COUNCIL ACTIONS
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
June 15, 2015

- Held a Public Hearing on the 2016 Tentative Tax Budget
- Passed a Resolution Adopting the 2016 Tentative Tax Budget for the Village of Indian Hill for Fiscal Year beginning January 1, 2016 and submitting same to Hamilton County Auditor
- Second Reading – Ordinance amending Chapter 91 of the Code of Ordinances by adding Section 91.06 “Voiding of Fecal Matter” and adding a new penalty section to existing Section 91.99
- Third Reading – Ordinance changing the rates by 5% to be charged for water supplied to customers by amending Section 51.55 (Rates) of the Code of Ordinances (ORDINANCE PASSED – EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015)

PLANNING COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING ACTIONS

- The June Planning Commission Meeting was cancelled due to a lack of agenda items.

RANGER ALARM MONITORING
CONVERSION DEADLINE:
DECEMBER 31, 2015

Over the past year, half of the alarms monitored by the Rangers have been converted from the Dangel system to the new KoorsenNet system. The Dangel system will be retired December 31, 2015 and if you have an alarm system monitored by the Rangers and the radio link in your system has not been converted, please contact your alarm company to request this important upgrade. If you have any questions about this transition, please call the Village office at 561-6500.

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

July 2015
Mayor’s Court 6:00 p.m. July 13, 2015

August 2015
Mayor’s Court/Council Meeting 6:00 p.m. Aug. 10, 2015
Planning Commission 7:00 p.m. Aug. 18, 2015
Mayor’s Court/Council Meeting 6:00 p.m. Aug. 24, 2015

September 2015
Green Areas Advisory Comm 5:30 p.m. Sept. 2, 2015
Recreation Commission 7:30 p.m. Sept. 7, 2015
Planning Commission 7:00 p.m. Sept. 15, 2015
Mayor’s Court/Council Meeting 6:00 p.m. Sept. 21, 2015

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August 14, 2015
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10048 Campbell St, Camp Dennison OH 45111
513-831-5659
Alfred B Winters Jr, Pastor
10:45 am Sunday Worship Service
7:00 pm Tues Night Bible Study & Perfecting Class
2:30 pm 1st Sundays, Ministry of Love at Heartland of Madeira Nursing Home
7:00 pm 4th Friday Men & Women Fellowship (please call for Host/Hostess location for the month)

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ST. GERTRUDE PARISH
Miami Ave. & Shawnee Run Rd.
Church 561-5954
School 561-8020
Religious Education 561-8369
www.stgertrude.org
Fr. Andre-Joseph LaCasse, O.P. Pastor
Sister Mary Aquinas, O.P. Principal
Shari Siebert, Dir. of Religious Education

Mass Schedule:
Daily: 7:00, 8:00 & 11:30 a.m.
Saturday: 4:30 p.m.
Sunday: 8:00, 9:30 & 11:00 a.m.

THE INDIAN HILL CLUB
SWIM & TENNIS
Dot Lane off Shawnee Run Road
Across from St. Gertrude, www.ihclub.com

INDIAN HILL WINTER CLUB
10005 Fletcher Road
Camp Dennison, OH 45111
513-576-9444
ihwinterclub.com

ARMSTRONG CHAPEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
5125 Drake Road
Cincinnati, Ohio 45243—561-4220
www.armstrongchapel.org
Greg Stover, Senior Pastor
Jim Nathan, Associate Pastor
Stanley Lawrence, Associate Pastor
Kyle Hazen, Pastor to Students
8:20 a.m. Traditional Worship in Old Chapel
9:40 a.m. Traditional Worship in Sanctuary
11:11 a.m. Contemporary Worship in Worship Ctr.
Adult Christian Education at 8:20, 9:40, 10:00 & 11:00
Student Christian Education at 9:40
Children’s Christian Education at 9:40 & 11:00
Nursery care provided at 9:40 & 11:00
Student Ministries on Wed. at 7:00 p.m.

THE INDIAN HILL CHURCH
Episcopal—Presbyterian
6000 Drake Road
Telephone: 561-6805
www.indianhillchurch.org
Rev. Stephen Caine, Presbyterian Minister
Rev. Heather Wiseman, Episcopal Interim Priest
Michelle VanOudenaarden, Dir. of Youth Christian Ed
Jennifer Taylor, Dir. Of Children & Family Ministries
Worship Schedule: Sunday 8 am & 10:30 am
(Alternating Services: Episcopal/Presbyterian)
Nursery/Preschool care provided 10:30 am
Sunday School (K-7th grade) 10:30 am
Adult Ed Forum 9 am (Sept-May)
Open Table 9:30 am (Sept-May)

CINCINNATI FRIENDS MEETING
8075 Keller Road—791-0788
www.cincinnatifriends.org
Donne Hayden, Minister & Public Friend
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
8136 Wooster Pike, Cincinnati, Ohio 45227
513-576-6000
www.sonrise-church.com
Facebook: facebook.com/SonRiseCommunityChurch
Twitter: @sonrisecc
Contemporary Worship & K-6 Programs:
Sundays @ 9 a.m. & 11 a.m.
Childcare provided at both services
Jr. & Sr. High Sundays @ 6 p.m.

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

GREENACRES ARTS CENTER
8400 Blome Road, 45243
513-793-2787

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ADMINISTRATIVE BUILDING BACK ENTRANCE
CLOSED TEMPORARILY – JUNE 29TH

Beginning Monday, June 29, 2015, the back entrance to the Administrative Offices at 6525 Drake Road will be closed temporarily due to building repairs. Although the back parking lot will be accessible for visitors, you will be required to walk around to the front of the building (Drake Road side) to enter.

As a reminder, there is parking available on Drake Road in front of the Administrative Offices for your convenience. We anticipate the closure to last approximately three weeks. Village staff appreciates your patience during this time.

COME CELEBRATE JULY 4TH IN THE VILLAGE!

The Village of Indian Hill’s Annual July 4th parade and festivities will take place on Saturday, July 4, 2015. This year’s resident planners, Barbara Sharp and Leigh Anne Meurer, along with Recreation Program Coordinator Jack Alley, are planning an event you won’t want to miss! It will be a great event for the entire family!

2015 Grand Marshals Mr. Harold Thomas and Mrs. Margret Thomas (in Memoriam) will lead the parade that begins at Cincinnati Country Day School at 10:00 a.m. The parade will travel along Given Road to Shawnee Run to Stephan Field. Food, fun and activities will be on hand at Stephan Field following the parade. For your convenience, Village staff will be available in the Indian Hill booth to answer questions about services and programs.

In keeping with tradition, the Village will sponsor a fireworks display which will begin at approximately 9:45 p.m. at Stephan Field! Bring your blankets and picnic baskets and enjoy the gorgeous lights!

Please contact Barbara Sharp, 561-3347, Leigh Anne Meurer, 561-7977 or Jack Alley, Recreation Program Coordinator, 979-6212 if you are interested in participating in any of the events.

Also – please remember to honor those who fought for our freedoms that are celebrated and cherished on July 4th. Please visit the Veterans Memorial across from Stephan Field.

4TH OF JULY PARADE GRAND MARSHALS
MR. HAROLD THOMAS AND MRS. MARGRET THOMAS (IN MEMORIAM)

Village Council is proud to announce Mr. Harold Thomas and Mrs. Margret Thomas (In Memoriam) as the Grand Marshals for the 2015 July 4th parade. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas have lived in the Village for almost 50 years and have contributed greatly in many ways to the community, but most specifically to the Madeira & Indian Hill Joint Fire District.

After reading an article about the District’s need for new fire stations, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas immediately offered to help. Within a short time, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas agreed to enter into a Gift Agreement with the Village which provided the resources to design, engineer and construct two new fire stations located at the intersections of Shawnee Run and Drake Roads and Euclid and Miami Avenues.

The Thomas’ genuine passion to contribute to an organization that provides high quality fire and EMS services will benefit not only those who live in the District but those in surrounding communities. Their generosity reaches beyond borders and will positively affect the quality of life for so many people. What they have done for our community is unprecedented, highly respected and will be honored for generations. They have redefined the phrase “Paying It Forward” and have reminded us all of the importance of fulfilling its message.

The Thomas’ have two children who attended Indian Hill schools. Mr. Thomas worked for his father’s company Thomas Foods for thirteen (13) years and subsequently with Sysco Foods for nine (9) years. After Sysco Foods, Mr. Thomas was a professor of marketing for eleven (11) years at Wilmington College where he commuted daily from Indian Hill.

The Village of Indian Hill wishes to thank Mr. and Mrs. Thomas for all they have done and continue to do to support the Village of Indian Hill.
VILLAGE INCREASES WATER RATES BY 5%
FIRST INCREASE SINCE MAY, 2008

As indicated in last month’s Bulletin, Council has been considering a 5.0% increase in the water rate for several months. This recommended increase is based on the need to replace several water mains that have been extended beyond their normal life expectancy in addition to the increase in water demand over the years. It will be the first increase for residents since May, 2008.

The first reading of the Ordinance to increase the water rate took place on April 20, 2015 with the second reading taking place on May 18, 2015. The third and final reading took place on June 15, 2015. Council passed the Ordinance unanimously; consequently, the new rate will take effect on July 1, 2015.

If you have any questions regarding this pending change to the water rates, please contact Dina Minneci, City Manager, at 513-561-6500 or dminneci@ihill.org.

CINCINNATI BELL FIBER OPTICS INSTALLATION

The Cincinnati Bell Telephone Co. has been installing "Fioptics", a fiber-optic technology, for new digital TV, internet (wireless/WiFi) and home phone services. Work started last year (2014) on various streets located throughout the Village of Indian Hill.

Continuation of the work, both underground and aerial, on streets throughout the Village for the remainder of the new system is currently taking place by Cincinnati Bell subcontractors. The current streets under various Village R/W permits are as follows:

Kroger Farm Road, Fox Hollow Drive, Tupelo Lane, Muchmore Point Lane, Muchmore Road, Walton Creek Road, Miami Road, Ahwenasa Lane, Chumani Lane, Surreyhill Lane, Hunter's Trail, Shawnee Run Road, N. Clippinger Drive, Loan Oak Court, Graylock Drive, Marblehead Drive, Peregrine Lane, Carriage Trail, Caroline's Trail, Old Carriage Trail, Tangleridge Lane, Drake Road, Arapaho Lane, Old Stable Road and Post & Rail Lane.

Existing streets with underground services will receive underground (buried) services and existing streets with overhead services will receive overhead (aerial) services. All work is being done within the existing Village street right-of-way (R/W) and/or existing utility easements.

The Village is required by the Public Utilities Commission to provide public utility services (gas, telephone, cable, etc.) within the R/W and/or easements.

TOM KANIS, SHOOTING CLUB RANGE SUPERVISOR RETIRING
JULY 1, 2015 OPEN HOUSE RECEPTION

Mr. Tom Kanis, Village Range Supervisor, will be retiring on July 1, 2015 after 23 years with the Village of Indian Hill.

Mr. Kanis began managing the Indian Hill Shooting Club in 1992. At that time, the Shooting Club had only 65 members and the Club’s Advisory Board wanted it to grow. By 2006, it had grown to over 300 members, and today has more than 600. Some of the Club’s amenities include: two skeet fields, a 5-Stand field, a new shooter practice area, a Rifle and Pistol building, and most recently, a heating system for the rifle firing line. These amenities all came under Mr. Kanis’ constant vision to provide enjoyable and memorable experiences for all his members.

Mr. Kanis possesses and has distributed an unprecedented amount of gun knowledge to everyone. However, Mr. Kanis says his proudest achievement has been the Shooting Club’s safety record. Since his tenure began, not one person has been injured in any firearms incident. This is something for which the Village and the Shooting Club expresses its true appreciation and admiration.

The value of Mr. Kanis’ work to the Village and the Shooting Club members has been invaluable. His expertise, dedication, and passion for the position will be missed. We wish Mr. Kanis a fulfilling, happy, healthy and active retirement.

To honor all that Mr. Kanis has done for the Village over the past 23 years, an Open House Reception will take place on Wednesday, July 1, 2015 in Council Chambers from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. We invite all to stop by to wish Mr. Kanis well is his future endeavors.
5.9 ACRES ADDED TO GREEN AREAS

In 2014, the Green Areas Trust expanded by 5.9 acres. Through the generosity of the following residents, the Trust now comprises 2,800+ acres of preserved natural land in Indian Hill. Please join the Green Areas Advisory Committee in expressing appreciation to:

William and Monica Woeste  
Jerrold and Janice Levin  
Natesh and Sundarimani Magge

The Green Areas Advisory Committee

The Green Areas Advisory wrapped up the season before the summer break with a meeting at Clippinger Field, one of our Green Areas gems. After the business meeting we were treated to a full dress demonstration by some members of the Camargo Hunt, including a Stirrup Cup meal prepared by Clara Blair.

The Camargo Hunt is extremely thankful for the green areas of Indian Hill. The tradition of fox hunting would not be possible in an area of suburban growth, such as Indian Hill Village, without the protection and dedication to green areas, many miles of riding trails and community efforts. The traditional 75th Annual Camargo Hunt Hunter Trials will be held in October at this wonderful property. Look for detailed announcements in the Indian Hill Bulletin starting in September.

You can read about the history of Clippinger Field in the October 2014 issue of the Indian Hill Bulletin, which is downloadable from [http://www.ci.indian-hill.oh.us/bulletins/bulletins-view.aspx](http://www.ci.indian-hill.oh.us/bulletins/bulletins-view.aspx)

Have a great summer and plan to attend the 4th of July Parade and fireworks at Stephan Field!

Kerry, Dot & May Daus and Becky Trasser
MEMORIAL DAY, 2015

I would like to thank all of you for being here today to pay tribute to those men and women who have made the ultimate sacrifice on behalf of our great country. I would also like to extend a special thank you to Armstrong Chapel for once again organizing the Memorial Day ceremony.

Decoration Day or Memorial Day as it is now known has its origins during the Civil War with family members across the country decorating soldiers’ graves with flowers.

Following World War I, the nation began to honor the fallen from all American wars and conflicts and then in 1971, with the passage of the “Monday Holiday Law,” the celebration of Memorial Day was changed from May 30th of each year to the last Monday in May.

It’s hard to believe that this is the 137th Decoration or Memorial Day ceremony at this site. During that first observance back in 1879, these were just dusty crossroads in a sparsely populated farming community. Life was certainly tough back then and the great toll of the Civil War was undoubtedly still being felt by those in attendance on that day. Although we are separated in time by an astonishing 136 years from that first observance, we are here today for the same purpose as they were in 1879.

We are here today to pay tribute to those who have fallen during the call of duty. We recognize and honor their courage and sacrifice, as well as their devotion to peace and liberty. Their selfless acts of heroism have opened the path to freedom for countless men, women and children who have been faced with oppression and war.

In his 1981 Memorial Day Proclamation, President Ronald Reagan noted that “Over one hundred years ago, Memorial Day was established to commemorate those who died in the defense of our national ideals. Our ideals of freedom, justice, and equal rights for all have been challenged many times since then, and thousands of Americans have given their lives in many parts of the world to secure those same ideals and insure for their children a lasting peace. Their sacrifice demands that we, the living, continue to promote the cause of peace and the ideals for which they so valiantly gave of themselves. Today, the United States stands as a beacon of liberty and democratic strength before the community of nations. We are resolved to stand firm against those who would destroy the freedoms we cherish. We are determined to achieve an enduring peace - a peace with liberty and with honor. This determination, this resolve, is the highest tribute we can pay to the many who have fallen in the service of our Nation.”

In addition to recognizing those who have died in service to our country as acknowledged in those words by President Reagan, we recognize that for many of our service men and women, the fight wages on long after they have exited the battlefield. Many of these heroes are left with unimaginable traumatic and lifelong wounds. We hope and pray that our nation can continue to care for these brave men and women, that they recover from their physical and emotional injuries, and that they are able to enjoy the fruits of their work, that of a peaceful, free and secure society.

We also pay tribute to all of those men and women on active duty in the armed services. We honor their bravery and commitment to our country, its citizens and ideals, and pray for their safety. We also recognize our veterans, especially those in attendance here today, for their service to our nation. We are grateful for your courage and sacrifice, for your contributions to our society, and for your devotion to peace and liberty, both here and abroad.

To many in this country, Memorial Day means nothing more than the beginning of summer, a day off of work, a picnic with family and friends, or maybe an afternoon game of tennis or golf. Life is so good for so many of us in the United States that in our daily lives we sometimes take our freedoms for granted. Many have simply known nothing other than life in a free society.

However, on this day, I ask that we consider the strength it must have taken for a soldier to leave his family and friends, to give up his livelihood, to endure immense physical and emotional pain, and to put service to his nation ahead of his own life in some distant land. On this day, I ask that we think about the unbearable pain and sorrow endured by the families of the fallen. And on this day and throughout the year, I ask that we contemplate how we can do more to honor the courage and sacrifice of those who have paid the ultimate price to help earn and protect our freedoms . . . whether it’s speaking with a child or grandchild about the meaning of Memorial Day, or voting and encouraging others to vote, or donating to a fund that supports our wounded warriors or the families of the fallen, or as they did back in 1879 at the first Decoration Day service at this site, simply decorating a

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HOME SEWAGE TREATMENT SYSTEMS

The Village of Indian Hill Inspection Division is responsible for inspecting approximately 1,350 sewage treatment systems. The Home Sewage Treatment System (HSTS) inspection process is essential in protecting the vital environmental resources within the Village as well as the health of all residents. Not all HSTS are the same, there are many types. These inspections include motor operation, wrong motor for the system, air filters, cleaning of upflow filters, pumping, formulated wastewater chlorine disinfection tablets (Federal offense to use pool chlorine tablets) in dispensers, deteriorated baffles, timer operating correctly, discharge pipe outlet ends, sludge returns, distribution boxes, drain fields, aeration, clean and bad effluent discharge and having riser(s) installed over all sections of the systems compartments so a complete inspection and maintenance can occur. When a system has passed an inspection, an operating permit will be issued. When a system has failed, the home owner will be given 30 days to correct the problem(s) before an operating permit can be issued.

Any HSTS that has been installed after December 10, 2004 is required to have an annual maintenance provider contract. A copy of the contract is to be kept on file with the HSTS Inspection Division. Home owners need to be aware of the location and type of HSTS that is serving their home. During inspections, we have run into systems that are being covered with stone and block walls, driveways, patios, decks, and buildings. When these systems or compartments are covered, they cannot be cleaned or inspected. Possible problems can result in backups into the house due to the tank not being pumped. It is highly recommend that tanks be pumped every 2 to 5 years, depending on the number of people living in the home.

Residents have been given a one time grace period to permanently uncover these sections with riser(s) by their next inspection. If riser(s) have not been installed over certain sections of the system, residents will be in violation upon inspection. Risers are an extension of the tank opening that is below ground and brings it to grade level so that it will allow inspections and maintenance. When notices are left at the residence or letters are mailed for repairs, including the need to install risers, it is imperative that the resident’s have a contractor that is registered and qualified with the Hamilton County Public Health Department (HCPHD) perform this work. Make sure that your contractor obtains the right permit if one is required on any type of repairs made on your system including but not limited to replacing or relocating discharge pipes 20 feet or more and repairing or replacing distribution boxes.

Regular maintenance is the single most important step for ensuring that a system continues working. Regular maintenance can save homeowners money and helps protect the investment in your home. But when these systems are ignored and not maintained, the wastewater may not be treated. This can put community members’ health at risk by contaminating nearby drinking wells, lakes, streams, and rivers. The home owner is responsible for the maintenance and operation of their system.

When selling or buying a home in Indian Hill do not rely upon the Annual HSTS inspection report and/or operation permit for sales or financial transactions. It is highly beneficial to have HCPHD or a qualified and registered contractor with HCPHD perform this work.

If you have any questions pertaining to your HSTS, location, type, contractor list, and inspections, please feel free to contact Rick Robinson at 979-6220 or at rrobinson@ihill.org. The Indian Hill Inspection Division works in cooperation with the HCPHD.
The Indian Hill women’s Club is proud to announce the winners of their 2015 Scholarships, Grace Stimson and Alex Skidmore. These scholarships are awarded based on academic excellence, community service, high school activities and teacher recommendations. Cash scholarships were presented to two Indian Hill High School seniors at the Indian Hill Women’s Club May Luncheon held at Angie Lovejoy’s home.

Grace is a member of the National Honor Society and is a competitive swimmer for both the Cincinnati Aquatic Club and Captain of the HS team at IHHS. She has also lettered in Cross Country and Track. Grace is a recipient of the Girl Scouts of America Gold Award and has been awarded the Girl Scout National Department of Defense Award. In addition to all this, she has summited fifteen, 14,000ft mountains.

Grace has been volunteering at Stepping Stones for the past 5 years and also leads arts and crafts at the Kenwood Center. This past summer, Grace worked at TPG Products as a researcher on Women’s Health & Nutrition and continues to work at GiGi’s Cupcakes.

Mr. Slonim, her Social Studies teacher, noted that Grace is not afraid of academic challenges and instead applies her competitive nature in classes resulting in very strong results. He also spoke to Grace’s quality of character and that she is well liked and respected by both her classmates and her teachers. Grace plans to attend Middlebury College and is the daughter of Sara and Drake Stimson.

Our second awardee is Alexandra Skidmore. Alex is Editor in Chief at the Chieftain, Captain of the varsity Tennis team and a past team state champion. She is also President of the Spanish club and currently a research assistant at Xavier University focusing on historical research where she has authored a research paper on the impact of the Berlin Airlift on Clement Atlee’s polices in post WWII Britain which was professionally critiqued.

Alex plans to pursue History in College, with the goal of becoming a college professor in history where she can inspire others in this field. Mr. Conway stated in his letter of recommendation that “The country is going to need leaders like Alex if we ever hope to bring together a polarized citizenry in an attempt to truly move forward in an ever-changing world”. Strong words indeed. Alex plans to attend Brown University and is the daughter of Kristin and David Skidmore. Dr. Antonio Shelton, Indian Hill High School Principal also attended and stated”. We are very grateful for the support of the Indian Hill Women’s Club and are very proud of the students you have selected for these scholarships”.

Ray Brokamp and Terrance Walker were recognized as Fathers of the Year at the Seventh Annual Fatherhood Celebration Luncheon held June 4, 2015 at the Hyatt Regency Cincinnati. A record-breaking 600 supporters were in attendance.

Paul Daugherty, Cincinnati Enquirer’s Sports Columnist and father of two, was the keynote speaker of this year’s event. Daugherty shared his journey as a father raising a daughter with special needs, as highlighted in his book An Uncomplicated Life: A Father’s Memoir of His Exceptional Daughter.

Ray Brokamp, father of five, grandfather of 21, great-grandfather of 14, and Greatest Living Cincinnatian, devoted 33 years of his life to public education in Cincinnati and retired as Superintendent of Cincinnati Public Schools in 1987. A graduate of the University of Cincinnati, he served in the U.S. Air Force. Brokamp also served as the Director of Leadership Cincinnati for over two decades.
BLOOM GARDEN PARTY SEPT. 12 FOOD + FUN = SERIOUS IMPACT

Stepping Stones’ annual Bloom garden party is known as one of the region’s best end-of-summer parties, with tapas dining from top restaurants, live music, open bar and a silent auction that ranges from wine tastings to artwork to luxury vacations.

This year’s Bloom, presented by PNC Bank, is on Sept. 12 at Greenacres Arts Center in Indian Hill.

The party is huge, but the reason behind the revelry is what really counts, said Bloom co-chair Julie Richardson of Indian Hill.

“All of our planning, all of our effort, has one goal – to support Stepping Stones’ outstanding programs for children and adults with disabilities,” she said.

That goal got a boost this year from Bloom honorary co-chairs Neil and Susie Bortz and their family, who have established the No Person Left Behind Fund to augment Stepping Stones’ financial assistance program, making services more accessible for low income children, teens and adults with disabilities.

“Stepping Stones’ programs have such an impact on the lives of people with disabilities and their families. We wanted to help more people experience that impact,” said Susie Bortz of Indian Hill.

“We’re all in this world together,” she said. “We hope this fund makes it a little easier to share what we have and make a huge difference in someone else’s life.”

The Bloom committee has designated 15% of each sponsorship to go to the new fund and the Bortzes are inviting the community to join hands and resources to extend needed financial assistance to more individuals. The fund’s name is the dream – that one day no one in need will be left behind.

Tickets to Bloom are $150 per person.

WLWT News Anchor Sheree Paolello will be the Bloom emcee. Music is by The Company. Restaurants providing tapas dining include The Presidents Room at The Phoenix, Quarter Bistro, Taste of Belgium and BRAVO! Rookwood.

Julie Richardson and Kadi Anderson, both of Indian Hill, are co-chairs of the event. Allyson Schumacher of Madeira is host and hostess chair, Kelly Fruechtemeyer of Mason is décor and logistics chair, Nancy Aichholz of Indian Hill is auction chair and John McIlwraith of Indian Hill is sponsorship chair.

Presenting sponsor is PNC Bank.

Additional sponsors as of June 5 are:


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Terrance Walker is a father of three and full-time welder. He came to the Talbert House Fatherhood Project in April 2014 with a desire to file for legal visitation with his two year old daughter. With assistance from his Fatherhood coach and staff attorney, Walker was awarded full custody in December. Most of his time is spent with all three of his children. As a graduate of the program, Walker has exemplified what a nurturing, committed, and responsible father is.

The event chaired by Peter Klekamp, President of PLK Communities, raised $270,000 for the Talbert House Fatherhood Project. Fifth Third Bank, Midland Atlantic, PLK Communities/Klekamp and Company, and Schiff Family Foundation were among a long list of generous sponsors.

Talbert House thanks all those who supported the event, as well as the Fatherhood Luncheon committee:

Mark Addy, David Birdsall, Henry Bucklin, Gary Fisher, Carol Goodman, Mark Gordon, David Hoguet, Mike Holmes, Jody Klekamp, Peter Klekamp, John Krug, Andrew Limke, Dr. Mitchel Livingston, Rich Lonneman, Gwen McFarlin, Alex Meacham, Bob Meacham, Greg Miller, Jesse Mullins, Michael Pahutski, Joe Schlosser, John Silverman, Alex Sulfsted, and Ben Willingham.

For more information on the No Person Left Behind Fund, the Bloom event or to purchase tickets see www.cincybloom.org

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- Kristie Morris
  College of Nursing
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  Bachelor of Business Administration
- Olivia Ribariu
  Carl H. Lindner College of Business
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- Aubrey Rogers
  College of Education, Criminal Justice, and Human Services
  Master of Education
- Margaret Rowe
  College of Nursing
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- Jeffrey Smith
  Carl H. Lindner College of Business
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- Heidi Wagner
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CINCINNATI COUNTRY DAY SCHOOL ‘LIFERS’

Cincinnati Country Day School’s Class of 2015, comprised of 73 seniors, includes 16 “Lifers” who attended CCDS from first grade through grade 12. They are: Ryan Davis in front. First row, from left, are Elizabeth Miller, Jennifer Gonzales, Kirsten Simpson, Marissa Cornist, Isabelle Hudson, Kira Hughes, Danielle Wolf and Apurva Bhattacharjee. Second row, from left, are Spencer Janning, Brandon Holthaus, Will Cohen, Chase Tholke, Ben Stegman, Ryan Dougherty and Nicholas Langenbahn.

EVERYONE’S A GLASS ARTIST AT CCDS
STUDENTS, FACULTY, STAFF CONTRIBUTE TO INSTALLATION

Cincinnati Country Day School is brimming with excitement about the installation of a wall of glass tiles custom designed by each student, teacher and staff member.

More than 800 unique glass tiles were placed on the dining terrace wall inside the school’s entrance over spring break. Some tiles formed a logo using letters to spell Cincinnati Country Day School.

The wall was the brainchild of Sandra Gross ’86 of Indian Hill, founder of Brazee Street Studios in Oakley, and Head of School Rob Macrae of Indian Hill.

“We wanted to create a sense that you’ve arrived at Cincinnati Country Day School, and that sense of arrival is represented by each’s individual’s voice and presence,” Macrae said. “The wall will also send a clear message that art is important and celebrated at Country Day.”

Students, faculty and staff created their tile masterpieces using glass rod dots and stringer. They could snap the stringer into smaller pieces of glass to form their designs. Artists from Brazee Street Studios glued their work to the glass tiles.

They took the tiles back to Brazee Street to be fired at 1,490 degrees in a kiln, fusing the glass with a solid blue background. The result was a smooth piece of glass with the design intact.

“It was actually a pretty amazing collaboration because we involved everyone,” Gross said. “Glass is becoming more and more part of the fine arts program here, especially in the Upper School, so there’s a glass piece that they’re already starting to explore here, which is pretty amazing. There’s not a lot of schools that will take that on, so that’s pretty beautiful.”

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“I have a background in early childhood education and Montessori education, as well as in sculpture, so for me it’s really interesting to work with children and art at the same time and see how that manifests itself,” Gross said.

Gross and Macrae have talked about doing a glass installation at Country Day since she opened Brazee Street Studios in January 2010.

“I was a lifer here, and my father went here and my uncle went here,” Gross said. “This is significant to me because of that. I met my husband here. My three daughters will all graduate from here. To me, it’s always a gorgeous thing to have an entire community come together to create one thing.”

Macrae added, “From 18 months to 18 years, every child has loved it. They think it’s the coolest thing since sliced bread. It really is mesmerizing.”

The Lower School Service Learning Day was a colorful blend of students wearing spirit wear while riding their decorated bikes or running for a good cause. Students sought pledges and donations to raise more than $3,848.35 for Josh Cares, which provides Child Life Specialists to give comfort, support and companionship to seriously ill, hospitalized children without a family member who is able to be with them consistently.

Children of all ages, from the Early Childhood House through fourth grade, participated in the event. The youngest students rode bikes or scooters around the track at the football field. Third- and fourth-graders ran around the track. Head of Lower School Jen Aquino accompanied the children on her bike and ran with the older students. Teachers and some parents also joined in the effort, either by riding and walking or cheering on the children. Older students acted as cheerleaders to encourage younger participants.
INDIAN HILL RECOGNIZES 2015 VALEDICTORIANS, SALUTATORIAN, TOP 10 SENIORS

Congratulations to Indian Hill’s Class of 2015 co-valedictorians, Madison Hecht and Arjun Sheth and Salutatorian Sara Al-Zubi, as well as the Top 10 seniors! The top 10 seniors are:

Sara Al-Zubi, Nikhil Lingireddy
Katherine Arnold, Arjun Sheth
Sabrina Bulas, Alexandra Skidmore
Madison Hecht, Andrea Wright
Hyun Ho Lee, Emily Zurek

The Indian Hill High School Class of 2015 graduated on Friday, May 29 at Tomahawk Field. While the weather threatened rain all day, the evening turned out to be one of the most beautiful of the year, allowing graduates and their families to enjoy the beauty of the outside ceremony.

Co-Valedictorian Madison Hecht urged fellow students to laugh, stay curious, never be defeated, and stay true to themselves while remaining open to new ideas. Arjun Sheth, her fellow Valedictorian, examined the role of poetry in society, reminding students they are all part of the same nature extolled in literature, and ending with the proclamation, "WE are the class worthy of poetry."

Indian Hill High School graduated 152 in the Class of 2015.

IHHS SENIOR PROJECTS TEACH AND IMPRESS

Every year, IHHS Seniors are given the opportunity to complete a senior project. The idea is to choose something about which you know little to nothing, and then take 30 hours or more to learn about it. "This is the first time in the students’ formal schooling that they have been asked to take charge of their own learning," says English teacher Becky McFarlan, who coordinates the program. "One of the major benefits of the project is to provide students with a safe bridge to the adult world. Many are startled at how dependent they have become on the familiar routine of high school."

Students create proposals and find a mentor. They may need to do prep work during second semester of their senior year. Then comes May, and Senior Project Week!

The second-to-last week of school, seniors are finished at the High School, but they must spend a minimum of 30 hours on their project. The last week of school, they present to judges consisting of teachers, parents, and other community members. They are given a rating on their project: Distinguished, which is reserved for the "truly outstanding project, one that is newsworthy," according to Mrs. McFarlan; Excellent, showing evidence of hard work, enthusiasm, and considerable new learning; Pass, where students have satisfactorily accomplished their goals; and Fail, which doesn’t happen often at IHHS!

Usually only one or several projects receive the Distinguished rating; this year, however, eight projects were granted this honor — a record! They are (in alphabetical order): Camille Bode, Sewing My Graduation Dress; CJ Chin, Ultravascular Ultrasounds; Chris Duncan, James Pflughaupt, Will Lightcap, Building a Recycled Go-Kart; Michael Folz, Chris Metz, Cooper Winans, Building a Boat; Cydney Parker, Madeline Siedling, IHHS Class of 2015 Time Capsule; Troy Schwab, Lauren Vanatsky, Composition Music Portfolio; Leigh Rixey, A Cappella Music; and Arjun Sheth, One-Man A Cappella Show.

Interestingly, when these high-achieving students were asked what they would suggest for students coming into their Senior Projects, the advice was similar across the board: find your passion; focus on something challenging where you will learn valuable skills, but don’t pick something just to try to be impressive; the documentation and presentation are huge parts; and, as Arjun Sheth puts so well, “Go with your first instinct – that’s where your heart is, not where the grade is.”
LITTLE FREE LIBRARY IS EXCITING NEW ADDITION TO IHPS

Primary School Media Center Specialist Jennifer Anders loves to see kids reading. She loves it so much, in fact, that she decided to add a Little Free Library to Indian Hill Primary School so kids can continue to enjoy – and share – new books all summer.

The Little Free Library website describes the program as a “‘take a book, return a book’ gathering place where neighbors share their favorite literature and stories. In its most basic form, a Little Free Library is a box full of books where anyone may stop by and pick up a book (or two) and bring back another book to share.” Mrs. Anders’ husband built and painted the brand-new Little Free Library, which will sit outside the front of Indian Hill Primary. “During the summer,” Mrs. Anders shared with students at the unveiling of the Library the last week of school, “you can visit our Little Free Library and take out a book. Then you can put in one of your favorite books, so another student can enjoy a book you love. Does that sound good?”

The enthusiastic approval heard from students made it clear that yes, this does sound good!

To make the library even more special, Mrs. Anders and the IHPS students christened the library the Kristina J. Groth Little Free Library, in honor of Media Center Specialist Mrs. Groth, who retired last year after 25 years of service. “Each President of the United States has a library in their honor when they are done serving as President,” explained Mrs. Anders. “We thought it would be extra-special to have a library in honor of Mrs. Groth, who worked with students here at Indian Hill Primary School for all those years.”

Mrs. Groth, who still helps out in the district, was able to attend the ceremony and was very touched: “I’m excited to see how many of you use this new library,” she said to the kids. “And I live just down the street, so I’m going to stop in to help take care of it!”

HOW DO YOU KEEP PRINGLES FROM BREAKING?

IHMS sixth grade STEM students finished their year with a really fun yet meaningful project: they had to create a package that would allow Pringles chips to be shipped through the US Mail and not break!

Audrey Bristol, Nikki Kode and Emily Sichel were one team working on the project. Audrey felt the project was a lot of fun: “It’s great to work with hands-on projects, and to experience real-world projects,” she says.

Emily agrees, saying, “I like the opportunities that give us more of a challenge.”

Nikki feels this project is very important to help students understand many diverse issues. “We are learning how to protect fragile things,” she explains. “If you’re carrying a glass slipper, then you’re going to want to know about what kind of pressure it’ll be under, where it will be stored, what elevation.”

Audrey explains they talked to an engineer who actually helped design the Pringles can: “You have to learn the process to go through to make safe containers – not just for Pringles, but to keep things safe.” She adds that trade is a big part of today’s world. “If you can’t get things from one point to another safely, there will be a problem.”

Emily summed up their experiences by saying that each of the STEM projects they had this year taught them not only specific skills, but gave them exposure to different careers. “In Robotics, we learned about programming. With the parachute project, we learned about aerodynamics,” she says. And now, with the Pringles can, students are getting great exposure to engineering.

Allen Choi, Jai Masturzo, Amitesh Verma and Gabriel Yin were another team working on the project. Gabriel loves that the STEM class had such a hands-on focus: “There is a lot of thinking involved; you have to be creative, have good solutions,” he explains.

Jai agrees, saying, “The class lets you do what you want to do instead of just the teacher directing, even within a set activity.” He adds that the projects go well when you work with others, and they give a lot of exposure to careers, such as engineering in the Pringles project.

Amitesh feels the Pringles project was very challenging: “We are trying to design a package for shipping a chip,” he says. “The class helps us learn a lot about engineering in general. This can really motivate you to be in the engineering or science fields later. It’s a nice simulator.”

Allen loves the independence, creativity and teamwork the class has offered him. “One big thing is we’re solving real-world problems with language, social studies, to make projects. It’s very like the real world.”
When a group of advanced freshmen math students were able to evaluate fire truck configuration and help the Madeira Indian Hill Fire Department with a water delivery problem last year, two of them got hooked on the idea of using their skills to help the community. “It was a really positive experience, using math to help others in the community,” says Calvin O’Brien (Indian Hill). “I wanted to extend that and continue to help other organizations.”

Calvin partnered with another student from the fire project, Margot Brunette (Indian Hill), to found the Indian Hill Math Service Club, dedicated to helping community organizations and non-profits with challenges they are facing.

As sophomores, Calvin and Margot worked to get their new club going. They were joined by two other sophomores who participated last year – Nick Saba (Indian Hill) and Sydney Miles (Kenwood) – as well as 10 freshmen hand-picked by teacher-advisor Janine Hunsche.

Margot’s job was to seek out an organization for the club to help. “I talked with the Rangers, Waterworks, Recreation Department,” she explains. “None were able to come up with a project angled to where we could help.”

The students then decided to reach out to organizations outside the Indian Hill community. “Calvin knows the CEO of Crayons to Computers (C2C),” Margot continues, saying he made the connection and got a meeting. “We gave them examples of what we did last year, and they were interested.”

However, Calvin says, “they didn’t have a project immediately. Then we started talking to them and realized there is a need. They decided we could help them most if we could create a formula to help them calculate limits for inventory management.”

This project turned out to be very different than past projects, Nick feels: “They had a way of setting limits, but it was not very efficient.” To figure it out, the students needed to delve deep into the data, a much more statistical approach than last year’s situational problem.

After several meetings with C2C executives, the students took the dizzying amount of data provided and dove in. “We had some difficulty deciding how to tackle the problem,” says Calvin, since they had to account for multiple variables. “Different students were talking about different things, such as frequency, durability and popularity.” At some point, they realized this truly was one variable, which they labeled “popularity.”

“We ended up basing the popularity variable on how many teachers came through and how much of each item they chose,” describes Margot, with Nick adding, “Teachers would take pencils much more frequently than backpacks.”

The resulting formula calculates how much stock the store should have based on the cycle of the year, the number of teachers coming through during that cycle, and the popularity of each item. When the students demonstrated the results to C2C executives, eyes widened and exclamations of surprise were heard: “Those numbers are dead on in several categories,” said Dave Hicks of C2C. “You have calculated what we have been guessing at.” Plus, the equation is flexible and can be adjusted for the time of year, grade level, and specific items.

C2C believes the key is the popularity variable: “We haven’t ever thought about the popularity factor,” Dave continued. “I’ve seen professional consultants who have not provided this level of work.”

The students were gratified by the positive response to their work, feeling validated as well as happy to have been of help. “This was more serious,” Calvin feels, “since we were dealing with an independent organization, not a municipality. We were on our own. This had a genuine feel, what it’s really like in the business world.”

Nick adds, “This was the first real project of the Math Service Club; this was our chance to build a reputation for ourselves. We hope eventually people will start coming to us for help.”
BITS AND PIECES

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The “greatest generation” were the heroes of World War II, and they made countless sacrifices overseas. Those on the home front did what they could to support the war effort. Cincinnatians kept in touch with those who were actively serving their country.

In 1942, after her firstborn son and his pals enlisted, Dorothy Rowe informed her husband, “I think I’ll gather up the news of what is going on at home, and send it out to Stanley and his friends so they won’t be so homesick; and when they write back, I’ll send their own news to each other. I’ll be sort of a carrier pigeon.” An avid churchgoer, she approached Rev. Francis Moore, rector of Indian Hill Chapel with her idea. Mr. Moore was so enthusiastic that he wanted to have the newsletter mailed to the entire diocese, but Mrs. Rowe persuaded him that it should be limited to just the boys and their friends in the service. The church agreed to pay the printing costs, and the mailing list included members of Indian Hill Chapel who were currently serving, friends of theirs, and wives of the men overseas. Members of the congregation could pick up a copy of the publication at church.

Mrs. Rowe began saving newspaper clippings and tidbits of news in a box. Renowned artist Charles Dana Gibson, creator of the popular “Gibson Girl” images, agreed to make the masthead for the newsletter. It consisted of a little carrier pigeon whispering all the news into the ear of a grinning serviceman. The Carrier Pigeon became the newsletter’s name. Mrs. Rowe found a printer near Milford whose handicapped sister-in-law set the type. Communications between the two ladies were a bit tricky, and there were some mistakes, but the four page rag had a homey touch. Every issue featured four departments: Chapel Notes, Friends of the Family, Town Chatter, and Specials. Each was typed by Mrs. Rowe on a different color paper to assist the typesetter.

On October 10, 1942, the first issue was sent. It was introduced as “This is the first of a number of papers specially published for you – the boys and men in the Services who have gone from our families… You are always in our thoughts and prayers and we want you to know it.” Over the next three years, approximately seven weeks apart, seventeen issues of the Carrier Pigeon were delivered to 141 servicemen from the caves of Chunking, China, to the jungles of Burma, the swamps of Okinawa, the deserts of Africa, and the front lines in Italy, France and Germany.

Helping Mrs. Rowe with the addressing and mailing of the publication were wives of servicemen, including Evie Brooks, Jean Deupree, Polly Deupree, Betty Hobson, Anne Stephenson, Billie Vanderbilt, and Eleanor Warner. In those days of gasoline rationing, the Rangers delivered drafts between Editor Rowe and her staff. The team cut the printed pages, stuffed and addressed envelopes, and maintained a card catalogue of addresses of the servicemen (some of whom had multiple address changes). The Office of Censorship in Washington, D.C. prohibited knowing the precise location of an outfit, so the newsletters were sent to overseas box office addresses.

The newsletter was a link between home and those in uniform, many of whom submitted vignettes about their wartime experiences to the editor. Replete with emotion and humor, the Carrier Pigeon boosted morale. News items included one enlistee who got promoted and cabled his bride “I don’t have to salute your father any longer”, a corporal’s account of being bombed at sea, and a lieutenant’s description of his jeep being demolished by a land mine in France. Hometown events – new babies, engagements, parties, and news from Country Day School were regular features.

When the war ended, returned servicemen presented Mrs. Rowe with a large silver punch bowl, signed by all 141 subscribers, the names of the four deceased, and her initials. The punch bowl was borrowed by Mrs. Rowe’s “boys” for family events over the years until she later donated it to the Cincinnati Historical Society. The Carrier Pigeon – an amateur newsletter – created fellowship and echoed the glories and stories of World War II.
WELCOME NEW BOARD MEMBERS

At the April Annual meeting, the membership of the Indian Hill Historical Society elected two new Trustees, Eppa Rixey and Mark Tullis. Eppa and his wife, Buffie, have lived in Indian Hill since 1963. He works with the Berry Insurance Group. Eppa has a long history of service in the community ranging from the Recreation Commission, the Indian Hill Gun Club, Green Areas Advisory Committee, and the Village Council. Eppa served as Mayor from 2007 to 2009.

Mark and his wife, Vicki, have lived in Indian Hill since 1977. Mark owns and operates several LaRosa’s Pizzeria franchises. He too has a long history of service to the community, having worked with the Fernside Center for Grieving Children, the Recreation Commission, and the Village Council. Mark also served as Mayor from 2011 to 2013. We are so pleased to have both Eppa and Mark join the Board of Trustees.

Along with welcoming new trustees, the Board has a transition in leadership. Barb Hauck is stepping down as President, effective June 2015. Barb has served as President for 8 years and has brought energy, excitement, and vision to the organization. She will remain on the Board and will certainly continue to be an integral part of the organization. Susan Holzapfel will be the new President and is ready to continue the mission of “Keeping Indian Hill’s Past and Present Alive for Tomorrow.” Susan along with Vice Presidents, Chip Hunter and Rosemary Welsh, Secretary Edgar Cox, Treasurer Jim Barber, and the rest of the Board are already hard at work ensuring another great program year, and maintaining the Indian Hill Historical Society as a vibrant and active organization. Our goal continues to be the preservation, research, genealogy, archiving, and education about the past and the present of our wonderful community.

Student History Awards

The Indian Hill Historical Society Student award was given to two outstanding Juniors at our local High Schools. The recipient from Indian Hill High School was Jacob Young. Jacob has a passion for history and government, was a regional winner in the World Quest competition, won the Brongman Young Fellowship award, and will served on his Senior Class council next year.

The recipient from Cincinnati Country Day School was Margaret Hodson. Margaret is Co-editor of the school literary magazine, Editor-in-Chief of the school newspaper, Model UN participant and an outstanding scholar. We are so pleased to honor both these young people with this award. History is alive and well in the minds of these award winners.
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