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COUNCIL ACTIONS REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING AUGUST 29, 2011 COUNCIL ACTIONS

PLANNING COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING ACTIONS July 19, 2011

- Emergency passage of an ordinance amending Ordinance 09-10 fixing the compensation of permanent employees of the Village of Indian Hill, not covered by Ordinances 07-10 and 08-10.
- Second reading and emergency passage of an ordinance authorizing the City Manager to execute a lease extension agreement with the Federal Aviation Administration with respect to Radio Range Park.
- Emergency passage of an ordinance adopting the final labor agreement negotiated between representatives of the City of the Village of Indian Hill and representatives of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees Ohio Council 8 AFL-CIO for the period of September 1, 2011, through August 31, 2013.
- Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a program agreement with Integrys Energy Services – Natural Gas LLC for supplying natural gas to participants in the Village of Indian Hill governmental aggregation program.

- Approved – Special exception request by Cincinnati Country Day School to construct an outdoor wood burning oven for educational classes.
- Approved – Swap of resource protected areas within the property at 9200 Shawnee Run Road.

**COPY DEADLINE
FOR NEXT ISSUE
September 23, 2011**

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

September 2011

Planning Commission 7:00 p.m. Sept. 20, 2011
Mayor's Court/Council Meeting 6:00 p.m. Sept. 26, 2011

October 2011

Recreation Commission 7:30 p.m. Oct. 3, 2011
Green Areas Advisory Comm. 5:30 p.m. Oct. 5, 2011
Planning Commission 7:00 p.m. Oct. 18, 2011
Mayor's Court/Council Meeting 6:00 p.m. Oct. 24, 2011

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 and click on the link on the homepage or go to ihill.org/billpay.

THE VILLAGE OF INDIAN HILL, OHIO

ARMSTRONG CHAPEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

5125 Drake Road
 Cincinnati, Ohio 45243—561-4220
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
 Reverend Anne Wridler, Episcopal Rector
 David Hawley, Presbyterian Pastor
 Michelle Metcalf, Youth Director
 Ann Pardue, Christian Education Director
Worship Schedule
 8:00 a.m. Episcopal Holy Eucharst
 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
 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; busi-
 ness meeting every second Sunday)
 Nursery and childcare provided

SONRISE COMMUNITY CHURCH

Church located at
 8136 Wooster Pike
 Cincinnati, Ohio 45227
 576-6000
 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

3950 Newtown Road
 Cincinnati, Ohio 45244
 272-5800
 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

GREENACRES ARTS CENTER

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 Church 561-5954
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Fr. Andre-Jesoph LaCasse, O.P. Pastor
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 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

CANDIDATES FOR THE NOVEMBER VILLAGE COUNCIL ELECTIONS

In keeping with the long standing tradition of selecting Council candidates, the five member committee appointed by Mayor Ottenjohn to serve as the Nominating Committee for the November 2011 Council election completed their interviews of interested candidates and prepared a report to the Mayor which was included in the June 2011 Bulletin. The members of the committee were: Joe Rhodenbaugh, Chair, Jeff Dilbone, Jane Koppenhoefer, John Krehbiel, Sr., and Dr. John Roberts.

The nominating committee process has been utilized since the Village was incorporated to guarantee the candidacy of highly qualified citizens who are willing to serve our community. Candidates are not selected because of any political affiliations. They are nominated because of their accomplishments and their sense of civic responsibility towards the Village. The nominated candidates for the 2011 election are:

Molly Barber

- * Dan Feigelson
- Mark Kuenning
- * Lindsay McLean
- * Keith Rabenold
- * Laura Raines
- * Mark Tullis

*Returning Incumbents

One additional candidate for Village Council filed a petition and his name will also appear on the November 8 ballot. The additional candidate is David Turner.

All eight candidates who will be competing for the seven open Council positions submitted the following biographical sketches.



MOLLY R. BARBER

Molly Regan Barber has made Cincinnati her home for the past 30 years. In 1999 she and her family moved to Indian Hill. Molly grew up in Dayton, Ohio and graduated from Oakwood High School in 1976. She received a Bachelor's degree in Education from the University of Dayton and moved to Cincinnati to teach at St. Ursula Villa School.

She and her husband Jim have two children, both of whom graduated from Indian Hill schools. Andrew graduated from Indiana University and is currently in his second year at University of Pittsburgh, School of Law, and Lindsay is in her senior year at the University of South Carolina.

Molly has been with Procter & Gamble for 27 years and is a Human Resources manager in Global Employee Relations.

Molly is completing her eighth and final year on the Board of Education for Indian Hill Schools where she is currently serving her second term as president. She is a past member of the Indian Hill Public Schools Foundation and an active member of the Indian Hill Historical Society. Molly was a cabinet member on the 2009 Greater Cincinnati United Way Campaign, and serves on several committees at Armstrong Chapel United

Methodist Church. In addition, Molly has been a speaker at Indian Hill High School Career Days and meets with high school seniors and college students to help them focus their search on identifying colleges, internships, and full time employment.

Molly is honored to have been selected by the Mayor's Nominating Committee and has a deep appreciation for the Village of Indian Hill, its rural charm, sense of community and historical traditions. She is committed to preserving and enhancing those distinctive qualities and building upon its tradition of excellence. **The Mayor's Nominating Committee endorses Mrs. Barber for election to Council.**



DANIEL J. FEIGELSON

Daniel Feigelson was raised in Cincinnati and has been a resident of Indian Hill for 16 years. After graduating from Wyoming High School, he went on to earn his Bachelor's degree in Business Administration from Emory University in 1981 followed by his Masters in Business Administration from The Ohio State University in 1983.

Dan and his wife Jodi (Bergman) have three children all of whom attended and graduated from the Indian Hill Village School District. Matthew graduated from Bradley University in 2008, Leslie

graduated from Washington University in St. Louis in 2011, and Douglas will begin his second year at MIT this fall. Dan and his family reside at 5025 Miami Road.

Dan is a principal/owner of NAI Bergman, a regional commercial real estate brokerage, property management, and development company, where he primarily handles the firm's financial, legal, and development/investment activities. Prior to NAI Bergman, he held positions of Director of Capital Planning and Budgeting at Federated Department Stores, and Manager of Consulting Services at Price Waterhouse.

Dan has been an active volunteer in the community for many years. He was elected to his first term on Indian Hill Council in 2009 where he has since served as chairman of the Water Works Committee and has been an active member of the Finance Committee, Safety Committee, Audit Committee, and Grand Valley Advisory Committee. He has also served as Chairman and Treasurer of the Indian Hill Public Schools Foundation, President and Treasurer of the Indian Hill Schools Booster Association, and was involved in the formation of the Indian Hill (peewee) Football Club serving as its first treasurer. Outside of Indian Hill, Mr. Feigelson currently holds board positions on several for profit and not for profit entities.

Dan is honored to be nominated by the Mayor's Nominating Committee for a second term on Village Council. In the upcoming years Dan understands the challenges facing the Village should the estate tax be eliminated and is prepared to work with his fellow Council members, Village staff, and residents in navigating through the difficult decisions which lie ahead. However, even with these challenges he remains committed to preserving and enhancing the special characteristics which all residents enjoy and which makes Indian Hill such a unique and comfortable place to live and raise a family. **The Mayor's Nominating Committee endorses Mr. Feigelson for election to Council.**



MARK D. KUENNING

Mark Kuenning was born and raised in New Bremen, Ohio. He graduated from Miami University in 1977 with a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration and has lived and worked in the Cincinnati area since that time.

Mark and wife Kymberly have been residents of Indian Hill since 1992. They have three grown children, all of whom attended Indian Hill Schools.

Early in his business career, Mark, a CPA, worked for the firm Arthur Andersen & Co. In 1981, he co-founded Global Drilling Suppliers, Inc., a Sprindale-based manufacturer and distributor of drilling tools and well supplies serving the construction, water well, environmental, and mining industries nationwide. Mark is the company's president and CEO.

Mark has been an active member in the community for many years. He is a member of Armstrong Chapel United Methodist Church and has served in many volunteer leadership positions with the church since 1998, including terms as chair of its Leadership Team, Staff-Parish Relations Committee, and Board of Trustees. He currently serves on its Finance Committee. Since 1996, Mark has been a long-time volunteer for Indian Hill Boy Scout troops and Cub Scout Pack 163, providing leadership in fundraising, advancement, and unit management. He is also a member of the Boards of Trustees of Life Enriching Communities and Twin Lakes, which provide senior living and

adult care to our local communities.

Mark believes strongly in the importance of serving the community and is honored to have been recommended by the Mayor's Nominating Committee for Village Council. He believes Indian Hill is a special community in which to live and raise a family and wants to ensure that its special character and unique interests are preserved with continued sound government on behalf of its residents. **The Mayor's Nominating Committee endorses Mr. Kuenning for election to Council.**



LINDSAY BOSWELL MCLEAN

Lindsay McLean was raised in Indian Hill, and she and her husband, Stuart, who is with Humana, have resided at their Cunningham Road address since 1989. The McLeans have three adult sons: Lachlan, William, and Ian. Mrs. McLean graduated from Lotspeich School and St. Timothy's School (MD). She received her B.A. in American Studies from the University of North Carolina (Chapel Hill), her M.A. in Education from Fairfield University (CT), and has taken graduate level courses in history at the University of Cincinnati.

A former teacher of American History, Government, and English, Lindsay currently is the Historian at the Indian Hill Historical Society. She leads the outreach education program, writes for local publications, assists with society events, conducts oral histories, and represents the group at regional, state, and na-



tional conferences. Valuing the society’s mission, *To preserve the past and present for tomorrow*, Lindsay has a professional and personal commitment to the Village.

Growing up near Red Bird Hollow fostered Lindsay’s interest in the natural world and the environment. She volunteered for seven years on the Green Areas Advisory Committee, and retired as Chairperson in 2007. She believes that the Green Areas are one of the most exceptional features of the Village, and hopes to increase them.

Active in the Indian Hill Church, Mrs. McLean is a member of the Altar Guild and the Flower Guild. She also serves on the Stewardship Committee and the Buildings and Grounds Committee. Past President of The Garden Club of Cincinnati, Lindsay is also a member and past officer of the Phloxy Ladies Garden Club. Besides gardening, Lindsay enjoys cooking, photography, and assorted fitness activities; also she can be seen walking her dog along Village roadsides.

Mrs. McLean has served on Village Council since 2007. Her Council responsibilities include serving as Chairperson of the Buildings and Grounds Committee and as a member of the Public Works and Water Works Committees. She is the Council liaison to the Green Areas Advisory Committee. Lindsay also serves on the Indian Hill Veterans Memorial Committee and the Grand Valley Advisory Committee. She endeavors to maintain established Village traditions, preserve and grow its green spaces, and improve awareness within the community of its unique history. **The Mayor’s Nominating Committee endorses Mrs. McLean for election to Council.**



KEITH RABENOLD

Keith Rabenold is a native Cincinnati and became an Indian Hill resident in 1974. He graduated from Indian Hill High School in 1982, and earned a Bachelor’s degree in Business Administration and a law degree from The Ohio State University.

Keith and his wife, Stephanie, live at 8410 Old Stable Road. They have two daughters, Ellie, 10, and Cameron, 8, both of whom attend the Indian Hill Elementary School. Keith’s parents (Marlyn and Marjorie Rabenold), as well as a brother (John Rabenold) and his family, are also Village residents.

Keith is Vice President and Deputy General Counsel for Harland Financial Solutions, Inc., a subsidiary of publicly traded M&F Worldwide Corp. Harland Financial Solutions, Inc. is a leading supplier of software and related technology to U.S. financial institutions. He is also “Of Counsel” with the Cincinnati law firm of Kohlen & Patton LLP.

Keith has been active in the Indian Hill community for years. He is currently completing his second term as a member of Village Council. He serves on the Council’s Grounds and Water Works Committees and chairs its Law Committee. He is a member of the Indian Hill Recreation Commission and coaches youth soccer and basketball. Keith is on the Board of the Indian Hill Public Schools Foundation and was a member of the Indian Hill Green Areas Advisory Committee for six years.

With strong roots in the community, Keith has a deep appreciation for the Village’s history and rural charm. He

also understands the important role that Council plays in preserving the character of the Village. Keith feels honored to have been nominated to serve on Council for a third term and looks forward to making a meaningful contribution to the Village and its residents by serving in such capacity. **The Mayor’s Nominating Committee endorses Mr. Rabenold for election to Council.**



LAURA RAINES

Laura Schmidt Raines is a long-time resident of Indian Hill. After graduating from Miami University and then the University of Cincinnati College of Law, Laura practiced law at Keating, Muething & Klekamp. She became a partner specializing in the estate planning practice area. Laura went on to become a Senior Vice President at Provident Bank/National City Bank managing the Trust Department. Currently, Laura is Vice President in the Wealth Management group at First Financial Bank. Her daughters, Jane and Jill Petrie attend Indian Hill Middle School. Laura is a member of the Board of Trustees of the Cincinnati Bar Association, a member of the Cincinnati Estate Planning Council, the Camargo Hunt, and the Indian Hill Historical Society. She served on the Indian Hill Green Areas and Grand Valley Advisory Committees. Laura will be participating in Class 35 of Leadership Cincinnati.

Presently, Laura is finishing her first term as an Indian Hill Council Member and serves on the Law and Grounds Committees. Laura is very proud of the



services and traditions, future of the Village of Indian Hill, and is committed to serving the future needs. **The Mayor's Nominating Committee endorses Mrs. Raines for election to Council.**



MARK TULLIS

Mark Tullis has been an Indian Hill resident since 1977. After growing up in Dayton, Mark attended the University of Cincinnati and received a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration in 1974 and a Masters in Business Administration in 1976. Mark and his wife Vicki have three grown children, Melissa, Alison, and Barrett, all of whom attended Indian Hill schools from kindergarten thru 12th grade. Melissa and Alison graduated from Vanderbilt University in 2000 and 2002 respectively. Barrett graduated from Furman University in 2004 and the University of Dayton School of Law in 2007.

Mark owns and operates five LaRosa's Pizzeria franchises in the greater Cincinnati area. He currently serves on the Franchise Advisory Board of LaRosa's, Inc., and is a past board member of Fernside Center for Grieving Children. He has been an active member of the Indian Hill community through service to the Indian Hill Recreation Commission and by coaching our youth in baseball, basketball, and softball. Presently, he is finishing his third term as an Indian Hill Council Member, currently serving as Vice Mayor and Chairman of

the Finance Committee.

Mark looks forward to continuing his service to the residents of the Village of Indian Hill as a member of Council. Having raised his family in Indian Hill, Mark understands and appreciates the unique qualities Indian Hill offers. He is committed to preserving the values and traditions Indian Hill represents. **The Mayor's Nominating Committee endorses Mr. Tullis for election to Council.**



DAVID TURNER

David Turner was born and raised in Bridgeport Connecticut. He earned his Bachelor's degree in psychology from Clark University in 1977 graduating Magna Cum Laude. He went on to earn his Masters and Ph.D. in Clinical Neuropsychology from the University of Houston in 1984 and 1985. During his stay in Houston, Dr. Turner was awarded the Texas Research Institute of Mental Sciences Research Fellowship. Dr. Turner completed a pre-doctoral internship in Clinical Neuropsychology at the Boston Veterans Administration Medical Center and subsequently accepted staff and faculty appointments at the Boston University Medical Center and the New England Regional Spinal Cord Injury Center. During this period, Dr. Turner also had faculty appointments at the University of Massachusetts and Boston State College. He was an active member of the Massachusetts Head Injury Foundation and was a participant in the seminal meeting at which the National Head Injury Foundation was founded.

Dr. Turner's expertise in head injury rehabilitation and the treatment of

associated brain disorders lead to his recruitment to oversee the development and initial operation of a regional head injury program in Cincinnati in 1988. In 1990, with a group of health care professionals Dr. Turner founded The Rehab Continuum, Inc. a Cincinnati based health care company, which provides a broad range of rehabilitative services. Serving as its President and CEO over the past 20 years Dr. Turner has overseen the provision of health care service delivery to thousands of tri-state residents and most of the areas leading health care institutions.

In 1992 Dr. Turner and his family: wife Kathy, daughter Kristyn (age 28), son Grant (age 19) and son Collin (age 17) moved to Indian Hill. Since moving to the Village, Dr. Turner has been served for many years as a volunteer youth leader in scouting. Dr. Turner has also served as coach for both soccer and basketball through the Indian Hill Recreation Commission. He is a member of the Indian Hill High School PTO, Indian Hill Historical Society, Indian Hill Swim Club, Indian Hill Winter Club, Indian Hill Boosters, and Indian Hill Gun Club.

Professionally, Dr. Turner is a member of Ohio Psychological Association, American Psychological Association, International Neuropsychological Society, and the National Register of Health Care Providers in Psychology. His personal interests include American History, writing, travel, hiking, and most of all spending time with family.

As a candidate for Council, Dr. Turner feels that it is not enough to arrive at good solutions through antiquated or exclusionary means. It is not only the outcome that counts but, more importantly the quality of the process that brings us to that outcome. If elected Dr. Turner's principal commitment would be to make our Village government and its decision making process more transparent and inclusive.



RANGER CHAT

2011-2012 School Year

The new school year is in full swing. The Rangers would like to remind everyone of some very important items. Within a school zone, you can expect traffic into, out of, and around our schools to become congested with vehicular traffic. As responsible drivers, we all share the responsibility in the safe operation of our vehicles. Remember that the speed limit in a school zone, during regulated times is **20 MPH**. This is not a suggestion, but the law. If you are in a school zone that you know there is a Ranger present to direct traffic, please use extreme caution. **Use your turn signal and obey the speed limit.** Using your turn signal helps move traffic along in a safe and efficient manner. To save yourself time, if you normally drive through a school zone, consider an alternate route to avoid any traffic congestion. Be sure to pay special attention to stopped school buses. The law requires that any traffic approaching a stopped bus, with caution lights activated, to stop not closer than 10 feet from the bus. This distance allows for any crossing children and the bus driver to see that traffic has stopped, in order for a child to cross the road safely.

Police Website Update

The police department is in the process of updating and moving the website to a new provider. At the time of this printing, our new website address has not been determined and the old site has been removed. The correct link will be applied to the Village website, under the Police Department information page, once it is in place. For now, it may look similar, but changes have been made and updates added. With the new provider, updating the website should be more user friendly. I encourage anyone with ideas for the website to contact me at 561-7000, or dramsey@ihill.org.

STORM SIREN UPDATE

A new policy is in place with regards to the activation of the storm sirens. Hamilton County EMA has approved the policy to be effective immediately and to be consistent with surrounding counties in our region, with the exception of Clermont County, who is still reviewing their policy. The new policy is as follows:

Siren Activation Criteria

Tornado Warning

When issued by the National Weather Service (NWS) of a **TORNADO WARNING** for Hamilton County, the warning sirens will be activated on a county-wide basis by the county's control point using the **steady tone**. Warnings issued for Hamilton County are based on severe weather occurrences observed in or approaching Hamilton County.

Report of a Tornado or Funnel Cloud

Upon confirmation of an actual sighting of a tornado with a public safety official from the jurisdiction making the report, the warning sirens will be activated on a county-wide basis using the steady tone.

Hazardous Material Release

Sirens may also be activated at the request of an incident commander during a hazardous material release. The use of the Emergency Alert System will also be utilized.

LONG STORY SHORT...If you hear the sirens, a **TORNADO** or a **FUNNEL CLOUD** has been confirmed to be in or approaching Hamilton County. The sirens **no longer have ANYTHING** to do with thunderstorm warnings or watches.

Please take cover in the lowest part of your home and tune into local news on a radio or television.

Only call the Rangers for an emergency during any storm, as resources are spread out managing damage and making emergency runs. Your help is appreciated!!

Village of Indian Hill 4th of July Celebration



Despite the rainy weather, the 25th annual 4th of July celebration went on without missing a beat. The parade, which began at Cincinnati Country Day School, ended at Stephan Field had food, drinks, and entertainment. Susan Peskin

and Anita Minturn, the resident planners, made certain that rain wouldn't ruin *their* parade!

Thank you to Anita Minturn for the nearly 20 years she devoted to coordinating park festivities for the 4th of July. A lot of organization goes into this, especially at the last moment; she always did a wonderful job (rain or shine) and always with a smile!

Her dedication and commitment will be missed.



Indian Hill Veterans Memorial Dedicated on July 4, 2011

The vision of an Indian Hill resident became a reality on July 4th when the dedication of the Indian Hill Veterans Memorial took place. The Memorial, located by the Bird Sanctuary (across from Stephan Field), was built using just over \$170,000 of private donations, and is made up of 130 pavers.

Over 400 people were at the dedication to observe skydivers from Team Fastrax and music by the Indian Hill High School Band. Opening remarks were made by Mayor David T. Ottenjohn, and Honorary Chair, Bob McDonald, shared his experiences while serving our country. The program also



included flag raising, National Anthem, and Taps performed by the Marine Corps Honor Guard. Tri-State Warbird Museum provided a flyover of a B-25 and several other military aircraft. The Invocation and Benediction were presented by Dr. David Hawley (Indian Hill Church) and Father Terence Quinn (Saint Gertrude Church) respectively.

If you haven't seen the Memorial, please stop by for this very historic part of the Village of Indian Hill.



What's all the BUZZ About?

If you can find yourself away from the din of lawn mowers and air conditioners, enjoy the late summer symphony that insects are playing both day and night. They are filling the air with a vast array of buzzes, chirps, trills, and tics. Be assured we are not their intended audience. Most often we are hearing the males trying to attract a mate or announce their territories.

Who are the predominant musicians of the daytime orchestra? Along many of the trails of our village's parks one can both hear and find the short horned grasshoppers. So named because their antennae are less than half their body length, they are best represented by what we consider the common grasshopper. Insects lack vocal chords, so how do they produce any noise at all? These grasshoppers, also called locusts, rub the inside of one hind leg against a front wing to make their sound. This method of rubbing one body part against another to make sound is called stridulation. Walk slowly through low vegetation and you will likely startle these well camouflaged insects. Watch for them to take flight, their wings creating a crackling noise. Grasshoppers possess chewing mouth parts and feed on plant matter. While huge populations can cause severe crop damage, they are not considered a serious pest in our vicinity. In turn, they are important in the diets of birds and are also eaten by spiders, reptiles, and amphibians.



By the time this issue of the Bulletin reaches you, there will hopefully still be some cicadas buzzing from the treetops during the day. These are the insects most commonly associated with the dog days of

August. Large bodied and mistakenly called locusts, these annual cicadas are not to be confused with the periodical cicadas that arrive in enormous numbers every 17 years. In contrast, the dog day broods emerge annually and in much smaller numbers. It's not unusual to find their empty brown nymphal skins clinging to vegetation or tree trunks. Having spent 3 years underground feeding on tree roots they finally emerge to cast off their skin, dry their new wings, and take to the tree tops. Here they make their droning sounds by using a large muscle to vibrate each of two membranes called tymbals. The variation of buzzing is determined by the opening and closing of the covers of the tymbals. Cicadas have sucking mouth parts to feed on plant juices, but their feeding causes little damage. While their primary predators are birds, they also fall victim to the large cicada killer wasp. The female will locate a cicada (twice the size of the wasp), sting, paralyze, and fly it into a prepared hole in loose soil. She will lay an egg on the cicada and upon hatching, the larva will feed off of it.

With the approach of darkness, the grasshoppers

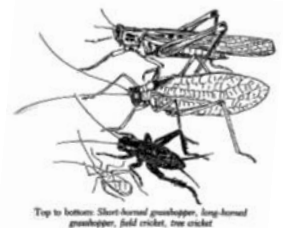
and cicadas wind down their singing and are upstaged by the nocturnal serenade of the long horned grasshoppers; the crickets and katydid. Both of these insect families are characterized by chewing mouth parts and long antennae that are body length or longer. They make their sounds through stridulation. The females are easily identified by the long swordlike egg laying tube or ovipositor at the tip of their abdomen.

The common field cricket is black or brown and can often be found under a log or even under an outside doormat during the day. Be patient and you may be rewarded by observing a male raise and vibrate its wings, producing their characteristic chirp by rubbing a series of ridges on one wing across a scraper on another wing. They eat plant matter, seeds, and insects. In turn, they are eaten by spiders, centipedes, birds, reptiles, and amphibians. Not fully committed to living outdoors, they often make their way into our basements in the fall. Here they may be joined by brown and hump backed camel crickets. Although not as well known or as frequently seen, the snowy tree crickets are a slender and delightful singer of late summer and early fall. They are white or pale green and can often be found on low vegetation. Their evening song is an unmistakable high pitched trill.

We'll never know whether katy did or katy didn't but the discussion is one of the greatest pleasures of summer evenings. There are at least three species of katydids in our area, one of which sings in a high pitched series of tic..tic..tics as opposed to the familiar katydid rendition. This particular species is attracted to light and may very well appear on your screens, giving you the opportunity to closely watch a musician in action. With green bodies and wings that mimic leaves, all the katydids have perfect camouflage from predators.

Insects are cold blooded and as such, take on the temperature of the air around them. For this reason, you will notice a slower rate of insect songs on a cooler evening and a more rapid rate on hot nights. It really is true that you can determine the approximate air temperature by counting the number of cricket chirps in 15 seconds and adding 37!

With the arrival of early fall, most insects have mated and thereby completed their life cycles. Keep an ear open, however, on the remaining warm, sunny days for the last grasshopper songs of the season. An occasional katydid or two may still be having their perennial discussion on warmer nights until the first frost. From then on, days and nights will remain considerably quieter until the symphony tunes up again next summer.



Top to bottom: Short horned grasshopper, long horned grasshopper, field cricket, tree cricket

Members of the Indian Hill Shooting Club, Indian Hill Village residents, as well as Kindervelt members and friends from numerous Cincinnati communities, and Kentucky, gathered at Elk Creek Hunt Club near Owenton, Kentucky to support Kindervelt and Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center and the Division of Asthma Research. Kindervelt had a first time ever Couples and Pairs Sporting



Buffy and Eppa Rixey relax after the event

Clay Shoot on June 10, led by Kindervelt City President, Buffy Rixey and former Indian Hill Mayor Eppa Rixey. The 40-plus-person contingent took to the shooting course in golf carts with shotguns in hand, to "have a go" at the 50 flying clay targets and bonus stations, after a gourmet luncheon on the Club's veranda. Braving

temperatures in the mid-90's, the group had a great time chasing clay targets across the skies of Kentucky. Instruction was provided for those who were new to the sport and ice cream donated by United Dairy Farmers kept everyone cool.

One of the more experienced shooters actually broke all 50 targets. But, no matter how few or how many targets were scored, all the participants really appreciated the chance to

have a good time and contribute to a great cause. Following an afternoon on the course, the group retired to a wine-tasting event and Awards Ceremony at the adjacent Elk Creek Vineyard to finish off the day. Kindervelt plans to continue "having fun while raising funds", and will hold similar events again in the future. An enormous thank you goes to all the generous donors, contributors, and participants who supported this event, which raised more than \$12,000 for Kindervelt and Cincinnati Children's Hospital. A special thank you to Brad Lindner and The United Dairy Farmers, Michael Illyinsky, Andy and Barbara Hauck, Dr Paul Lucky, and Susan and David Deye for their additional contributions.

Mrs. Lynn Pierce gives it a shot



Eppa Rixey coaches Susan Dineen on the shooting stand.



Matthew 25: Ministries has begun a new project of blending unwanted latex paint into 5 gallon containers and shipping them to places like Haiti & Guatemala for their use in their rebuilding efforts.

I am requesting that you consider disposing of your excess, unmarketable but useable, latex paint (PLEASE - LATEX ONLY - NO OIL BASE) and supplies to Matthew 25: Ministries. These paints would then be rebledned and distributed worldwide to the poorest of the poor, our clients.

Hopefully your decision toward Matthew 25: Ministries will be favorable, and I look forward to a long and meaningful relationship with you. Please consider donating

other items as well as latex paint. Should you have any questions or comments, or would like to further explore the possible tax advantages available, please let me know. Thank you very much for your time and consideration.

Best Regards,

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**Indian Hill Tea Party changes its name to
Liberty Alliance Cincinnati**

Cincinnati, Ohio, June 23, 2011 - The Indian Hill Tea Party today announced that it is changing its name to Liberty Alliance Cincinnati.

"We are still associated with the Cincinnati Tea Party and will continue to participate in the Ohio Liberty Council," says founder Jack Painter. "The new name, however, better highlights the core value that drives our mission – the right to individual liberty. This is the right to live our lives as we choose as long as we don't interfere with the equal right of others to do the same."

The idea of individual liberty is the foundation of Liberty

Alliance Cincinnati's core principles of limited government, free enterprise, and fiscal responsibility.

"Our founding fathers believed that the only way to protect individual liberty is through constitutionally limited government," noted Eppa Rixey, the President of the organization.

"When liberty exists, we experience the spontaneous order of free markets, which leads to prosperity and creates the opportunities and resources needed to help the less fortunate." "And when the role of government is properly limited, it is easier to achieve fiscal responsibility (government living within its means)."

"Our new name reflects our geographic reach as our membership includes people from beyond Indian Hill," says Rixey. "It also reinforces the fact that the tea party movement is not a political party."

Liberty Alliance Cincinnati was founded in 2009 and has over 550 members. It has monthly meetings that are open to the public and provides a non-partisan forum to learn about, discuss, and address important public policy issues.

To learn more about upcoming events and activities, go to www.LibertyAllianceCincinnati.org. or call Jack Painter at 739-4013.

Indian Hill Church Art Show Bidding For Good – New Feature for the Indian Hill Church Art Show

Enthusiasm is building for the Tenth annual Indian Hill Church Art Show which will again feature the excellent talent of this region with artists offering paintings in oils, acrylics, pastels, water colors, and other materials. Master pieces in photography, glass, enamel and ceramics, woodworking, note cards, fiber art, and jewelry will also be for sale. This show has become a highlight of the Arts' Season in Cincinnati and one of the most popular fundraisers, contributing over \$20,000 to the church's community outreach programs.

The Art Show will be held at the Indian Hill Church, 6000 Drake Road, on Friday, November 11th, from 6:00-9:00 p.m. and on Saturday, November 12th, from 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

The Art Show will, once again, be accompanied by a **Bidding for Good** on line auction; after a very successful introduction last year. This is an additional way of increasing our gift giving to the community. **This is how it works:**

Instead of donating items to a silent auction as in the past, individuals, businesses, artists, and groups are donating items to be auctioned on the on-line site, www.biddingforgood.com/indianhillchurch. **Bidding For Good** will not replace the art show in any way; it just replaces the other fund raising events at the Art Show. The actual site is available for viewing and bidding starting Sunday, November 6 at 8:00 a.m., closing Monday, November 14 at 8:00 p.m. The auction will include many unique holiday gifts, including jewelry, sports and entertainment tickets, dining, shopping gift cards, and offerings of a wide range of popular services within the community.

“This year we have a spectacular array

of area talent. From contemporary and traditional art, to exquisite jewelry, glass, ceramics, photography, wood, enamel and fiber art, as well as wonderful Navajo jewelry and crafts, you will be sure to find something that fits your taste and budget. “The addition of the **Bidding For Good** online auction will make this another exciting year because this allows more people to acquire unique holiday gifts while benefiting community outreach programs. If you have never participated before, we hope you will go online and bid for some of the wonderful items and also join us for this fun community event.” comments Susan Bierer, Chair of the Show.

On Friday night, church members make the delicious signature appetizers that are passed throughout the evening by Youth Group members who have overwhelming enthusiasm. Church greeters will be on hand during the Show to offer assistance and answer any questions guests may have. In order to enhance everyone's comfort, art will be in four rooms of the church. This will allow the patrons an opportunity to talk with the artists as they walk leisurely through the event viewing the exquisite pieces of work and will provide a comfortable atmosphere for everyone. And, of course, there will be valet parking on Friday night to make everyone's evening more enjoyable.

The Saturday hours are offered to allow busy patrons who can not come on Friday night an opportunity to see the art and to allow extra time for a second look for the many who want a more relaxed atmosphere in which to browse. Patrons coming on Saturday will find that this day is pleasant and unhurried, and snack items and coffee will be provided.

Who's there?

Artists who have already been confirmed for this year's show are:

Painters:

Jan Boone, Barbara Chenault, Hubert Collet, Noriko Fields, Bar-

bara Guthridge Landen, Carin Hebenstreit, Sue Helbling, Gilda Horn, Mary Beth Karaus, Kate Lackman, David Laug, Richard Luscek, Carol MacConnell, Susan Mahan, Chuck Marshall, Diane Seeman, Bruce Neville, Nancy Nordloh Neville, Karin Sheer, Leslie Shiels, Joanne Sloneker, Joe Stewart, Donna Talerico, Ginny Tilbury, Megan Heekin Triantafillou, Visionaries and Voices, Mary Jean Weber, Trish Weeks.

Photographers:

Linda Seal, Helen Verkamp, Gwlenys Reid, Tim Freeman

Fiber/Textile Artists:

Allen Fruechtemeyer, Meg Gates, Pat Statzer, Penny Davidson, Katie Swartz.

Jewelers:

Deb Krehbiel, Ellen Hammond, Pam Fellerhoff, Lisa Ingler, Bob Blum.

Enamel Artist:

Jamie Frechette

Woodcraft Artists:

Jon Reckling

Mike Pankion

Glass and Ceramic Artists:

Diane Marcus

Patrick Dougherty

Recycled Material Artist:

Halominer by Nicole Reblando

Who Does It Help?

This spectacular event not only showcases this region's artistic talent, but it provides an opportunity for art patrons to purchase original work while having thirty percent of the dollars spent fund the Church's outreach programs. Literally, hundreds of deserving recipients are helped through **Inter Parish Ministries (IPM), Madisonville Educational and Assistance Center (MEAC), Interfaith Hospitality Network (IHN), Free Store Food Bank, the Jail Ministry, Matthew 25: Ministries, Winners Walk Tall, Hamilton County Youth Center, People Working Cooperatively (PWC), the Avondale Ecumenical Consortium Program, the Music Resource Center, Glad House and church mission trips.**

Over the years, the entire congregation has become deeply involved in the success of this event. From set-up to clean up, hundreds of parishioners volunteer their time and talents to make the Show enjoyable for all guests. Susan Bierer chairs this event and Volunteer Leaders include Rosemary Ballard, Jane Bennett, Doug Bierer, Bruce Blocksom, Stephanie and Vic Curtis, Mary Dieckmann, Laurel Edwards, Ivan and Jean Forsythe, Martha Lowe, Barbara McFarland, Cindy and Vern McNeill, Amy Meyer, Pam Middendorff, Susie

Myers, Patrick Nesbitt, Cindy Neumann, Kitsa Rhoad, Judy and Dave Scroggins, Linda Seal, Sharon and Dean Shanley and Clark and Ellen Sole. The Art Show could not happen without the support of Dr. David Hawley, Pastor, The Reverend Anne Wridler, Rector, and staff members Ann Pardue, Karen Pauly, Kim Sedam, Danny Spears, Michelle VanOudenallen, Barb Hoffman, and John Adams.

What are the details of this event?

The Indian Hill Church Art Show is open to the public and a five dollar ad-

mittance donation for adults will be requested on Friday night. Saturday is free. Donations and sales are via credit cards, checks, or cash. Also, be sure to visit www.biddingforgood.com/indianhillchurch. For more details about the event or an item to donate for the online auction, please contact Karen Pauly, www.indianhillchurch.org, or call the Church office at (513) 561-6805 ext. 302.

Committee for Responsible School Spending Urges Board of Education To Repeal 2009 Tax Increase, Cut School Spending by \$1.6 Million

The Committee for Responsible School Spending represents Indian Hill School District residents who believe that district spending must be brought back in line with comparable schools in our area.

The Indian Hill Board of Education is currently at work on next year's budget. The Board is also negotiating a two-year contract with the Indian Hill affiliate of the National Education Association.

Decisions made by the Board in the weeks ahead will impact school costs for the next two years.

The Committee calls on the Board to:

- Repeal the 2009 tax increase, and
- Reduce spending by at least 5%, which represents \$1.6 million.

There are 600-plus public school districts in Ohio, divided into 16 regions. The southwest Ohio region comprises 48 districts. The Ohio Department of Education designates high-performing districts as *Excellent With Distinction*. Several years ago, Indian Hill was one of eight Hamilton County districts in this elite category. At that time:

- Indian Hill ranked 2nd among its seven local peers in percent of students graduating with Honors

- Indian Hill ranked 4th among its seven peers in percent of Advanced Placement test scores of 3 or higher

- Indian Hill ranked 5th in graduation rate

- Indian Hill ranked 5th in percent of teachers who have a masters degree or better

- Indian Hill ranked 3rd in the Department of Education's overall *Performance Index*

Indian Hill was then demoted to *Excellent*.

It has just been re-designated *Excellent With Distinction*.

Statewide, Indian Hill is in the 99.5 percentile of cost per student, which is \$15,373.

Indian Hill's \$15,373 cost per student is \$3,653 more than the average of our six local districts currently rated *Excellent With Distinction*.

It's tempting to suppose that Indian Hill's extraordinary cost per student is a result of Indian Hill being the best of the best.

The data just cited, however, which are from the Ohio Department of Education itself, don't support that assumption.

How then do we account for Indian Hill's exceptionally high cost per student?

The answer is found in the Ohio Department of Education database under the heading *District Assessed Property Valuation Per Pupil*.

The tax base per student is derived by

dividing the number of students into the total value of private and commercial property.

For Indian Hill, the tax base per student is \$643,000. Compared with its peers, the Indian Hill tax base is almost double Sycamore's. It's three times Mariemont's tax base, and four times Wyoming's.

Why does tax base matter?

Under Ohio's archaic school funding statutes, which date back to the 1970s, no school district is permitted to reduce its tax rate below 20 mills per \$100 of property assessment. This provision is called the *20-mill floor*.

Because of Indian Hill's enormous \$1.3 billion property base, school tax revenues accumulate in excess of Indian Hill's school budget.

As of May 31, Indian Hill had over \$33.5 million in *Net Cash and Investments* stashed away in bank accounts. That's an average of roughly \$6,000 per school district taxpaying household.

It's enough to fund Indian Hill schools for a year.

Clearly the time has come to repeal the 2009 tax increase, which imposed an unnecessary, additional, burden on school district taxpayers.

The Committee also urges the Board to reduce next year's budget by at least 5% in order to start bringing the inflated cost per student back into line with Indian Hill's peer school dis-

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tricts.

To save the \$1.6 million that a 5% reduction represents, it's necessary to start with personnel costs.

In FY 2009, 84% of Indian Hill's school district budget was spent on teachers, administrators, and support personnel. Base salaries represented 64% of operating costs. Benefits accounted for the remaining 20%.

According to national data from the Federal Bureau of Labor Statistics, teacher salaries (along with those of other public sector employees), have increased nearly 25% over the last decade. Private sector incomes have increased barely 8%.

In other words, teacher salaries have increased 17% more than the pay of the folks who pay the teachers.

The rise in Indian Hill teacher salaries has been even more dramatic.

The average salary of Indian Hill teachers, with benefits, is currently in the \$85,000-plus range. This is despite the fact that Indian Hill, as already noted, recently ranked fifth among *Excellent With Distinction* school districts in the percent of teachers with a masters degree or better.

Bottom line: the present contract with the Indian Hill Education Association requires major revision. It should be the Board's top priority.

A \$1.6 million saving can't be accomplished by freezing salaries alone.

It's reasonable for teachers to pay a portion of the cost of up-to-now free benefits, such as dental care and life insurance. It's also reasonable for teachers to make larger contributions to healthcare and pension expenses.

In addition to pay and benefit issues, there are other union contract provisions that need to be eliminated so that the Superintendent can manage effectively. For example:

- The current union contract requires the Superintendent to remediate an underperforming teacher for up to three years before that teacher can be dismissed. The Superintendent is even required to provide a remedial "mentor" at taxpayer expense.

For as long as three years, the inadequate teacher remains eligible for all benefits, plus annual automatic salary increases. This arrangement is not only unacceptable, it's a three-year disaster for students.

- There is no provision in the present contract that enables the Superintendent to award merit pay for particularly effective teachers. Instead, everyone gets an automatic raise every year via so-called *steps*. Not only that, the dollar amount of each step is also bumped up each year. These two annual increments compound each other to raise salaries even faster.

- A rigid seniority system constrains the Superintendent when it's necessary to reduce staff. Earlier this year, a promising young math teacher was terminated because she was lowest on the Indian Hill seniority totem pole. She was immediately hired by Cincinnati Country Day School.

The Committee believes the Board must refuse to approve a contract with provisions like these that adversely impact the educational mission of Indian Hill schools.

A final note:

Taxpayers who protest Indian Hill's inflated school expenditures are sometimes cautioned that any attempt to moderate excessive costs will trigger a drop in property values.

If this were true, logic would suggest that property values in Camp Dennison, for example, should be on a par with Indian Hill, because Camp Dennison is also part of the Indian Hill School district.

The fact that Camp Dennison real estate is not at the same level as Indian Hill property, strongly suggests that the decision to purchase a home in Indian Hill is based on many other factors than hyper-spending by the Board of Education.

The Committee for Responsible School Spending welcomes email to crss@me.com, or calls to 561-4415.

St. Gertrude Students Head Back to School

Wide-eyed, exuberant, and anxious are just a few words that describe students (and some parents!) at St Gertrude's School as they reported back to school this week. Welcoming them was St Gertrude's new principal, Sister Mary Aquinas, as she greeted 387 students who arrived for a new school year!

"It's been a great first week," said Sr. Mary Aquinas, who arrived this summer from St Cecilia's in Nashville, adding, "I've been in all the classes and am very pleased with how well things are flowing. The faculty and staff have

done a great job getting ready for the year, so I'm delighted to be underway!"

When asked what her main priority was for the school year, the principal smiled broadly saying, "We have a very dedicated faculty and staff, and many wonderful parent organizations and leaders, so communicating with them regularly and the rest of the school community about the tremendous institution we have is vital to enhance relationships and increase enrollment and retention at St Gertrude's."

To learn more about St Gertrude's School, go to www.stgertrudesch.org.

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The Woman's Art Club of Cincinnati Foundation's fourth annual fund raiser, "An Evening at the Barn" is offering for sale via silent auction, an important Bessie Wessel still life painting.

Please join the Woman's Art Club Cultural Center Foundation as we celebrate our 4th annual fund raiser, "An Evening at the Barn", on Saturday, October 1st, 2011, at the "BARN" in Mariemont, from 6-9 p.m.

Setting the stage this year for the event is a striking painting by Bessie Hoover Wessel. The oil painting will be available for purchase via a Silent Auction.

Bessie Hoover Wessel was president of the WAC from 1917-1919. Bessie studied under Lewis Henry Meakin, Herman Wessel, and Frank Duveneck.

She is mainly known for her portraits, but also for her brightly colored still life's of memorabilia, fruit, and flowers. The painting, donated by the Wessel family, is one of her most spectacular still-life compositions. It is oil on board, size 40"x 35". "Still Life" may be viewed at Eisele Gallery of Fine Art during the month of September. Pre-auction estimate is \$7,500.00-\$10,000.00, with a minimum opening bid of \$5,000.00. Bids will be accepted from September 1, until the evening of October 1. If interested, please call, 513-272-0089 for more information and to register for the silent auction.

While enjoying elegant edibles, music, martinis, and wine, you will be able to peruse this year's Gallery Sale which is an exhibit of WACC active members' excellent work. This year a total of \$500.00 in prize money will be given to 1st and 2nd level prize winners. A percentage of artists' sales will benefit the WACC Foundation's programs.

Mini masters are back by popular demand. These 8x10 originals are all available for sale unframed for just \$99.00.

Don't miss this year's exciting raffle. The items are:

"An Evening of Dinner and Theater"; four tickets to Playhouse in the Park and dinner on the Hill.

"Stunning, Dramatic and Handsome"; 14K yellow gold link necklace from the Frank Herchede Co. The necklace is currently valued at \$7,000.00 and has been donated by a generous patron.

"An Evening at the Barn" is \$50.00 per person or \$ 75.00 a couple. The "BARN" is located at 6980 Cambridge Avenue, Mariemont, Ohio 45227. For more information call the "Barn" at 272-3700 or go to www.womansartclub.com. Proceeds will benefit on-going projects and community outreach at the Barn.

Co-chairs for "Evening at the Barn" are Barbara Weyand and Larry McGruder; with committee members, Jan Boone, Stan Bahler, Myrtle Blankenmueler, Diana Kilfoil, Jane McDonald, Alleen Manning, Sherie Marek, Jan Ring, Carol Rentchler, Joanne Sloneker, Susan VanVleet, and Don Wymore.

Open House for Autism Education Building Brings Families, Donors, Teachers together

Stepping Stones showed off its newly expanded autism education program with an open house on June 23, bringing together donors who made the expansion possible and the people most impacted by that expansion – the families of students and their teachers.

Stepping Stones' Step-Up program offers alternative education for students with severe autism and challenging behaviors who cannot succeed in a typical school setting.

"I don't know what I would have done without this program," said Jennifer Casey, whose daughter, Chloe, was the first student when the program opened in 2004. Casey chatted with funders and teachers at the open house, including Humana of Ohio President Tim Cappel and his wife, Cyndi.

Humana was the biggest funder for the expansion, awarding Stepping Stones its \$100,000 Humana Communities Benefit grant in 2009.

The \$390,000 expansion project included building a two-story addition on an existing building and renovating the interior to meet sensory and educational needs. The new

education space includes individual study rooms, a kitchen, a group learning area, calming areas, and separate education levels for new students with intense behaviors and more established students with stronger interaction skills. It was designed by David Berger Architecture and constructed by Berger Building Co. The expansion allows the program to serve 22 students. Currently 19 students are enrolled from 12 school districts.

The Cappels joined fellow donors Rita and John Picton of Indian Hill and Jana Martin Kemp, representing funder Toyota, in touring the newly expanded program.

Donors included Humana, an Anonymous Foundation, The Farmer Family Foundation, The Greater Cincinnati Foundation, The Louise Harkness and David Sinton Ingalls Foundation, The Louise Taft Semple Foundation, Kay and Kroger Pettengill, Richard Robinson, John Shepherd, Mr. and Mrs. Wiley Dinsmore, the Adele Bogart Fitzpatrick Fund, Susan and Smith Hickenlooper, Marcia Knowles, Macy's Foundation, Rita and John Picton, Ronald McDonald House Charities, Toyota Foundation, Carole Twyman and The Williams Foundation.

Volunteers from GE Aviation built garden retaining walls for the project. Humana volunteers helped with landscaping and placed the final stone in the retaining wall.

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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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. 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.

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

You can find the Indian Hill Bulletin on our website at 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.

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.

**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**

Buckingham Lodge—The Center for Village History

The yellow two-story farmhouse located at 8650 Road, known as Buckingham Lodge or the Bonnell House, is the office of the Indian Hill Historical Society. Its storied past complements its current day purpose.



In 1832, Aaron Bonnell purchased 180 acres of land along what is now Camargo Road. His granddaughter, Lola Louise Bonnell was born to Florence Buckingham and William James Bonnell in the Civil War era frame house that still stands today. The Bonnell and Buckingham families played a significant role in the nineteenth century development of Indian Hill. Lola resided at the family homestead for her entire lifetime, from 1885 – 1966. She never married and cared for her parents until they died, then devotedly visited their graves in Miamiville’s Evergreen Cemetery.

Miss Bonnell called the farm “Bonnie Acres”. Indian Hill and her heritage were important to her. She was a loyal member of the Daughters of the America Revolution, an avid supporter of the Indian Hill Rangers, and a regular attendee at Village Council and Board of Education meetings. Lola was an accomplished horsewoman and gardener. She grew vegetables and flowers and tended poultry in her chicken coop. She was often seen walking the byways of the Village, for she never owned a car. When she died, she gave her house and land to the Village, stipulating that her home be named “Buckingham Lodge” and that her adjacent land (13 acres) be called “Bonnell Park.”

For some time, the Village rented the home. By 1988, the house had deteriorated, and it was almost demolished. But a combined effort of the Indian Hill Historical Society, Village Council, and friends in the area saved the structure. Council provided the money initially budgeted to raze the house, and an Historical Society fund drive matched it. Renovations took two years. Once the aluminum siding was removed, black walnut and cypress clapboards were exposed, probably from local forests. The interior and exterior were restored. The original barn burned down, but Lola’s chicken coop still remains. Bonnell Park, adjacent to the house site, is managed by the Green Areas Advisory Committee and is popular with trail riders and birdwatchers.



Buckingham Lodge has been the office of the Indian Hill Historical Society since 1990. The front four rooms are decorated in period style, to resemble a turn of the 20th century farmhouse. The archives and offices are in the back of the structure. The Hauck Library and Resource Center, donated in 1998 in honor of IHHS co-founder Andrew C. Hauck, Jr., is the repository of Village history, and has education and preservation as its purpose. In 2010, the Dupree Archive Room was created for records and memorabilia. The office interior has recently been updated, painted, and rearranged.

The newly refreshed Lodge is an active site in Indian Hill. Residents stop by to research such topics as house histories, genealogies, bridle trails, and former schoolmates. Trustees and members frequent the building for meetings and organizational sessions, and the staff attends to the ongoing activities of the Historical Society. Members occasionally rent the Lodge for social gatherings. Historic Buckingham Lodge reflects Indian Hill’s heritage while being vital to its citizens.

THE INDIAN HILL HISTORICAL SOCIETY
2011–2012 SEASON OF PROGRAMS
WWW.INDIANHILL.ORG — 513–891-1873

**MEMORIES OF THE
CAMARGO HUNT**

Sunday, Sept. 18, 2011, 4:00 p.m.
The Little Red Schoolhouse
Autumn Supper and Refreshments

Steeped in tradition, the Camargo Hunt is linked to Village history, lands, families, and social activities.

Begun in the “Roaring Twenties” the Hunt still flourishes today.

Members of the Camargo Hunt will share memories of the *Hounds, the Hunting and the Horses!*



**CINCINNATI'S
GOLDEN AGE OF BREWING**

Sunday, Oct. 16, 2011, 4:00 p.m.
The Little Red Schoolhouse
Autumn Dinner with a German Flare & of course, Beer!

The brewers and breweries of Cincinnati have a rich and colorful history.

From the Embree Brewery in 1812 to the Hudepohl and Schoenling companies—Cincinnati's have been proud to express their love of beer that can be traced back to their



THE ART OF RESTORATION

Sunday, Nov. 13, 2011, 4:00 p.m.
On Site—Old World Restoration
Gourmet Hors D'oeuvres & Wine

Join us for a “field trip” to see first hand the art of restoring fine silver, china, crystal, photographs, antiques and paintings.

Learn preservation tips for your treasures from the experts.

Doug Eisle will lead our discussions at the studio of “Old World Restoration”.



VILLAGE CHRISTMAS PARTY

Sunday, Dec. 4, 2011, 3-5:00 p.m.
The Little Red Schoolhouse

Bring your family and join your friends, and neighbors for the Historical Society's Annual **Village Christmas Party**.

Make merry with the holiday music, the juggler, the magician, the balloon artists, the face painters, and of course, **SANTA!**



Grog, nog, and homemade cookies top off our Annual Gift to the Village.

EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

**ONE-ROOM SCHOOLHOUSE
EXPERIENCE**

4th Grade Program
2 weeks in January and February—2012
The Little Red Schoolhouse

Local history and experiencing what it was like to attend an 1873 one-room schoolhouse is the theme of this field trip for over **300 area children**.

Dip pen writing, slate arithmetic, McGuffey Reader Recitations, and recess marbles ... **What fun!**

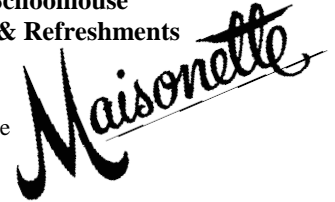


**LOVE OF CUISINE—
THE HISTORY OF THE MAISONETTE**

Sunday, February 19, 2012, 12:30 p.m.
The Little Red Schoolhouse
Gourmet Luncheon & Refreshments

Savor the memories of the beloved **Maisonette Restaurant**, from its origin in 1949 through forty-one years of culinary delights and 5 Star excellence.

Nat Comisar will share stories of his family, the Maisonette's notable guests, and behind the scenes challenges and successes.



JOHN HAUSER

Sunday, April 22, 2012, 4:00 p.m.
The Little Red Schoolhouse
POT LUCK SUPPER

Enjoy this exciting introduction of E.P. Harris and Jerry Glenn's great new book

**“Straight White Shield-
A Life and Times of John Hauser.”**

Hear Mr. Harris tell the fascinating story of Cincinnati artist John Hauser's lifelong enchantment with the American Indian and the American West.

**A SPECIAL EXHIBITION OF
HAUSER PAINTINGS
WILL COMPLEMENT THIS**



33RD ANNUAL HOUSE TOUR

Sunday, May 20, 2012, 1:00 p.m.
Starting at the Little Red Schoolhouse

A Highlight of our Program Year. The Annual House Tour offers a unique opportunity to visit three of Indian Hill Village's loveliest homes.

After the tour, guests are treated to a lavish wine and hors d'oeuvres buffet.



A members only event

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