” will be presented Feb. 22-24.



## IHMS FRENCH 8 STUDENTS HELP AT MATTHEW 25: MINISTRIES

On Thursday, October 26, students in Indian Hill Middle School's French 8 class visited Matthew 25: Ministries. Students have been reading a novel that involves a boy receiving a ticket to Haiti to participate in a service project building houses after a natural disaster. Working in groups, students examined different aspects of the francophone country and how natural disasters affect its need for aid. Students explored local opportunities to help Haiti and voted to volunteer at Matthew 25: Ministries.

On site, students sorted through adult and children's clothing, shoes, linens, and other miscellaneous items. Based on the 2016 statistic that every hour a volunteer worked helped 125 people, IHMS students will have helped 5,625 people based on their time volunteering.

During their tour of the Global village, students saw mock-ups of the living conditions for recipients of donations to Matthew 25 Ministries. The guide showed students a mat that was made of 1,500 grocery bags crocheted together that allowed people to sleep on something that is more comfortable and clean than the ground. The class has decided to continue its efforts to help local and international cities by collecting grocery bags to be turned into mats.



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## IHHS NHS STUDENT COLLECTS DRESSES FOR CINDERELLA'S CLOSET



Prom can be an expensive time, with dresses easily running hundreds of dollars. Because of this, National Honor Society member Payton Hoffman, a junior, decided to help out others who would love to have a beautiful dress but just can't afford it.

Payton started a dress drive to collect "gently used" Prom and Homecoming dresses, and after some research, chose Cinderella's Closet as the organization to donate to.

Cinderella's Closet is an organization that collects gently used formal/semi-formal dresses, costume jewelry, and other accessories. Their mission is that every girl leaves "knowing they are cherished." Cinderella's Closet originated in Immanuel United Methodist Church in Lakeside Park, KY in 2006. The program has now extended to many other churches throughout the country, including Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky.

The program was founded by a teenager, Erin Peterson. She overheard a teenage girl ask a clerk at a consignment store if the formal dress she wanted could be put on hold. The girl proceeded to ask her foster mother for money, but the price was too far out of their reach. Erin then bought

the dress for this girl, saying she would look just like Cinderella. Erin was transformed by this experience, thus leading to the creation of Cinderella's Closet.

Payton feels the IHHS dress drive was very successful. She explains, "I wanted to host the drive the week directly following our Fall Homecoming, as I knew many girls would have dresses to donate from previous years and the past weekend. We collected over 50 dresses, much to our shock. I am very excited to donate the dresses, because I know they could make a young girl feel like a princess. We are looking to possibly offer a second dress drive in the spring, following Prom. I hope we can collect even more dresses!"



## INDIAN HILL SCHOOLS WINS “BEST PLACES TO WORK” AWARD

One of the reasons Indian Hill staff is able to provide such an outstanding education to our students is because of the outstanding environment in which we work.

This environment has been recognized for three years in a row by the Cincinnati Enquirer’s “Top Workplaces” program. This year, the Cincinnati Business Courier also recognized the District as being one of their “Best Places to Work.”

On Wednesday, November 8, the Indian Hill School District was honored as one of 75 finalists out of 165 companies that competed this year. Companies needed an overall score of 85+ to be considered. Indian Hill’s was 90.86; in the Grand Company category (based on company size), the average score was 88, and the top 3 Grand companies’ average was 90, putting us at the top of the heap!

Because of our high score, we were also recognized with one of three awards given in each category (awards are for top first-time company; top previous winner; and top veteran company). As a first-time competitor, we were awarded the top first-time company recognition!

Here are some excerpts from staff comments that were shared with us by the company that ran the program:

“Overall, this is a great place to be. The students are why we are here and they are wonderful. As long as we stay student focused I think great things will continue to happen.”

“I came here from another district and have been overwhelmed at how respectfully I have been treated by everyone I have encountered. Everyone seems to care about my ideas as a professional ... The trust, autonomy and professionalism have been a breath of fresh air for me, and I am so thankful to be here!”

“I love working at Indian Hill. This is the fourth school district I have worked in over my career, and it is by far the best place I’ve worked by a large margin. It is a wonderful environment for professional development, it

provides amazing educational opportunities for its students, and it is a place that, first and foremost, cares about people.”

Thank you to all involved in making Indian Hill Schools a great place to be for students, families, and staff members!





## Village of Indian Hill 2017 Bulletin Schedule

### Copy Deadline

### Mailing Date

1/13/2017	2/8/2017
2/17/2017	3/8/2017
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6/9/2017	6/28/2017
8/18/2017	9/6/2017
9/15/2017	10/4/2017
10/13/2017	11/1/2017
11/10/2017	11/29/2017
12/8/2017	12/27/2017

### SUBMITTING ARTICLES AND PICTURES

All copy and pictures sent to the Village office to be included in the Bulletin should be sent by email to [kzenni@ihill.org](mailto:kzenni@ihill.org). If it is not possible for you to email, you can contact Kari at 979-6218.

### CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE WWW.IHILL.ORG

You can find the Indian Hill Bulletin on our website at [www.ihill.org](http://www.ihill.org). Just click on Bulletin and begin reading! You will find the most recent Bulletin as well as past Bulletins. You will also find information on all our departments, Grand Valley and meeting minutes for Council and Planning Commission. You can find schedules for recycling and trash pickup and fill out forms for Building and Zoning, the Rangers, Public Works and Taxes. There are also links to the schools, churches and the Recreation Commission.

### ONLINE BILL PAYMENT NOW AVAILABLE

Residents and customers can now make payments online. This service is a bill payment service for alarm monitoring, boat storage, bridle trail membership, gun club membership, extra pickups, water bills, or any other account you may have with the Village. One time payments can be made, or you can sign up for payments to be deducted from your bank account on their due date automatically. This service allows for secure electronic transfer of payments from your bank account. To sign up for this service, log on to the Village's website at [ihill.org](http://ihill.org) and click on the link on the homepage.

## NEW IHMS THEATRE ARTS CLASS SHOWS OFF THEIR TALENT



This year, the Middle School is offering a new class for students interested in theatre, from those who have always wanted to be on stage to those who just want to have fun and learn some

beneficial life skills.

Anne of Green Gables! Then, on Thursday, November 2, they hosted their first sharing session to a full house. Students each performed individual monologues, presented a group show, and then showed off their improvisational skills. Theatre director and teacher Mrs. Arber also led a game – complete with parent participation!

In the Theatre Arts class, students explore the basics of performing, and even got to attend the dress rehearsal of

Based on the results of this sharing session, Pow Wow has some great stars rising!

# IMAGES

...THEN AND NOW

*From the Indian Hill Historical Society*



**Buckingham Lodge**  
1861

## Remembering O. DeGray Vanderbilt

One of the groundbreakers on Indian Hill in the 20<sup>th</sup> century, Oliver DeGray Vanderbilt was a self-made man. His success in business paralleled his athletic prowess, social attributes, and charitable and religious service.

DeGray was born near East Orange, NJ in 1884. Named for his father, he was educated at local public schools, and went to Princeton University for four years, where he was a very popular member of the Class of 1906. Though he did not possess wealth, he was elected to the elite Ivy Club at college. After graduation, Vanderbilt sold French sparkling water in New York. He married Madelon Weir in 1912, shortly after her father’s death. The couple moved to Cincinnati where DeGray took over the management of the bankrupt family company, Weir Kilby Frog and Switch. The company manufactured the hardware used on railroad tracks.

In several years, Mr. Vanderbilt, the CEO, got the company out of debt and managed to buy out smaller local competitors. Weir Kilby Frog and Switch’s products were used throughout Cincinnati Union Terminal during its construction. It was a very profitable contract at the time. Vanderbilt then purchased Taylor-Wharton Iron and Steel Company, which made steel and glass cylinders, and did track work. It had two plants in Pennsylvania, and one in Hamilton, Ohio. DeGray ran that company with his son until it was sold in 1953.

O. DeGray Vanderbilt was one of about twenty Cincinnatians who decided to move to Indian Hill in the 1920s. The group was instrumental in creating the Camargo Club. Many of these newcomers built estates on substantial acreage. The Vanderbilts purchased an 80 acre farm on then Drake Road; enlarged and remodeled the farmhouse, and installed an 8 stall stable there. They named their property “Twin Fires”. With their friends, they engaged in sporting events and social activities. DeGray Vanderbilt commissioned the artist Frank Myers to create a *Map of Camargo* in 1928, which showed the locations of the estate properties owned by those who moved to the area in the Roaring Twenties. It depicted 80



“Twin Fires”

parcels of real estate with a symbol for each estate. It

remains a record of those families who helped shape the history of the Village.



Mr. Vanderbilt was active in the community affairs of both Indian Hill and Cincinnati. He was chairman of the Children’s Home of Cincinnati and Hamilton County, chairman of the 1940 Community Chest Drive, and the 1943 War Chest Drive. He was a director of the First National Bank of Norwood and a president of Camargo Bank of Madeira. On the hill, he was a prime mover in the founding of the Indian Hill Church and served as steward there. He was instrumental in the realization of a golf course at Camargo Club, and he served on the financial committee of the fledgling Cincinnati Country Day School. He was chairman of the Bridle Trails Committee which created 125 miles of trails in the village. His many club affiliations included the Racquet and Tennis Club of New York, Racquet Club of Philadelphia, Commercial Club, Commonwealth Club, Queen City Club, Camargo Club, and the University and Metropolitan Clubs of New York.

An avid sportsman, Vanderbilt was described by the Cincinnati Post as typifying “the mental image of the huntin’, - shootin’, - fishin’ English country gentleman”. He played tennis, squash, and golf (the latter until the last days of his life), and he was described on his 70<sup>th</sup> birthday at “the world’s most ardent foxhunter”. He was a director of the Ohio Valley Thoroughbred Club and the American Foxhound Club, and a longtime member and 16 year joint Master of Foxhounds (MFH) of the Camargo Hunt. During one hunt, an angry local farmer threatened DeGray with a rifle, stating, “I’ll blow your damned head off,” because riders were trampling on his crops. The dispute was settled, but the incident has become part of Camargo Hunt’s lore.

Oliver DeGray Vanderbilt died at Twin Fires in 1960 and was survived by his wife, two daughters, a son, and nine grandchildren. One granddaughter remembered him as a “truly remarkable, cheerful, optimistic, kindly, and efficient man.” Successful in commerce, civic-minded by nature, respected by family and friends, this well-rounded man was a community leader worthy of remembrance.

# INDIAN HILL HISTORICAL SOCIETY

## Hidden History of Cincinnati

Author Jeff Suess entertained members and guests of the Indian Hill Historical Society on Sunday, November 19th with many tales of forgotten lives and events of Cincinnati. He revealed many nuggets of history such as the importance of the Black Brigade’s involvement with protecting Cincinnati during the Civil War (which is memorialized at Smale Park); Salmon P. Chase (the first Supreme Court Justice with Cincinnati ties); the tragic sinking of the riverboat, the *Sultana*, (built in Cincinnati) sinking with over 2,000 people aboard in 1865; Winsor McKay, who worked for the Cincinnati Enquirer writing and drawing comic strips who developed animation techniques which are still used today; Cora Dow whose revolutionary approach to drug stores (Dow Drugs) included hiring women and paying them the same as men, marketing to women, and innovative pricing; Cal Crim, a renowned detective in the Cincinnati area, who solved a case in 1896 of a headless body by tracking down the shoes she wore and went on to solve many others crimes. The audience was captivated with the many fascinating stories and details.

Afterwards, a delicious dinner was served and conversation among new and old friends was shared. It was a wonderful way to spend a chilly evening at the Little Red Schoolhouse.



Mary Bramlage, Lois Rust, Tory Watters



Rosemary Welsh & Jeff Suess



Cathy Hausknecht & Ginny White

## The Village Christmas Party Sunday, December 3, 3:00—5:00 p.m.



The Historical Society is continuing its tradition of celebrating the holidays at the Little Red Schoolhouse. Everyone is welcome to come have a delicious glass of eggnog along with homemade cookies. There will be face painters, a balloon artist & magician, and coloring activities for the children.



**Santa will be coming, too!** He will arrive in a horse-drawn carriage from Turner Farm around 4:00.

We hope you will be able to join us for this time-honored tradition.

## Gift Ideas for the Holidays

*From Camargo to Indian Hill* traces the history of Indian Hill from its origins as a rural farmland community beginning in 1795 to its emergence as a residential village for prominent Cincinnatians in the 1920’s. Fascinating text along with photographs of the grand homes and grounds from the estate era to today make for engaging reading. Book Price: \$15

*Treasured Landmarks of Indian Hill* is a collection of pen and ink drawings of the houses, barns and other structures that preceded the great estate era. Jim Schwering’s 64 drawings are accompanied by Virginia White’s historical commentary. Book price: \$10

*Schoolhouse Jigsaw Puzzle* is the perfect entertainment for a fun family evening. This bright colorful 672 piece puzzle depicts one of the most significant historical landmarks in Indian Hill. Puzzle Price: \$20

Sales of these items help to support on-going activities of the Indian Hill Historical Society.

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**PLANNING COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING  
ACTIONS  
AGENDA**

November 21, 2017

**Village of Indian Hill Public Meeting Dates  
All meetings held in Council Chambers**

**December 2017**

Organizational Meeting	7:30 a.m. Dec. 1, 2017
Green Areas Advisory Comm	5:30 p.m. Dec. 6, 2017
Public Safety Committee	7:30 a.m. Dec. 7, 2017
Law Committee	8:00 a.m. Dec. 7, 2017
Finance Committee	7:30 a.m. Dec. 8, 2017
Recreation Commission	7:30 p.m. Dec. 11, 2017
Public Works Committee	7:00 a.m. Dec. 12, 2017
Buildings & Grounds Committee	7:30 a.m. Dec. 12, 2017
Water Works Committee	8:00 a.m. Dec. 12, 2017
Mayor's Court/Council Meeting	6:00 p.m. Dec. 18, 2017
Planning Commission	7:00 p.m. Dec. 19, 2017

1. Minutes of the October 17, 2017 Indian Hill Planning Commission meeting.
2. Case #17-012: Kevin James and Anita Hopkins are requesting variances for the expansion of a non-conforming home on a non-conforming lot for the construction of an addition to the existing home. The applicant is requesting variances to the front yard setback and the required setback between a principal structure and an accessory structure. The property is located at 7595 Shawnee Run Road.
3. Other Business – Discussion on Subdivision Ordinance, Section 13.2.2 Lot Abutment.
4. Adjournment