



# INDIAN HILL VILLAGE BULLETIN

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## **COUNCIL ACTIONS REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING April 25, 2011**

- Ordinance amending ordinance no. 11-10 approving the plat of Twin Fences at Peterloon Farm Subdivision (Phase 1) and accepting dedication of that portion of Stirrup Cup Drive which is situated in the subdivision (**Emergency Passage**)



## **PLANNING COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING ACTIONS**

**There was no April 19, 2011 meeting due to a lack of agenda items.**

## **NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

Notice is hereby given that on the 20th day of June, 2011, at 7:00 p.m., a public hearing will be held on the Budget prepared by the Village of Indian Hill of Hamilton County, Ohio, for the next succeeding fiscal year ending December 31, 2012.

Such hearing will be held in the Council Chamber of the Village Administration Building, 6525 Drake Road.

**The Village of Indian Hill**

## **ONLINE BILL PAYMENT NOW AVAILABLE**

Residents and customers can now make payments online. This service is a free 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. For residents with multiple accounts, payments can be made with one user ID. 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 or go to [ihill.org/billpay](http://ihill.org/billpay).

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

### **June 2011**

Green Areas Advisory Comm	5:30 p.m. June 1, 2011
Recreation Commission	7:30 p.m. June 6, 2011
Mayor's Court/Council Meeting	6:00 p.m. June 20, 2011
Planning Commission	7:00 p.m. June 21, 2011

### **July 2011**

Special Mayor's Court	6:00 p.m. July 11, 2011
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### **August 2011**

Special Mayor's Court	6:00 p.m. Aug. 8, 2011
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The Village offices will be closed on Monday, May 30th in honor of Memorial Day.

**COPY DEADLINE  
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MAY 20, 2011**

# THE VILLAGE OF INDIAN HILL, OHIO

## ARMSTRONG CHAPEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

5125 Drake Road  
 Cincinnati, Ohio 45243—561-4220  
[www.armstrongchapel.org](http://www.armstrongchapel.org)  
 Greg Stover, Senior Pastor  
 Nathan Custer, Associate Pastor  
 Stanley Lawrence, Associate Pastor  
 Melanie Stearns, Dir. Ed & Spiritual Formation  
 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](http://www.indianhillchurch.org)  
 Reverend Anne Wriener, Episcopal Rector  
 David Hawley, Presbyterian Pastor  
 Michelle Metcalf, Youth Director  
 Ann Pardue, Christian Education Director  
Worship Schedule  
 8:00 a.m. Episcopal Holy Eucharist  
 10:30 a.m. Morning Worship  
 (Presbyterian and Episcopal services on alternating Sundays)  
Education for Children Childcare

## CINCINNATI FRIENDS MEETING

8075 Keller Road—791-0788  
[www.cincinnati-friends.org](http://www.cincinnati-friends.org)  
 Donne Hayden, Interim Pastor  
 SUNDAY:  
 Meeting for Worship 11:00 a.m.  
 Children's Sunday School 11:00 a.m.  
 (Carry-in lunch every first Sunday of the month; business meeting every second Sunday)  
 Nursery and childcare provided

## SONRISE COMMUNITY CHURCH

Office: 203 Mill Street, Milford, Ohio 45150  
 Phone: 576-6000, Church Services located at Mariemont High School  
 3812 Pocahontas Ave., Mariemont, Ohio  
 Jeff Arington, Pastor  
 Schedule of Sunday Services  
 10:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship and Children's Program  
 Childcare provided for all services

## HORIZON COMMUNITY CHURCH

6905 Given Road, Cincinnati County Day High School Theater 272-5800  
 Office: 7800 Laurel Ave., Madeira  
 Chad Hovind, Teaching Pastor  
 Schedule of Sunday Service  
 9:15 a.m. Worship Service 10:30 a.m. Horizon Classic Service—Separate programs specifically designed for newborn through high school seniors

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 513-793-2787

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Kari Zenni

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**Please note that all copy for that issue must be submitted by 4:30 p.m. on the deadline date**

## ST. GERTRUDE PARISH

Miami Ave. & Shawnee Run Rd.  
 Church 561-5954  
 School 561-8020

Religious Education 561-8369  
[www.stgertrude.org](http://www.stgertrude.org)

Fr. Andre-Jesoph LaCasse, O.P. Pastor  
 Sister Mary Sheila, 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](http://www.ihclub.com)



Please Join Us To Honor  
Our Veterans

Presenting the One Hundred Thirty Third  
Memorial Day Observation

Armstrong Chapel  
5125 Drake Road, Indian Hill, Ohio  
Monday, May 30, 2011  
10:30 a.m.

Musical Selections by the Indian Hill High School Brass Ensemble  
Local Boy Scout Troops Raising of the American Flag  
Pledge of Allegiance  
Singing of Our National Anthem  
Invocation  
Welcome  
Hymn  
Reading  
Recognition of Living Veterans and Current Military Personnel  
Roll Call of Deceased Veterans  
Moment of Silence  
Taps and Flag Lowered



The Veteran's Memorial Committee breaks ground! Council members and committee members participating in the ground breaking included (from left to right): Mayor David T. Ottenjohn, Vice Mayor Mark Tullis, Lincoln Pavey, James Allen, Charles Stix, Susan Holzapfel, Art Leonard, Rick Jones, John Kruse and City Manager Michael Burns.

## Chemical -Free Pest & Disease Control



The education committee of GAAC would like to encourage Village residents to consider chemical-free pest control. Below are some suggestions you can use in your garden.

A new group of pest management tools are plant protection products like JAZ spray. Scientists isolated and replicated the chemicals some plants produce when dealing with stress and pests to create products we can use to “immunize” our plants. Several applications of these types of products help build the plants’ natural defenses, allowing them to ward off insects, disease, and better tolerate stress

Soaps and more plant oils, like NEEM, are also entering the pest control market. In small concentrations, these products help repel, kill, and control many insects and some diseases.

Iron phosphate is the active ingredient in SLUGGO and other relatively new eco-friendly slug and snail controls. The iron phosphate acts as a stomach poison for the slugs but does not harm the birds, toads, or pets that eat the poisoned slug.

SPINOSAD is another new type of pest control product derived from the fermentation of a naturally occurring organism. It is classed as organic, breaks down quickly, and has been shown to have minimal negative effects on beneficial insects.

Biologicals like Baccillus Thuringiensis have been around for years, with several strains used to kill the larvae of caterpillars, gnats, mosquitoes, and potato beetles. Additional biologicals with a wider range of controls are now on the market.

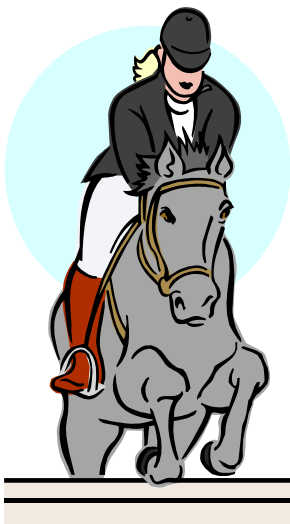
Continue to invite beneficial insects into your landscape by avoiding insecticides and tolerating a bit of damage. After all, you need a food source to bring in the good guys. When purchasing beneficial insects and nematodes, realize that they often take off and infiltrate the neighborhood. Follow the release directions to try to keep some of them chomping away in your garden. (Source: Melinda Myers, Birds & Blooms, April May 2011).

A good source for finding eco-friendly, chemical free products for your garden is [www.gardensalive.com](http://www.gardensalive.com).

Enjoy your garden this spring and summer.

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## Attention all Indian Hill Trail Riders



Camargo Hunt will be sponsoring informal trail rides in Indian Hill this summer, and we would love any Indian Hill trail riders to join us. We will meet the fourth Friday of every month. The first ride will be Friday, June 24<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m. down at Galbraith fields (Galbraith and Route 126 in Camp Dennison). We can decide after this ride whether to move the July ride to another venue or stay at Galbraith fields.

**Come One Come All and don't forget your trail passes.**

Camargo Hunt is looking forward to these rides and, we hope many Indian Hill Trail riders will join us. Natalie Nesbitt, Bobbi Hart, and Carla Babcock, Camargo Hunt.



## ***25<sup>th</sup> Annual July 4<sup>th</sup> Celebration*** **Monday, July 4, 2011**

Mark your calendar! The Village of Indian Hill's 25<sup>th</sup> annual Independence Day parade and festivities will take place on Monday, July 4. Susan Peskin and Anita Minturn, Village residents, will be creating a memorable morning with the parade beginning at Cincinnati Country Day School at 10:00 a.m. followed by food and activities at Stephan Field.

This year's parade will feature floats, pets, decorated bikes, sports teams, antique cars, go-carts, Camargo Hunt Club, rollerbladers, scooters, scouts and as always, Indian Hill's Police, Fire, Public Works, and Water Works vehicles along with Village Council members. If you would like to be a part of this unforgettable event, simply complete the entry form on the Village of Indian Hill's website under forms (left side) and click on *Independence Day Parade Form* and return it to Beth Wood at the Village office, 6525 Drake Road, 45243. There will also be entry forms available at the Village office. Any questions, please e-mail Beth Wood at [bwood@ihill.org](mailto:bwood@ihill.org).

Parade participants are to meet at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, July 4 at Cincinnati Country Day School (south parking lot) located on Given Road. The parade will begin promptly at 10:00 a.m. heading south on Given Road, then west onto Shawnee Run Road, ending at Stephan Field.

Immediately following the parade there will be a picnic lunch (available for purchase) and drinks on hand in the park as well as entertainment. Some of the festivities include a local artist, sunflowers to purchase, balloon art creations, an air slide, and a space walk.

Village employees will staff information booths to answer questions about services and programs.

*All residents are invited to participate in the dedication for the Veterans Memorial located at the bird sanctuary (across from Stephan Field) beginning at noon.*

Activities at the park will end at approximately 2:00 p.m.

In keeping with tradition, the Village will sponsor a fireworks display to finish a spectacular day. The fireworks will be viewed from Indian Hill High School parking lot. Be ready with your blanket or chair for a fabulous fireworks show which will begin at approximately 9:45 p.m. Indian Hill Rangers and Public Works personnel will be available to direct you to available parking spaces.

If any student is in need of community service hours and would like to volunteer at this event, please contact Anita Minturn at 271-8890.

## **Spring Safety Reminders from the Rangers**

As we approach the spring, and the warm weather, many people will take the opportunity to enjoy the outdoors by running, walking or riding bikes. The Rangers would like to take this opportunity to remind everyone of some important safety guidelines that should be followed. For the runners and walkers, it is important to run or walk toward traffic, as much as possible. This allows you to see the traffic closest to you and to react as needed for your safety. If a car approaches you and does not give you room, you should stop and move off the side of the road. It is important to remember that the roads are for vehicular traffic and that a pedestrian must yield the right of way. Avoid running in the dark. When you go out, be sure to let someone know where you are running and when you should be expected to return. If you must run in darkness or low light, always wear reflective clothing. The City of Indian Hill requires that any jogger or runner on or alongside any road or bicycle path, wear reflective material beginning ½ hour before sunset and ½ hour after sunrise. This material must be visible from the front and the back. Such reflective material shall be of a size and characteristic and so maintained as to be visible from all distances within 300 feet to 50 feet. A violation of this can result in a citation and a possible \$95.00 fine.

The Rangers receive numerous calls with regards to bicycle laws and such. The following are the basic answers to many of the questions and concerns presented:

- Every person operating a bicycle upon a roadway shall ride as near to the right side of the roadway as practical, **obeying all traffic rules applicable to vehicles** and exercising due care when passing a standing vehicle or one proceeding in the same direction.
- Persons riding bicycles or motorcycles upon a roadway shall ride not more than **two** abreast in a single lane, except on paths or parts of roadway set aside for the exclusive use of bicycles or motorcycles.
- This section does not require a person operating a bicycle to ride at the edge of the roadway when it is unreasonable or unsafe to do so.

It is important to remember that bicycles are considered vehicles and have the same rights to the road, and with that, they must operate under the same laws as a motor vehicle. It is imperative that both motor vehicle and bicycle operators share the responsibility and travel safely together.

### **Power Outages**

During any event that results in power outages, either to a residential street, neighborhood or community as a whole, there are a lot of things going on within the Police and Fire Departments that most people probably do not know or realize. Generally, if there are more than a couple of residents without power, the Police Department is aware, most likely on scene and/or has probably notified Duke Energy of the problem. The issues regarding the Police come as a result of multiple calls about the same situation. While we encourage our residents to call the Police for a problem, we do ask for patience and common sense in the event of a large scale power outage or large natural event. The set up residents need to be aware of are as follows:

Any given shift has 2-5 officers working the road and one dispatcher. The Indian Hill Rangers dispatch center has several phone lines that accept calls at the same time. However, during a situation that results in multiple calls, one person has to answer every call that is made into the Police Department. On top of that, the dispatcher has to monitor two radio frequencies used by the Police Department and if possible, several by the Fire Department. During all this, the dispatcher has to sort out the runs and dispatch them to the appropriate officer for a response. The dispatcher then has to process any request such as phone calls, notifying other agencies etc., made by the officers on the road. Long story short, a large event can result in several hundred calls being made to the Police Department, for the same thing, which is handled by **ONE** person. Unfortunately, many times, neither the dispatcher nor the police officers are able to give precise answers to residents when they call.

***DURING A STORM OR NATURAL DISASTER, PLEASE LIMIT CALLS TO THE RANGERS FOR EMERGENCIES ONLY!!***

**When Duke Energy is called, neither the Rangers nor the Fire Department are told when the power will be restored.** Many times when there is a large scale power outage, the Rangers can receive hundreds of non-emergency calls about the power situation. Each call that is made to the Ranger station can slow response times to true emergencies. This not only affects the safety and security of residents, but of responding officers as well. It is important to remember that if your power is out, chances are, other communities may be affected as well.

**If you have a question about your electric, we ask that you please call Duke Energy.**

Duke Energy	513-651-4182
	800-543-5599
Cincinnati Bell	513-565-2210
Time Warner Cable	513-489-5000

**Home Security Survey**

Appointments are now available for Home Security Surveys. Surveys will be conducted between 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. on working days available to Ptl. Ramsey. Other arrangements may be available upon request. This is the fourth year that this service has been offered on a regular basis. The survey will look at the exterior and interior of the home, doors, windows, security system, and other areas of concern. This will be a one-on-one interaction to answer questions about home security and to offer advice to improve on areas that might need corrected. Appointments generally take 30-60 minutes, depending on questions and concerns. If you are interested in a Home Security Survey, you can phone me at 561-7000 or e-mail at [crimeprevention@ihill.org](mailto:crimeprevention@ihill.org), to schedule a time.

Ptl. Dean Ramsey  
Crime Prevention Officer

**Resident Packets**

If you are a new resident, a resident who has never completed a resident packet or a resident whose information may have changed, please stop by the Ranger Station to pick one up. This information is valuable to the Police and Fire Department for alarms or for emergency contact information. Be sure there is a current key on file as well. For questions, please call the Rangers at 561-7000.

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## **Stepping Stones Celebrates Growth at Annual Meeting**

Stepping Stones agency for children and adults with disabilities used the annual meeting in April to showcase program growth, including the completion of an expanded education building, part of the successful Step Up alternative education program for students with autism and severe behaviors.

Glenda Neff, who's son, Matt is a student in the Step-Up program, said it has changed not only Matt's life, but the life of her family.

"When a child in the family has

autism and the struggles that go with that, everyone in the family struggles," she said.

She worked with school officials to find a program that would work for her son. "Now, instead of people spending time managing Matthew's behavior, they can spend it teaching him," she said.

"In the Step-Up program, his interest in music is nurtured. He now takes half of the medications he used to need ... He is a young man who is happy and learning and growing."

The agency's summer camp and respite programs also are expanding this year. The weekend respite program, which had closed during the summer camp season, will become a year-round program in 2011, with respite weekends added to the overnight camp schedule. Day camps also are expanding to serve more children with disabilities. The day camp at Stepping Stones Given in Indian Hill will serve up to 150 children a day. The day camp at Stepping Stones Allyn at Camp Allyn in Batavia will

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## Country Day Student wins national art award



Amanda's winning submission

Cincinnati Country Day senior Amanda Young has won a National Silver Medal for mixed media in the Scholastic Art and Writing Awards. The top 1,500 works in art and writing out of more than 185,000 entries won a national award. Amanda will go to New York City from May 31 to June 1 where she will be recognized at Carnegie Hall and attend lectures and tours by professionals in the field. In the regional competition, Amanda won three Gold Keys and one Silver Key. Amanda completed and entered these works at Schain Studios, where she is currently working on an AP 3-D Design portfolio. Last year, Amanda won one Gold Key and was an American Visions Nominee in the regional competition. Amanda resides in Indian Hill with her parents Gregory and Michele Young.

## Country Day Winter Musical

Cincinnati Country Day School presented its Winter Musical, SEUSSICAL THE MUSICAL, with 42 students from both the Upper and Lower Schools. The musical is based on the stories of Dr. Seuss, and features such characters as Horton the Elephant, the Cat in the Hat, Gertrude McFuzz, Yertle the turtle, the Grinch and the Whos. The musical ran February 24-26, with four performances in the school's John Whitman Keeler Theater.

The show played to nearly sold-out houses, and even featured a "Green Eggs and Ham" brunch for families before the Saturday matinee. CCDS presents both a fully staged play and musical each year as part of its Upper School drama program, and all students are eligible to participate. This year, ten 4th grade students were invited to participate, playing the part of the Whos.

For more information on CCDS drama events, go to [www.countryday.net](http://www.countryday.net), or contact Upper School drama director Mark Femia.



Ilana Habib '11 as the Cat in the Hat



The Whos



Josh Motley '12



The Whos with Will Bernish '13 as the Grinch, Mick Abrahamson '11 as the Mayor, and Annie Nesbitt as Mrs. Mayor



Josh Motley '12 as Horton surrounded by hunters Sarah Gambelin '12, Khreah Everett '12, Hailey Connor '13, Madison Kohnnick '13 and Ilana Habib '11 as the Cat in the Hat

# 2011

## St. Gertrude Parish Festival

**Friday, June 10th, 6-11:30 p.m.**

**Saturday, June 11th, 5-11:30 p.m.**

**Sunday, June 12th, 3-10 p.m.**

Fun for the whole family! Over 60 fun booths & rides.  
Food, auction booth, air conditioned gaming hall,  
Bingo, children's puppet show, frozen margaritas, tuition raffle

### **Thursday, June 9th**

2011 Festival Kick-Off Party (*adults only*) 6-8 p.m.

Music by *Jim Gillum*

### **Friday, June 10th**

St. Gertrude School Alumni Night

Music by *Sizemore* 6-7 pm

Fuzzy the Clown Balloon Creations 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Music by *Leroy Ellington & The E-Funk Band* 7:30-11:30 p.m.

### **Saturday, June 11th**

Festival 5K Run/Walk 8:30 a.m.

Music by *Howard House Band* 5-7:30 p.m.

*Funny Companie Clowns* 6-8 p.m.

Music by *Off the Hook* 7:30-11:30 p.m.

### **Sunday, June 12th**

UC Bearcats Mascot & other UC guests

\$10 Arm Band Ride Special 3-6 p.m.

Music by *Sizemore* 3-4 p.m.; *McGing Irish Dancers* 3:15-3:45 p.m.

*Funny Companie Clowns* 4-6 p.m.

Music by *Tim Snyder* 4:30-6:30 p.m.

*Broadway Bound Dancers* 6:30-7 p.m.; *Elvis* 7-9 p.m.

### **Major Award Prizes**

1st prize: \$10,000 CASH or 2 yr lease on VW CC Sport

*Vehicle arranged by Northland VW*

2nd prize: \$3000 travel voucher towards a Celebrity Cruise

*Destination of your choice*

*Travel arranged by Wayfarer Travel - Jackie Crowley-241-4637*

3rd prize: 4 Season Passes to Kings Island

Visit [www.stgertrude.org/festival](http://www.stgertrude.org/festival)

or call Cathy at 494-1391 for more information.

*St. Gertrude Festival Platinum Sponsors*

**The Julie & Rob  
Heidt Family**





**NICHOLAS CHUTE  
AWARDED UNITED  
WAY'S  
YOUTH LEADERSHIP  
AWARD**

Indian Hill resident Nicholas Chute, junior, Indian Hill High School, and Eagle Scout, Boy Scout Troop 502, was presented with the Youth Leadership Award at United Way of Greater Cincinnati's Leaders & Legends luncheon on April 7.

This award underscores the value of youth volunteerism and the role it plays in developing quality volun-

teers for the future. Recipients have demonstrated leadership through service to United Way, any of its youth-oriented community projects, specific activities, or to a United Way agency or community partner.

Nicholas has dedicated many hours to service projects related to Boy Scout Troop 502, including planning a book campaign for Rainboro Elementary in Greenfield, Ohio. That effort involved a two-year book collection, gathering around 10,000 books for a school that struggled to fill its library's shelves. Nicholas also collected \$2,000 in donations to buy more books for the school library. He plays with the Cincinnati Youth Wind Ensemble and participates in Boy Scout-oriented leadership training opportunities.



**JAMES C. ELLERHORST  
AWARDED UNITED  
WAY'S  
GEIER AWARD FOR  
UNITED WAY LEADERSHIP**

Indian Hill resident Jim Ellerhorst, managing partner, Deloitte & Touche, LLP, was presented with the Geier Family Award for United Way Leadership at United Way of Greater Cincinnati's Leaders & Legends luncheon on April 7.

The award is named after several generations of the Geier family, who have provided United Way with generous gifts of time and talent, showing exemplary community leadership. The award honors a current volunteer's outstanding service in a specific United Way

activity.

Ellerhorst has volunteered for United Way of Greater Cincinnati for more than 20 years, most recently as vice chair of United Way's capital campaign for its building renovation and the construction of the Fifth Third Convening Center. Jim was instrumental in developing and financing the renovation of the organization's Reading Road human services center.

He joined United Way's Board of Directors in 2002, and was elected to the Executive Committee four years later. He has also served as the Board's treasurer, and as chair of the Accountability & Services Cabinet between 2006-2009. Ellerhorst's other community service commitments include the Cincinnati USA Chamber of Commerce, Downtown Cincinnati, Inc., 3CDC, ArtsWave, Cincinnati Museum Center and the Cincinnati Zoo.



**JILL MCGRUDER AWARDED  
UNITED WAY'S  
McELROY AWARD FOR RE-  
SOURCE DEVELOPMENT  
LEADERSHIP**

Indian Hill resident Jill McGruder, CEO, IFS Financial Services, was presented with the Neil H. McElroy Award for Resource Development at United Way's Leaders & Legends luncheon on April 7.

The award is named for Neil H. McElroy, who demonstrated extraordinary energy and commitment to his many years of fundraising for United Way. The award honors his leadership legacy in financial resource development.

In 2001, McGruder was instrumental in the founding of United Way's Women's Leadership Council, attracting more women donors at the \$10,000 level. She also advocates for the Tocqueville Society, helping to grow it from 376 members contributing \$6.9 million in 2001 to 750 members contributing more than \$12 million in 2009. She has also chaired the Western Southern campaign, a campaign that consistently lands in the Top 25 Campaigns.

In 2010, McGruder chaired a major group for United Way's campaign, leading a group of the major banks, financial institutions, investment advisors and real estate firms. This group of 150 companies represented over \$10 million of the overall campaign.

She also serves as a board member for Every Child Succeeds, focusing on the critical work of helping prepare children for success in kindergarten.

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serve up to 40 children a day.

Adult Services at Stepping Stones has increased community integration activities with regular visits to college campuses, local bookstores, restaurants, and community activities. Adult Services' participants entered food creations and flower arrangements in the Clermont County Fair in 2010 and came home with four ribbons.

In 2010 the Stepping Stones Preschool received its third star – the highest rating possible – in the Ohio Step Up to Quality initiative. The new star rating came a year ahead of schedule.

Preschool parents Marcela and Daniel Barker addressed the annual meeting, describing the progress of their sons, Lucas and Owen, who have autism and are in the Stepping Stones preschool.

"I remember the day we heard the diagnosis – autism. When you have a child, you think 'is he going to be a doctor or a lawyer or a teacher.' Instead, we were wondering 'Will he talk? Will he ever call me Dad?'"

"My daughter used to ask "why don't my brothers play with me?"" The highly individualized preschool program changed the boys' lives, said Barker. They are using words, communicating, interacting, and playing.

"This is all because of the people in this room," said Barker. "My daughter has a brother. Because of you, I have a son."

Lizzie Griffin of Anderson Township, a participant in the Adult Services program, talked about how her life has expanded in the program. The young woman is challenged with Down syndrome, but she has a job, friends and is living a vibrant life. She spoke to the crowd and, as she returned to her seat, gave a triumphant "high five" to Adult Services staff member Judy Hackmeister.

The Stepping Stones programs annually serve close to 1,000 children and adults with disabilities including autism, cerebral palsy, Down syndrome, intellectual disabilities, seizure disorders, brain injury, and multiple disabili-

ties. Programs are at two sites, Stepping Stones Given, on Given Road in Indian Hill and Stepping Stones Allyn, at Camp Allyn in Batavia.

Staff members recognized with service awards included Terry Funk of Oakley and Fred Neiheisel of New Richmond, both logging 20 years at the agency; Mary Hunter Ellis, of Erlanger, Ky., 10 years; and Sam Browne Allen of Loveland, five years.

Funk also received the Catherine Clark Borchers Award, presented by staff members to a co-worker who exhibits outstanding dedication, sensitivity and passion for the mission of Stepping Stones and has commitment and belief in persons with disabilities.

Stepping Stones inducted 10 new board members. The 25-member board oversees the \$3.8 million United Way partner agency.

New members are: **Steve Dessner** of Indian Hill, president of Unifund; **Rich Dineen** of Montgomery, Director of Auxiliary Relations at Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center; **Fred Fischer** of Indian Hill, owner of Fischer Special Manufacturing in Cold Spring, Ky.; **Lori Powers Graf** of Northern Kentucky, president and CEO of the Powers Agency; **Doug Howe** of Symmes Township, founder and owner of The Howe Team personal leadership development company in Kenwood; **James Shanahan Jr.** of Hyde Park, managing director and portfolio manager at JP Morgan Investment Management; **Stephany Taylor** of Amberley Village, student services manager with Cincinnati Public Schools; **Jay Vollmer** of Indian Hill, strategic account manager for VMware; **Jeff Weedman**, of Indian Hill, vice president of Global Business Development for Procter & Gamble; and **Tisha Wright** of Morrow, Ohio, realtor with Comey & Shepherd.

Fischer is a former board president and longtime member who is returning after a one-year hiatus.

Upcoming Events:

Stepping Stones' Bloom event, an outdoor garden party and the agency's major fundraiser, will be

Sept. 10 at the Indian Hill home of Neil and Susie Bortz. Tickets are \$125 and are available from Theresa Ciampone, 513-831-4660 ext 39.

The agency will hold two Camp Fairs in May to allow families to learn about the summer day and residential camps, talk to veteran camp parents, meet the camp counselors and tour the facilities. Attendance at a camp fair is mandatory for families of first-time campers. The fairs will be 1 to 2:30 p.m. and 2:30 to 3 p.m. May 16 at Stepping Stones Allyn at Camp Allyn, 1414 Lake Allyn Rd., Batavia, and 2 to 3:30 and 3:30 to 5 p.m. May 17 at Stepping Stones Given, 5650 Given Rd., Indian Hill. To register for a camp fair, call 513-831-4660.

Web site is

[www.steppingstonescenter.org](http://www.steppingstonescenter.org)



**New Bd Members:** 2011 new board members, left to right: Jay Vollmer, Steve Dessner, Fred Fischer, Lori Powers Graf, James Shanahan, Stephany Taylor, Jeff Weedman, Tisha Wright. Not pictured are Rich Dineen and Doug Howe, who were not able to attend the meeting.



**Lizzie High Five:** Lizzie Griffin of Anderson Township gives a High Five as she completes her speech.

# BITS AND PIECES

## IMPORTANT CHANGES TO BITS & PIECES

- A \$15.00 fee will be charged for ads placed monthly for all non-residents
- All ads must be resubmitted each month to insure that the item or property is still for sale or rent
- **All ads will have a 30 word maximum**
- Each **JANUARY** all non-residents placing service ads must provide a LOCAL background check from their county of residence. (Background checks are no longer available through the Indian Hill Rangers)

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**Village of Indian Hill  
2011 Bulletin Schedule**

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Friday – January 21, 2011  
Friday – February 18, 2011  
Friday – March 18, 2011  
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Friday – May 20, 2011  
Friday – June 17, 2011  
Friday – August 26, 2011  
Friday – September 23, 2011  
Friday – October 21, 2011  
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Friday – February 4, 2011  
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Friday – October 7, 2011  
Friday – November 4, 2011  
Friday – December 2, 2011  
Friday – December 30, 2011

**SUBMITTING ARTICLES AND PICTURES**

All copy and pictures sent to the Village office to be included in the Bulletin should preferably be sent by email to [kzenni@ihill.org](mailto:kzenni@ihill.org). If it is not possible for you to email them, you can contact Kari at 979-6218. Subject in photographs should be identified and a return address included as all photographs are returned. No negatives accepted.

**A reminder that all ads (resident & non-resident) placed in the Bits & Pieces section must be submitted each month.** Copy deadline for each issue is at the top of this page. Non-residents are charged a \$15.00 fee EACH time they submit their ad. All ads will be approximately 30 words maximum. Non-residents may only place ads for rentals or property for sale if the advertised property is located in Indian Hill.

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**BULLETIN INSERTS**

The Village will no longer accept inserts for Bulletins being mailed. The Village will accept inserts to be available online only. The deadline for getting an insert in the online Bulletin is the same as the deadline for Bulletin articles. Inserts are only for Village associated organizations such as churches, scouts, schools, clubs, committees, Indian Hill Historical Society and Greenacres. They are not for personal or business advertising. Please send no more than one insert per publication. For more information, call Kari Zenni 979-6218 or email [kzenni@ihill.org](mailto:kzenni@ihill.org).

**JOHN RUTHVEN PAINTING  
LIMITED EDITION PRINT  
AVAILABLE TO PUBLIC**

The Grand Valley property, purchased by the Village, inspired noted wildlife artist John Ruthvan to paint a picture entitled “The Great Blue Heron of Grand Valley.” Mr. Ruthvan donated the painting to the Village to help raise funds to support the Grand Valley preserve area through a print program. The original print is on display at the Village Administration office. The Village has purchased a limited edition of 200 signed and numbered prints that are being sold unframed for \$75.00 each available on a first come first serve basis. The prints can be purchased at the Village Administration office. Payment for the prints should be made by cash or check made payable to the Village of Indian Hill.

# IMAGES

...THEN AND NOW

*From the Indian Hill Historical Society*



**Buckingham Lodge  
1861**

## The Story of Redbird Hollow

Redbird Hollow Trail, a favorite of Indian Hill residents, is one of numerous paths through local forests. A naturalist's delight, the 54 acre tract belongs to the Nature Conservancy and the Redbird Hollow Association. In the glacial era, ice floes created the ridges and hollows through which streams later flowed. The glacial conglomerate in the Hollow reveals that this was how its topography was formed.



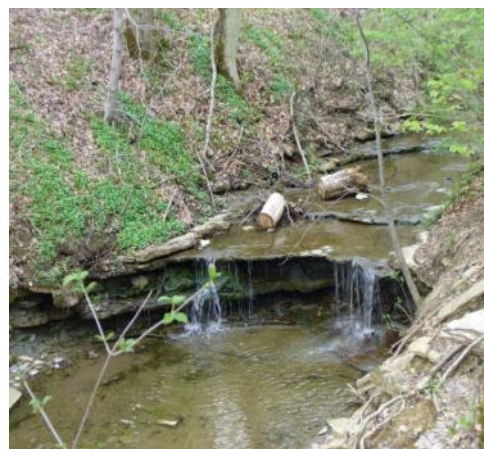
In the early 1900's an interurban rail line ran through Redbird Hollow, linking Cincinnati with suburbs and villages in nearby counties. The "Swing Line", officially named the Cincinnati and Columbus Traction Line, connected Norwood with Hillsboro. Its owners, who originally had hoped to extend the line to the state capital, included three members of the Swing family – thus its nickname. Narrow rails with overhead electrical cables joined Madeira with Ramona (Indian Hill) and Terrace Park; and the roadbed paralleled the stream through the hollow, where remnants of masonry abutments can still be seen.

The Swing Line was abandoned in the early 1920s, and soon after the Camargo Realty Company was formed to develop the "Hill". Plans included the Camargo Clubhouse, golf course, riding club, polo fields, and lots to be sold as home sites. These lots were large parcels laid out on the knolls and fields of Indian Hill, with the less desirable bottomland (the "reserve") left vacant, including the old railbed and Redbird Hollow stream.

In 1963 the Camargo Club investigated the possibility of selling the "reserve" in order to raise funds. Led by Helen and Bob Black, landowners of both sides of Redbird Hollow sought to preserve the peaceful valley and its nature trail. Several proposals were considered. Some property owners donated land and money to the Nature Conservancy, and a number of others created a nonprofit organization, the Redbird Hollow Association.

In 1964 the sixteen families of the Association purchased the "reserve". Redbird Hollow became the property of both the Nature Conservancy and the Redbird Hollow Association, with the latter in control of most of the Swing Line property. Members of the Association included owners of land abutting the hollow, plus those residents of Camargo Club Drive who chose to join. The Hollow has been cared for since then by the Redbird Hollow Association, Indian Hill Public Works, and Nature Conservancy volunteers.

Over the years, the Redbird Hollow Association has addressed issues ranging from possibly closing the trail, to the invasive plants, to the erosion of the path. The Nature Conservancy donated 21 acres to the Green Areas Trust in 2002, but still owns a large part of the hollow.



Today Redbird Hollow is a serene preserve where wildflowers abound, and deciduous trees shade the trail. Dogs and Village inhabitants frequent the path. This remnant of Ohio forestland and stream, designated an Ohio Natural Landmark in 1983, remains a fragile oasis in the heart of Indian Hill.

# INDIAN HILL HISTORICAL SOCIETY

## “BEAUTY IN THE GROVE”

THE HISTORY, ART, ARCHITECTURE AND LANDSCAPE OF SPRING GROVE CEMETERY AND ARBORETUM.

Historian Phil Nuxhall and Horticultural Docent, Marsha Lindner were the keynote speakers at the Indian Hill Historical Society’s April program at the Little Red Schoolhouse. They took guests on an armchair tour of a “Museum without walls”...Cincinnati’s treasured Spring Grove.

Mr. Nuxhall presented a photographic essay, punctuated by lively commentary, that showed the history and beauty of the monuments and markers of Spring Grove. John Bentley, Nancy Black, and Ellen Sole were among the descendants of Village ancestors buried at Spring Grove who attended the dinner program and who enjoyed hearing stories about their families.

Marsha Lindner noted that Spring Grove, the second largest cemetery in the United States, is the birthplace of the concept of landscaped design for rural cemeteries. She told of the creation of the cemetery in 1845 by the members of the Cincinnati Horticultural Society on private farmland that consisted of many natural springs and beautiful groves of trees—thus the name Spring Grove. She shared her in depth knowledge of horticulture and showed photographs of spectacular scenes of the meticulously maintained landscape today.

In addition to the stimulating program presented by the speakers, guests were treated to a sumptuous pot luck supper!

**Phil Nuxhall, Marsha Lindner and Chip Hunter**



## HISTORICAL SOCIETY ELECTS THREE NEW TRUSTEES

The Annual Meeting of the Indian Hill Historical Society was held on Sunday, April 10 at the Little Red Schoolhouse. In the absence of President Barbara Hauck, Vice-President Rosemary Welsh chaired the meeting. Trustee Mary Krombholz, representing the Nominating Committee, presented three names to the members for consideration as new Trustees. They were Mary Bramlage, Edgar Cox and Greg Miller. All three were elected unanimously by the Society members.



**New Trustee, Edgar Cox works on the décor for the Spring Grove Program**

Recognition was given to retiring Trustees, Anne Ahlbrand, Bill Schmidter and Curt Sellers. Mrs. Ahlbrand was an active and enthusiastic member of the Board of Trustees for ten years. Each year Mr. Schmidter, Trustee from 1999 to 2011, spearheaded the Historical Society’s participation in the Indian Hill 4th of July Parade. His Paddy Wagon and Keystone Cops were always well received by the crowds. Curt Sellers brought his marketing expertise to the Board. He chaired two successful fundraisers –the Bacchus Wine Tasting and the Trips and Treasures Raffle.

In honor of their service, Anne Ahlbrand and Bill Schmidter were elected to the position of Regents of the Historical Society.

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