



# INDIAN HILL VILLAGE BULLETIN

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## **COUNCIL ACTIONS REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING April 15, 2024**

## **PLANNING COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING ACTIONS**

- **Held Third Reading and Passed Ordinance** - Amending Section 150 of the City of the Village of Indian Hill
- **Waived Three Readings and Passed Emergency Ordinance** -Amending Section 35.20 of the City of the Village of Indian Hill Code of Ordinances to establish rates of compensation for all offices and positions in the City (change of job title from Arboretum Laborer to Groundskeeper/Horticultural Technician)
- **Held Second Reading** – Ordinance Increasing Rates by Six Percent (6%) to be Charged for Water Supplied to Customers by Amending Section 51.55 Rates of the City of the Village of Indian Hill, Ohio Code of Ordinances
- **Passed Resolution** -Authorizing the City Manager to appropriate funds for an updated water tower needs assessment in an amount not to exceed \$30,000

- The April 17<sup>th</sup> Planning Commission meeting was cancelled due to a lack of a quorum. The next meeting will be May 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM.



146<sup>th</sup> Memorial Day  
Observation at Armstrong  
Chapel Cemetery, May 27,  
2024 at 10:30 am

**Please go to <https://indianhill.gov/council-packet>  
to review full Council Packet for more details**

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

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



**COPY DEADLINE FOR NEXT ISSUE  
May 10, 2024**

# THE VILLAGE OF INDIAN HILL, OHIO

## ARMSTRONG CHAPEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

5125 Drake Road  
Cincinnati, Ohio 45243—561-4220  
www.armstrongchapel.org  
www.armstrongpreschool.org  
David Brown, Lead Pastor  
8:20 a.m. Traditional Worship in Old Chapel  
9:40 a.m. Traditional Worship in Sanctuary  
10:30 a.m. Faith Infusion in Worship Center

## THE INDIAN HILL CHURCH

Episcopal-Presbyterian  
6000 Drake Road  
513-561-6805  
The Rev. Simon Barnes, Episcopal Priest  
The Rev. Dr. Stephen Caine, Presbyterian Minister  
Jennifer Taylor, Dir. Of Children & Family Ministry  
Worship Schedule: Sunday 8:00 am & 10 am  
Educational Forums: Sundays at 9:00 am  
Childcare available during 9:00 forums and 10:00 services,  
Sunday School available during 10:00 services  
Amy Clark, Youth Director & Asst. Director of Music  
Phil Clary, Director of Music  
Sarah Dorger, Technology & Communications Coordinator

## CINCINNATI FRIENDS MEETING

8075 Keller Road—513-791-0788  
www.cincinnati-friends.org  
Jim Newby, Minister  
SUNDAY:  
Adult Discussion 10:00 a.m.  
Meeting for Worship 11:00 a.m.  
(In person and via Zoom)  
Children's Sunday School 11:00 a.m.  
Nursery and childcare provided

## SONRISE COMMUNITY CHURCH

8136 Wooster Pike, Cincinnati, Ohio 45227  
513-576-6000  
www.sonrise-church.com  
Facebook: facebook.com/SonRiseCommunityChurch  
Twitter: @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  
"Yours to Explore"  
Schedule of Sunday Services: 8:30 a.m. & 9:45 a.m.  
Equipping Service, 11:10 a.m. Exploring Service  
Separate programs offered for infants through high school students

## GREENACRES FOUNDATION

8255 Spooky Hollow Road, 45242  
513-891-4227

## AUDIT REVIEW COMMITTEE

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Al Koncius David Williams  
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## CAMARGO HUNT ETB 1925

Membership contact: purple@reagan.com

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Mindy Hastie  
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Sam Robinson Joe Weil

## THE HEART CHURCH MINISTRIES OF CAMP DENNISON

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

## INDIAN HILL EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION

6855 Drake Rd., Cincinnati, Ohio 45243  
Nolan Marx, President  
Bear Tullis, Board Vice President  
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Mick Davis, Treasurer 272-4513  
Indian Hill High School 272-4550  
Indian Hill Middle School 272-4642  
Indian Hill Elementary School 272-4703  
Indian Hill Primary School 272-4754

## RECREATION COMMISSION

Sarah Fink, Recreation Program Manager 979-6212  
www.indianhill.gov/recreation/recreation-commission/  
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891-1873  
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Mr. George Glover, Vice President  
Mrs. Rosemary Ballard, Secretary  
Mr. Chip Hunter, Treasurer

## ST. GERTRUDE PARISH

6543 Miami Ave.  
Church 513-561-5954  
School 513-561-8020  
stgertrude.org  
Father John Paul Walker, O.P., Pastor  
Sister Mary Agnes Greiffendorf, O.P., Principal  
Mass Schedule:  
Daily: 7, 8 & 11:30 a.m.  
Saturday: 8, 11:30 a.m. & 4:30 p.m.  
Sunday: 8, 10 a.m. & 12 & 6 p.m.

## THE INDIAN HILL CLUB SWIM & TENNIS

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

## INDIAN HILL WINTER CLUB

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

## CINCINNATI COUNTRY DAY SCHOOL

6905 Given Road, Cincinnati, OH 45243  
513-561-7298  
Robert M. Zimmerman, Head of School

## NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER MAY 2, 2024



On May 2, 2024, Village Council, in collaboration with the City of Madeira, is hosting the annual Day of Prayer at the Veterans Memorial, corner of Shawnee Run and Drake Road, at 7:30

a.m. National Day of Prayer has been observed in the United States for more than two centuries in recognition of the role of faith and prayer in our lives, in our heritage and in our common humanity. The tradition calls on all people of different faiths to pray for the nation, its leaders and its people. Please join Indian Hill and Madeira officials as well as local clergy in observing this grand tradition.

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## COUNCIL CONSIDERING WATER RATE INCREASE TO START IN JULY

Village Finance and Water Works Committees have conducted the annual water rate review which thoroughly evaluates revenues, expenditures, and the Water Works fund balance. Factors analyzed during the review include: 1) replacing significantly old infrastructure in a timely fashion, 2) ensuring sufficient reserves to maintain the integrity of the ten-year capital improvement plan, 3) encompassing expenses required to satisfy current and upcoming state water mandates, and 4) continuing to always provide safe and effective water distribution to customers.

The Committees were cognizant of how a potential increase financially impacts both low and high-water users. The Committees referenced the increases that have occurred over the years due to the active capital replacement program that has been needed to replace extremely old and inefficient infrastructure.

In addition, the Committees reviewed the ten-year capital improvement plan which includes the need for a new water tower. The Committee also discussed the directives associated with PFAS remediation as mandated by the EPA this year. It will involve significant financial commitments by the Village. The Committee's goal is to establish a rate that is not a burden to the water customer, creates sufficient funds that allow for safe and efficient water distribution operations, and the appropriate replacement of significantly aging infrastructure that, in some cases, is 100 years old.

The Water Works Committee, with support from the Finance Committee, recommended a 6% water rate increase at the March and April Council meetings. A third reading, with a formal vote, will take place on May 20, 2024. If passed, this rate will take effect on July 1, 2024 and will have the following average monetary effects:

1. A minimum bill for a 5/8" meter will increase by \$4.42/quarter or \$1.47/month
2. A minimum bill for a 1" meter will increase by \$6.80/quarter or \$2.27/month
3. A minimum bill for a 1.5" meter will increase by \$10.20 or \$3.40/month
4. A minimum bill for a 2" meter will increase by \$18.70/quarter or \$6.23/month

These increases are estimates and will vary based on each home's usage. Activities that increase usage include, but are not limited to: 1) irrigation during the summer months; 2) repetitive watering of landscape; 3) filling of pools; and 4) number of water users in household.

If you have questions regarding the water rate increase being considered, please do not hesitate to contact the Administration Office at 513-561-6500.

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## MOBILE APP TRANSITION

The Village is transitioning from a dedicated mobile app to a more accessible and versatile mobile-friendly website. This shift allows for seamless access across various devices without the need for downloading and updating an application.

Embracing the mobile-friendly website enhances accessibility, improves user experience, and streamlines

content delivery for our residents. Every function of our app is now available on our website and we are committed to continually enhancing our website to better serve the needs and interests of our residents.

Visit our website at <https://indianhill.gov>

## DR. EDWARD MILLER HONORED BY THE IHSC

One of the longest active members of the Indian Hill Shooting Club, since 1969, **Dr. Edward Miller** has selflessly given of his talents, skills, and resources to the Cincinnati community. At the March 18<sup>th</sup> City Council meeting, the former Director of Orthopaedics and Professor Emeritus at the University of Cincinnati College of Medicine was honored with a **Resolution of Appreciation** for his service and dedication to the Indian Hill Shooting Club, its Advisory Committee, and the Youth Rifle Program. His mentoring of firearms safety and training, his leadership and his valuable contributions will be forever woven within the Indian Hill Shooting Club.

### New Advisory Committee Members

In March three members of the IHSC accepted nominations to the IHSC Advisory Committee. **Matt Borneman, Paul Wilson, Sr.** and **Chris White** will serve a shortened one-year term beginning in April 2024 with the option to renew for the full three-year term in 2025. The Ad-Comm provides support, direction and guidance in the operation and the strategic planning of the IHSC. Currently, the IHSC Ad-Comm is developing **“Vision Quest”**, a five-year strategic plan to address the future and continued growth of the Indian Hill Shooting Club.

### More Exciting Programing Coming Soon!

Watch your emails and the IHSC website for more exciting programs and events in the coming months. More pistol contests, monthly one-day shotgun events, rifle marksmanship contests and an instructional/beginner archery program are planned. **Ali Hill**, one of the newest IHSC Range Masters, is a skilled archer who has achieved notable success both regionally and nationally. She has a passion to teach and is eager to develop the IHSC archery program!

### Electronic Security Gate

The security gate installed at the entrance to the IHSC Pistol/Rifle ranges provides additional security and discourages trespassing. All active members have been issued electronic badges to open the gate. **Those who have yet to receive their new electronic badge must get their badge at the IHSC skeet clubhouse during normal operating hours prior to visiting the pistol/rifle ranges.**

More details on events, programs and all the information relating to the IHSC are posted on line at <https://indianhill.gov/recreation/shooting-club/>. Members are encouraged to stay up to date by signing-up for the newsletter on the website.

### Join the IHSC!

Residents of the Village may join the Indian Hill Shooting Club at any time. There is currently a waiting list for those living outside of the Village, who are interested in joining.

For more information or questions concerning IHSC programs, operations, policies or membership, not addressed on the Indian Hill Shooting Club website, please contact the IHSC Manager, Dick Steuerwald, at [DSteuerwald@indianhill.gov](mailto:DSteuerwald@indianhill.gov).



*Mayor Steve Krebbiel presents the Resolution of Appreciation to Dr. Edward Miller*

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## ROWE ARBORETUM ANNUAL SPRING PLANT SALE



Saturday April 27<sup>th</sup> 10-4 pm @ Stephan Field Park  
**Arboretum members early access 9-10 am.**

Open to the public fundraising plant sale offering assorted Native trees, shrubs, Conifers, perennials, annuals, many of which are hard to find. Vendors will be onsite with their assortment of plants. A portion of their proceeds will go to the Arboretum. Held in conjunction with the Village Green Area Advisory Committee celebrating Arbor Day. Tree saplings will be distributed for free (one per child) to plant on your property.

The following vendors will be onsite, B.C. Nursery, Native Roots Sustainable Landscapes, Bartlett Tree Company, Pine View Nursery, Bean Native Nursery, Brown County Beekeepers Association, Honeysuckle Removal LLC., Osmia Bee Company, Dendrological Sales.

Not a member? Join! Contact the Arboretum at:  
513-561-5151 or [www.indianhill.gov/rowe](http://www.indianhill.gov/rowe)



## ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT

Despite some cooler temperatures, a large crowd formed at Stephan Field on Saturday, March 23 for a family favorite, the annual Easter Egg Hunt. This year we were even joined by the Easter Bunny himself who enjoyed spending time with families throughout the event.

Making sure the event ran smoothly, Sarah Fink, Village Recreation Program Manager was on hand for the event alongside Steve Hilmer who has been a staple at this event for 36 years to plan and implement this event for the community. When asked what he loves most about the Annual Easter Egg Hunt, Steve stated that “with everything changing in the world so quickly, it’s important to maintain annual traditions, especially when they are simple, short, and fun”. He continued to state “how these kids can pick up all that candy in less than 5 minutes is amazing. Those are truly the fastest 5 minutes in Indian Hill!”.

Steve Hilmer has lived in Indian Hill since 1956 and has been involved in the community in a variety of aspects since. Hilmer founded the IHHS Alumni Association, helped to encourage the Grand Valley development, participated in IH Recreation by coaching girls’ lacrosse for 12 years, and has participated in the Easter Egg Hunt for the last 36 years. In recognition of Steve’s dedication to keeping this annual tradition going, Village Council and Staff our pleased to announce that a Ginko tree will be planted this upcoming Fall at Stephan Park where the event takes place every year.

Please enjoy viewing some of the hopping good fun we had!



# VOLUNTEERS

## MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

**HEAD COACHES | ASSISTANT COACHES | TRAINER HOST FAMILIES**

**Volunteers are essential to the success of all our recreational programs!**  
Thank you for investing your time into the community!

● **Volunteer Coaches**

The starting age for volunteer coaches (head or assistant) is different for each league. Background checks and safety trainings are required for all Youth Sports Coaches.

● **Soccer Trainer Host Families**

The Soccer program is busy planning for future season. We are generally in need of volunteer trainer host families for up to 9 weeks during the soccer season (partial season host families are fine). Hosts are asked to provide a private room, access to a bathroom and laundry, and share in family meals. We have had overwhelmingly positive feedback from our past host families. If you are interested in being a host family, please send us an email at [ihrecsoccer@gmail.com](mailto:ihrecsoccer@gmail.com)

**QUESTIONS?** For all questions relating to being a Volunteer Coach and registration, please reach out to Recreation Program Manager, Sarah Fink at [sfink@indianhill.gov](mailto:sfink@indianhill.gov)



Scan the QR Code and click the Volunteer Opportunities Tab for more information and Registration!

## MEET THE FLEET – SAVE THE DATE!

The Village of Indian Hill is excited to announce the upcoming Meet the Fleet event on Friday, May 31 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at Livingston Park. Kids of all ages are invited to come out and enjoy this interactive touch-a-truck style event. Kids will have the opportunity to explore and learn about different vehicles. Come see fire trucks, patrol vehicles, SWAT, construction vehicles, and more. If your child loves BIG trucks you don't want to miss this family friendly community event! Blossim Donuts will also be on site providing donuts and coffee for sale to event participants.



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## FOURTH OF JULY PARADE AND FESTIVITIES

Planning is underway for the annual Village of Indian Hill fourth of July parade and festivities taking place on Thursday, July 4, 2024. This year's chair Leigh Anne Meurer, along with Village staff members Sarah Fink, Beth Wood, Jessica Chaney and Ken Smith, are actively preparing for a spectacular event for the entire family! The parade will begin at 10:00 a.m. and travel along Given Road to Shawnee Run Road to Stephan Field. Festivities will take place after the parade on the grounds of Stephan Field.

If you would like to participate in the parade, please complete the entry form on the Village of Indian Hill website (<https://indianhill.gov/forms-publications/>).

Simply click on 4th of July Parade Entry Form. Once the form is completed, please return it to the Village administrative offices, Attention Sarah Fink. Forms also are available at the administrative offices. The deadline to submit a parade entry form is Friday, June 14, 2024. In keeping with tradition, the Village of Indian Hill will sponsor a fireworks display which will begin at approximately 9:45 p.m. at Stephan Field.

Volunteers are needed for the parade and event at Stephan Field. This is a great opportunity for any student that is in need of community service hours as well as adult. Any adult or student that is interested in volunteering, please contact Sarah Fink at [sfink@indianhill.gov](mailto:sfink@indianhill.gov)

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## MOVIE IN THE PARK – SAVE THE DATE!



The Village of Indian Hill is excited to announce the upcoming Movie in the Park event on Friday, August 9 at dusk in Stephan Park. Join us as we close out Summer together by watching a family friendly movie under stars. Mark your calendars and stay tuned for more exciting details!

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## IHRC ATHLETIC DIVISION OF RECREATIONAL SPORTS

Registration for tryouts will open on May 1 is available at <https://secure.recl.com/OH/indian-hill-village-oh/catalog> Tryout registration will be separate from your child's season of play registration.

We will still be having our normal recreational division of our sports as we have in the past. Registration for all Fall Sports opens May 10.

### Girls Fall Volleyball

- Tryout Schedule
  - May 24, 2024
  - More information regarding location and further details will be announced soon
  - 4<sup>th</sup> Grade: 5-6 pm

- 5<sup>th</sup> Grade: 6-7 pm
- 6<sup>th</sup> Grade: 7-8 pm
- Season of play is Fall 2024 under the CPYVL athletic division.

### Baseball Academy

- Tryout Schedule
  - June 26, 2024
  - More information regarding location will be announced soon
- This group participates in year-round training & scrimmages. The main season of play is Spring 2025 under SWOL.

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**Indian Hill Soccer Academy**

- Parent Information Night
  - Friday, May 3, 2024 7:00 pm Council Chambers
- Tryout Schedule
  - May 20, 2024 (rain date May 22)
    - Livingston Park Soccer Fields
    - Girls Birth Year 2017/2018
  - May 21, 2024 (rain date May 23)
    - Livingston Park Soccer Fields
    - Boys Birth Year 2017/2018

**Winter Basketball**

- Athletic division tryout information will be shared at a later date.
- Registration for the IHRC Rec Basketball 2024/2025 season will open at 8:00 am on Friday, August 2. Season of play is Winter 2024/2025 under the CPYBL.

*For all of our athletic/higher level select divisions, there are some guidelines that must be followed:*

- All players who are interested in participating on one of these level teams, must tryout. No player is guaranteed placement based on their prior season’s participation.
- All tryouts/evaluations of the players will be conducted by third-party evaluators, not parent coaches. The Recreation Program Manager will receive and house all tryout/evaluations results.
- Parent coaches for the teams will not be decided upon for this athletic/higher level select teams until after the tryouts and player placement occurs. To keep the process fair and transparent, no parents and/or parent coaches will be involved in the selection of the team.

QUESTIONS? – Please reach out to Sarah Fink, Village Recreation Program Manager at [sfink@indianhill.gov](mailto:sfink@indianhill.gov) Please also reach out to Sarah if you wish to be added to the email listing for up to date information as the TBD information becomes finalized.

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## FALL 2024 – RECREATIONAL SPORTS

**Registration Opens:** Friday, May 10, 2024 at 8:00 a.m.

The Indian Hill Recreation Commission is happy to announce that registration for all 2024 Fall Sports will open on May 10. Registration will remain open until mid-July.

**2024 Fall Sports**

- Field Hockey (6-8 Grade)
- Girls Volleyball (3-6 Grade)

- Soccer (Ages 3.5-17)

More information regarding each sport, setting up an account, and information on how to register is posted to the Village website [www.indianhill.gov](http://www.indianhill.gov) as well as sent out to all current IHRC families via email in April.

QUESTIONS? For any questions, please reach out to Sarah Fink, Recreation Program Manager at [sfink@indianhill.gov](mailto:sfink@indianhill.gov)

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## “I YANKED OUT THE HONEYSUCKLE, NOW WHAT?” CHAPTER FOUR- EASTERN REDBUD



Flashy and rapid growing, the Eastern Redbud is a fourth idea for replacing your honeysuckle.

Like Taylor Swift in her sequined suit, this tree will announce its presence with an eye-catching display of preleaf purple-pink flowers in your yard every spring. Small blossoms literally cover the tree; appearing on twigs, branches main limbs, even on the trunk. (Sing it again Taylor!)

The Eastern Redbud’s (*Cercis canadensis*) fairly rapid growth produces a slightly irregular round-topped tree. As a member of the pea family, this tree will top out about 25-35 feet tall. Older trees carry branches in horizontal tiers with a very dark brown bark. Its 3–6-inch leaves are distinguished from other Redbuds by their pointed tips. The leaves are broad and rounded with a distinctive heart shaped base, and in autumn they turn a strong yellow. Seedpods cling to where the blossoms have been, and add interest after the tree drops its leaves in the fall.

The pods are packed with seeds that are eaten by a bevy of wildlife including, quail, cardinals, rose-breasted grosbeaks, wild turkeys, white-tailed deer and even squirrels.

Great as a solo tree, sometimes it is planted in combination with another native tree, the Flowering Dogwood, as they augment each other visually. Nurseries sometimes stock several varieties of Eastern Redbud with blossoms ranging from white to purple to bright red. Jake Sberna of Cincinnati Nature Center recommends Redbuds for edge of woods locations, as it is more of a “pioneer type tree” he says.

While all of these traits are valuable, its role as a source of food for honeybees and other native pollinating insects give it star status. In fact, the redbud is so indispensable to these valuable animals, some experts rate it as one of our

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top 10 most important native flowering trees. The high rating comes from the species' ability to provide these insects with an abundant supply of nectar and pollen when both are often hard to find elsewhere.

Difficult to transplant when larger, the smaller it is when moved, the more likely it is to survive. It needs well drained soil. Also, its fragile branch structure and early blossoms are susceptible to breakage during late season snow storms.

So, a prima donna it may be, but if you want a show stopper to replace your honeysuckle, the Eastern Redbud is a great choice.

Eastern Redbud trees are available at local native tree sales including Rowe Arboretum's on April 27. They are also available at Cincinnati Zoo and Botanical Gardens' Bowyer Farm and the Cincinnati Nature Center. You can search for Native Plant sale dates on their websites.

Your yard will benefit from a diversity of replacements for the invasive Honeysuckle, and native species are a great benefit to its ecosystem. Below is a short-list for you to review.

**Happy Planting!** - Dick Krehbiel & Nancy Linz

**NATIVE UNDERSTORY TREES AND SHUBS**

- Pawpaw
- Spicebush
- Arrowwood Viburnum
- Native Hydrangea
- Dogwood
- Redbud
- Sassafras
- Persimmon

**SCHEDULE OF 2024 NATIVE PLANT SALES**

**Rowe Arboretum Sale at Stephan Field**  
Sat. April 27, 10AM-4PM

**Cincinnati Nature Center at Rowe Woods**  
Sat April 20 through Sun May 19; Daily 10AM- 5PM

**Cincinnati Zoo & Botanical Garden at Bowyer Farm**  
Sat. April 20, 9AM-2PM  
Wed. April 24, 5PM-8PM  
Sat May 4, 9PM-2PM  
Sat May 18, 9PM-2PM

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## **IF YOU HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY, SAVE A TURTLE**



If you are driving a car, and you see a box turtle in the road, why would you bother to stop and help? Consider that you can save

the life of a vulnerable animal that can live 40-50 years in the wild— if it doesn't get run over by a car.

Eastern Box Turtles have lived in this area for much longer than humans have been around. With the expansion of modern development, woodlands and meadows have become divided by roads. As the weather warms, turtles are on the move, searching for food, new territory, breeding opportunities, or a place to lay their eggs. So, turtles need to cross roads, which obviously puts their lives in peril. A driver occasionally will encounter a turtle on the road, and then the driver has a choice: to stop or not to stop.

Depending on traffic, it may be possible to stop and help a turtle on the road. If opportunity allows, the alert driver can use emergency flashers, pull over to the side, and stop in such a way as not to endanger traffic or personal safety. It's important to note which direction the turtle is traveling. Lift the turtle while keeping your fingers away from the mouth of the turtle. Use two hands on a larger

turtle— to support the top and bottom of the shell. Carry the turtle in the same direction that it was traveling, and put it down a few feet off the side of the road. If you move a turtle back to the side of the road from which it came, it will simply cross the road again. Wash your hands thoroughly with soap at the first opportunity.

In Hamilton County, there are about 7 species of turtles. The Eastern Box Turtle is the only true terrestrial turtle. So if you see a turtle on the road, it is most likely to be a box turtle. The other species are aquatic species, including the Midland Painted Turtle, Red-Eared Slider, and 4 species that resemble Snapping Turtles.

The Snapping Turtle and its related species need special mention. Snapping turtles have long necks and are very dangerous. Because they "snap", a larger snapping turtle can take off fingers. If you encounter a snapping-type turtle on the road, the simplest and safest option is to avoid it, and not try to pick it up.

The next time you see one of the other turtles on the road, please consider stopping to help it. Our roadways divide their natural habitats, and occasionally they need our help.



## YOU ARE INVITED TO LEARN MORE ABOUT OUR WATER QUALITY



Indian Hill residents are invited to the 1 May meeting of the Green Areas Advisory Committee. The meeting will feature a presentation by IHHS students, reporting on their annual Water Quality Project. The project tracks a range of

impurities and pollutants in 3-4 open waterways that run through Indian Hill. The meeting will take place on Wednesday 1 May, in Village Council Chambers (6525 Drake Road), with presentation starting promptly at 5:30PM.

## SCAM OF THE MONTH: FAKE FINANCIAL FILE PHISHING



In a recent phishing email scam, cybercriminals use vague financial terms that attempt to make you curious enough to click the attachment in the email. The subject of the email is “Remittance Summary,” and the malicious attachment is named “Payment Advice.” The body of the email only says, “Find attached payment advice for remittance. Kindly revert.” The sender of the email appears to be legitimate, but it is actually sent from a fake sender address. If you download the PDF file, the malware will begin installing on your computer.

The attached malware is designed to gather sensitive information from your device. It can find personal data stored in your web browser, such as login credentials. It

can also install a keylogger, which is a type of malware that records every key pressed on your keyboard. Whenever you enter your username and password, the keylogger can record exactly what you’ve typed and send it directly to the cybercriminals.

Follow these tips to avoid falling victim to a financial phishing scam:

- Be skeptical. If an email looks suspicious or contains unusual grammatical errors, immediately report it to your organization.
- Check the email address carefully. Cybercriminals will often use email addresses that appear very similar to legitimate senders.
- Never download unexpected attachments. If you’re not expecting an attachment or the email is from someone that you don’t know, don’t open it.

## DIRT DAUBERS GARDEN CLUB OF INDIAN HILL NEWS

The Dirt Daubers Garden Club of Indian Hill has had a busy spring with two highly informative and entertaining programs.

On March 6, 2024, members and guests of the Dirt Daubers Garden Club of Indian Hill learned about the art of gardening roses from Brandon Snow, owner of The Rose Doctor. Information can be found at the website @ <https://rosedoctor.net>. The company was originally founded by Michael Combs in 1997 and Brandon Snow bought the company in 1997. This company is a member of the Cincinnati Rose Association as part of the American Rose Society. Services provided by the company include building and maintaining rose gardens across the Cincinnati area.

Mr. Snow explained that the rose season is from March to December. In March, gardeners should begin weeding their rose garden(s) and conduct a first treatment for midge. Patience is needed until April for uncovering the protective mound put in place in December. During April the first pruning can be done along with preventative pest and nutritional treatments. These treatments need to be

done on a bi-weekly basis thru September. The month of May provides a welcome environment for planting new rose bushes. The first blossoms are usually seen around Memorial Day. In the months of June thru September, continued maintenance is needed including pruning off old blooms to promote blooming. In October, fertilizing should cease with final pruning in November after three nights below 28 degrees Fahrenheit. During December a mound of mushroom compost for overwintering protection of the rose bush is needed.

In terms of having a quality rose garden, Mr. Snow recommends a deer fence for rose gardens. He also recommends Boxwood bushes as good plant companions in rose gardens

On April 2, 2024, members and guests of the Dirt Daubers Garden Club of Indian Hill attended a talk on Pollinators followed by a luncheon at the Kenwood Country Club. Two of the Kenwood Country Club’s team, Barry Wehrman and Jenny Kent provided an informative presentation on pollinators with a specific focus on Bee

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Keeping. Pollination is described as any method (on purpose or accidental) of carrying pollen from the male flower to the female flower. While a variety of insects (bees, ants, wasps, flies, moths, butterflies, beetles), birds, and mammals (bats and humans) serve as pollinators for plants, bees are the primary pollinator. At least one-third of the foods eaten by humans are pollinated by bees.

Planting a variety of native plants with a variety of colors and fragrances is the best method for attracting pollinators. Use of native plants that bloom at different times from spring to fall will provide continued attraction of pollinators. Having a water source in a garden is necessary as pollinators, including butterflies, birds and bees all need water. Butterflies are attracted to flat-topped flowers and especially to red, orange, yellow, pink and blue flowers. Milkweed, Butterfly Weed, Butterfly Bush, Lavendar and Phlox attract Butterflies. Hummingbirds are attracted to tube shaped flowers that are red, orange, pink yellow and violet such as Cardinal Flowers, Salvia and Day Lillies.

Bee Keeping has become a hobby for Barry Wehrman and he stressed the importance of nurturing bees as pollinators in man-made hives or an apiary. Mr. Wehrman uses hives that are typically squat and squarish with expansion frames to accommodate growth of the bees' population and corresponding honey production. Between 20,000-70,000 bees can live in a hive depending on the size of the hive. Bees are attracted to yellow, purple and blue flowering plants, such as Bee Balm, Echinacea, Rudbeckia, Asters, Dandelions and Clover. Stages and roles of bees include nymphs, nurses, soldiers, morticians, drones, foragers and the Queen Bee. The Queen Bee can live 3-5 years and can lay between 1200-1500 eggs a day. The other bees have a lifespan of 15-45 days.

Hives need a consistent cold winter to be viable in the Spring. Bees keep the hive warm in the winter by

flapping their wings. In fluctuating cold/warm winters, some bees will leave the hive when there are warm temperatures in search of nectar. When the bees do not find nectar, they die. Loss of bees in the hive results in loss of hive heat maintenance. Without a warm winter hive the remaining bees freeze and die when cold winter temperatures return. New hives can be established in the spring by splitting viable hives where a new Queen will develop or by harvesting swarms looking for a new hive in the spring.

The Dirt Daubers Garden Club of Indian Hill members and guests meet the first Tuesday of the month from September to June. Their special emphasis is to have interesting topics in gardening and related programs. In addition, the club supports service programs, some of which include the Indian Hill "Reforest the Hill" program, Rowe Arboretum and other gardening ventures in and around Indian Hill. The club will meet next on Tuesday, May 7, 2024 at 9:30am at The Barn in Mariemont for its Annual Auction.

If anyone is interested in more information about the Club, you are invited to contact Ingrid Daoud at [ingdaoud@gmail.com](mailto:ingdaoud@gmail.com)

*Front Row, sitting: Janet Conboy, Laura Milenkevich, Martha Feller, Mona Glover (Guest) Second Row, standing: Kelly Hampton (Guest), Cindy Bismayer, Eileen Bloustein, Eileen Kilday, Lisa Milenkevich, Barry Wehrman (Speaker), Janet Kent (Speaker), Jeanie Affatato Third Row, standing: Karen Stevens, Sarah Lucas, Kim Shifflett, Kathryn Al-Lamadani, Moira Granger, Carol Reubel, Sofie Snauwaert, Karen Luthman, Elizabeth Beiser*



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## **COUNTRY MARKET SPONSORED BY THE INDIAN HILL GARDEN CLUB: SAVE THE DATE SEPTEMBER 14, 2024**

The 101th year of the Indian Hill Garden Club's Country Market will take place on September 14, 2024 from 11AM to 3PM at the Indian Hill Church, 6000 Drake Road.

What started at the Little Red School House in 1923 has evolved into a classic, can't miss autumn tradition celebrating community, nature and family. Country Market is a throw-back to a bygone era where members of the Cincinnati community share in the beauty, and abundant bounty, of the Village of Indian Hill. The market will offer numerous local vendors, floral arrangements, baked goods by Indian Hill Garden Club members, raffle, wine pull, blue grass band, petting zoo,

kids crafts, food truck and beverages.

A portion of the proceeds from the 2024 Country Market will be dedicated to several beautification projects around the village, such as Given Road near Red Bird Hollow, and the intersections of Buckingham and Cunningham, Muchmore and Miami, and Annesdale and Miami.

This year's co-chairs are Leigh Anne Meurer and Nicci Conn. All 60 members of the Indian Hill Garden Club work together to make the fundraiser a beautiful and bucolic day. Mark your calendars!

## STEPPING STONES TO PUT ON 23RD ANNUAL GOLF CLASSIC

Stepping Stones will host the 2024 Golf Classic on Monday, June 3 at the O'Bannon Creek Golf Club in Loveland. Stepping Stones and event chair Steve Mennen invite you to enjoy a beautiful day with exciting hole challenges, course tastings, premier raffle prizes and more.

The Golf Classic benefits Stepping Stones' mission to build pathways to independence and promote inclusion for people with developmental and physical disabilities. Show your support by starting a team or becoming a sponsor; spots are limited! At the end of the day, golfers can relax with food and drinks as awards are handed out for the day's winning teams and top golfers.

"We hope that you'll join us for another great year of The Golf Classic," said event chair Steve Mennen. "The funds raised from this event go to support Stepping Stones' year-round programs for individuals with disabilities."

Event tickets are \$250 for a single and \$1,000 for a foursome. The O'Bannon Creek Golf Club is located at 6842 Oakland Road in Loveland, Ohio. To buy tickets or become a sponsor, contact Anna Osowski at 513-965-5101 or email [Anna.Osowski@SteppingStonesOhio.org](mailto:Anna.Osowski@SteppingStonesOhio.org). Volunteers are needed for The Golf Classic, please visit

[bit.ly/GolfClassicVolunteer](https://bit.ly/GolfClassicVolunteer) to sign up if you are interested. Visit [SteppingStonesGolf.org](https://SteppingStonesGolf.org) for more event information.

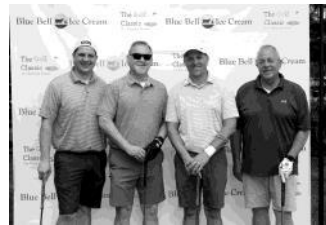
**Who:** Stepping Stones

**What:** 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Golf Classic

**When:** Monday, June 3, 2024

**Where:** O'Bannon Creek Golf Club

**Why:** To raise money for year-round programs benefiting children, teens and adults with disabilities.



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## DISCOVERING THE MAGIC OF MUSIC THIS MAY AT ARMSTRONG CHAPEL

Armstrong Chapel radiates the glory of the Resurrection this Easter season. Starting on March 31st to Pentecost on May 19<sup>th</sup>, we will observe the liturgical Easter season. Participate in the vibrant, exhilarating celebration of our risen Christ, not only just today, but every day. Each new day brings an opportunity for renewal and rebirth!

Armstrong will extend the festivities with a month of uplifting music. Music expresses the heart's deepest feelings and unites us all in praise. On **May 3rd at 3:00 pm**, the sanctuary will be filled with harmonious sweet sounds from our Chancel Choir. This special concert will honor all choir members, past and present. If you know someone that is graduating start the celebration on Pentecost Sunday, **May 19th at 9:40 am** Worship Service, we will feature the Armstrong Bell Choir in a special performance honoring all graduates.

Go out with a bang Memorial Day Weekend, starting **May 26 at 9:40 am** Worship Service! The River's Edge Brass Band will have a special performance honoring and remembering those that have sacrificed their lives for this country. The **River's Edge Brass Band** is a British-style brass band that is made up of the area's best brass players playing some of the world's most challenging music. Armstrong has a history of supporting musical

programs like this because spiritual growth through music can make a difference. Continuing a long-held tradition on Memorial Day Weekend, Armstrong Chapel will mark the graves of our military heroes with flags. Then on that Monday, share with us as we host **Indian Hill's 146th Memorial Day Observance. May 27th at 10:30 am** outside at the Old Chapel we will reflect on the sacrifices of those who served to defend our freedoms.

Music is at the heart of Armstrong's Sunday mornings featuring three different styles of music from an intimate pianist to a traditional choir and pipe organ to a live band at the contemporary service, where the Praise Band brings a whole new vibe to worship. The music is a melodic blend of today's hits with the timeless message of faith that creates a vibrant tapestry of worship that resonates with any generation. Engage in a service that encourages a more interactive faith journey!

Music strengthens spirit, builds community, and serves others with compassion. Whether through service or joyful events, Armstrong Chapel aims to uplift and unite. To find out more information visit our website at [www.armstrongchapel.org](http://www.armstrongchapel.org).

## UPCOMING TRAIL CLEARING EVENTS

Join the **Trees & Trails Foundation** for upcoming trail clearing events! We are seeking volunteers to help remove invasive plants and maintain the bridle trails in the Village. Whether you are a rider, resident, or friend who wants to support our green areas, we welcome you to join us as we hike the bridle trails to clear brush, remove fallen limbs and trees, and make repairs to the trail paths. If you have never been on the trails, it's a great way to see them and enjoy the beautiful natural landscapes in the Village.

**Pete McAdams, VP of the Indian Hill Equestrian Club**, will be leading groups on the third Saturday of every month through September. The volunteer sessions run from 8:30-11:30 but we appreciate any time you can spare.

Currently, volunteer sessions are scheduled for

**Saturday, April 20**  
**Saturday, May 18**  
**Saturday, June 15**  
**Saturday, July 20**  
**Saturday, August 17**  
**Saturday, September 21**

**What to bring:**

**Tools:** Most hand tools are welcome – loppers, trail saws,

weed eaters, gas or battery-powered hedge trimmers, and chainsaws are most common and helpful. We strongly recommend protective eyewear and safety chaps for chainsaw users.

**Clothing:** Jeans or other durable pants and waterproof boots or hiking shoes are recommended. Also bring gloves, bug spray & water to drink on the trail.

Please sign up at [www.trees-trails.org](http://www.trees-trails.org) by selecting the “Get Involved” tab.

Locations & weather conditions will vary for each event so please make sure you include complete contact information. Once we receive your reply, we will email you with the location & directions. Events take place rain or shine, unless thunderstorms or high winds are predicted.

Questions? Visit [www.trees-trails.org](http://www.trees-trails.org)



### *Resident in the Spotlight*



Indian Hill resident and local Sibcy Cline Realtor® Kim Vincent was awarded the Good Things Award at the Leading Real Estate Companies of the World® annual conference in Las Vegas. The Good Things Award recipient is selected from the LeadingRE global network which connects local independent real estate brokerages around the world. It's awarded to one Realtor who has made a positive impact on their local community by supporting a cause near and dear to their heart.

Kim pairs her background as an occupational therapist with her current role as a Realtor and works to create independent living spaces for adults with developmental disabilities through LADD, Inc, a Hamilton County organization that empowers adults with disabilities.

Prior to receiving the Good Things Award, Kim was also awarded the Pamela D. Sibcy Community Service Award through her brokerage, Sibcy Cline Realtors ®.

## THE CCDS INVENTEAM! ATTENDED A CINCINNATI CITY COUNCIL MEETING TO RECEIVE A PROCLAMATION

Wednesday, April 10, 2024, was a big day at Cincinnati City Hall with the CCDS InvenTeam! The team attended a Cincinnati City Council meeting to receive a proclamation from the City Council, sponsored by Councilmember Mark Jeffreys, recognizing their work to advance bicycle safety. Councilmember Jeffreys introduced the team and described how impressed he was with them and their work after he visited with the team earlier this spring. The team demonstrated its patent-pending invention to council members and explained the invention's purpose. Council members gave the team a standing ovation for their work and several council members congratulated them on their dedication to solving a problem that impacts the community.

[Click here](#) to view the official City Council meeting recording. The team is called up for recognition around 1:01:45.

The CCDS InvenTeam also met with the head of the Department of Transportation and Engineering, John Brazina, and civil engineers on his staff to learn about the department's bicycle safety efforts and give a demonstration of the invention. Several staff members who are bicyclists approached the team and were very interested in using the device when it's ready for market.

As Councilmember Jeffreys said, "Sometimes young people in our community do really exceptional things."

In 2023, Cincinnati Country Day School was awarded a Lemelson-MIT (LMIT) InvenTeam grant to create an invention geared towards improving road bike safety. Country Day is one of only eight high schools nationwide to be selected to have an InvenTeam for the 2023-24 school year. In June, the team will travel to Cambridge, Mass. to present its invention at EurekaFest. According to the LMIT website, "EurekaFest is an event that empowers student inventors, empowers role models, and encourages creativity and problem-solving."



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## OUR STRATEGIC PLAN: THE #IHPROMISE EVOLUTION

It has now been two years since we joined forces with our students, alumni, parents, community members, faculty, and staff, and worked with our visionary Board of Education to develop the #IHPromise, our 5-year strategic plan. During that time, we've made significant strides toward creating an inclusive learning environment that emphasizes Learners as Doers, Learners as Individuals, and Learners as the Whole Child.

Our initial efforts revealed the importance of focusing on student-centered choices, meaningful content connections, and the enhancement of social skills, with alumni stressing the need for mental health awareness, passion in learning, and broader world perspectives. To address these needs and streamline our process, we consolidated our efforts into five key initiatives:

- Student Agency: Enhancing learning through choices in the educational journey.
- STEM: Fostering a problem-solving mindset through creativity and critical thinking.

- Wellness: Building healthy physical, social, and emotional habits.
- Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion: Ensuring inclusive spaces that celebrate diversity.
- Career Pathways: Connecting student interests with real-world opportunities.

To support our educators in these endeavors, we've introduced personalized professional learning opportunities, ranging from one-on-one coaching to collaborative workshops and peer observations. These options allow educators to explore instructional strategies that resonate with their teaching styles and our strategic goals. Teacher leadership roles further empower educators to share their knowledge and contribute to our community's continuous growth.

The Strategic Plan Leadership Team plays a crucial role in this journey, analyzing the effectiveness of our practices

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and making informed recommendations for future actions. Their work ensures that our initiatives remain aligned with both our strategic objectives and the evolving needs of our learners. Additionally, we stay connected to our community of supporters in reviewing what has been achieved and creating a map of where we are headed. I want to thank all Braves who participated in our February meeting to help us move our #IHPromise forward.

As Strategic Plan Coordinator Dr. Kim Given reflected on our progress during the March Board of Education meeting, we saw how this regular feedback from our community events and discussions has been invaluable, highlighting the impact of our efforts and guiding our future direction. This feedback loop ensures that our initiatives resonate with and effectively support our

learners and educators.

The past two years have been a testament to our dedication to the #IHPromise. By emphasizing student agency, wellness, diversity, and innovation, we are not only preparing our learners for their futures but also actively shaping the future of what public education can be at its best – developing young leaders who will impact our world for the better. We are excited about what the future holds for our Braves!

In service to our children,

Kirk Koennecke  
CEO/Superintendent  
Indian Hill School District

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## INDIAN HILL FINANCIAL PROSPECTUS: BUILDING A BRAVE FUTURE

On behalf of our Board of Education, the administration, the teachers, and the staff members of the Indian Hill School District, I am pleased to present to you our sixth-annual Financial Prospectus, which will be mailed to all members of our community and is accessible now on our district website. This update will provide you a look at how our financial planning has evolved based on key variables, the benefit of private/grant funding to our students and our community, and our continued dedication to be responsible guardians over the investment our taxpayers make in our organization through conservative fiscal management.

From the successful completion and opening of our renovated and new facilities – including the Sue Harder

Memorial Performing Arts Center – to our planning of a state-of-the-art, majority privately funded Indian Hill Athletic Fieldhouse, we have seen unparalleled shifts in our campus since our first Financial Prospectus report.

Most sincerely, as the CFO/Treasurer, I want to offer you – our valued investor – a message of gratitude. Thank you for supporting the dreams of our students, and welcome home to your Indian Hill School District. If you ever have a question regarding our district finances, my door is always open.

Sincerely,  
**Mick Davis**  
CFO/Treasurer

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## INDIAN HILL CELEBRATES STUDENT-ATHLETES WITH SIGNING CEREMONY

Nine Indian Hill High School (IHHS) student-athletes took center stage at the IHHS Gym for a celebration Wednesday, March 20 to commit to continue both academic and athletic careers beyond high school during a college signing ceremony. Participating students included seniors Alex Castellini, Lilly Dwyer, Josie Festa, Noah Frazier, Alex Grace, CJ Hayden, Charlie Isphording, John Podojil, and Jack Pollock.

“Elite – that is the best way to describe this outstanding group of student-athletes. Overall, only about seven

percent of high school athletes advance to play a collegiate sport. Less than two percent of high school athletes go on to play at the Division 1 level,” said Indian Hill Athletic Director Brian Phelps. “This is a wonderful opportunity to not only celebrate these amazing student-athletes, but also to say thank you to their coaches and their supportive families who helped create the opportunity for this level of outstanding achievement.”

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**Alex Castellini**  
**Rowing**  
**Columbia University**

“I’d like to thank my family, teammates, varsity rowing coach Greg Hull, and novice rowing coach Alex Spaulding for believing in me and helping this dream become a reality. I’d also like to thank Columbia coaches Andrew Hess, Tom Terhaar, and Laurel Korholz for helping me with the recruiting process and for their continued support for my future. Go Lions!”

**Lilly Dwyer**  
**Tennis**  
**Davidson College**

“I would like to thank my family, friends, teammates, and coaches for helping me achieve this goal. This achievement wouldn’t have been possible without them.”

**Josie Festa**  
**Diving**  
**Duquesne University**

“I would like to thank my coaches, family, and teammates for making this opportunity possible for me. I would also like to give a special thanks to Patti Hickey and Ray Noble for pushing me to do my best and encouraging me to get where I am today.”

**Noah Frazier**  
**Football**  
**DePauw University**

“I would like to thank my family, friends, coaches, and teammates for helping and guiding me throughout this process.”

**Alex Grace**  
**Football**  
**Youngstown State University**

“I would like to thank my coaches for all the time they have put into making me a better player and better person off the field. Thank you to my teammates for having my back and helping get me to this point as I wouldn’t be here without you guys. Finally, thank you to my family, for spending countless amounts of evenings driving me to and from practice and games, and going into this recruiting process blindly with me.”

**CJ Hayden**  
**Football**  
**Iowa State University**

“I would like to thank my coaches for supporting, encouraging, and building into me through my success and trials. My coaches in rec football created a love of the game for me. My high school coaches have made me a better football player, taught me the mental game, and have made me a better man. Thank you to my parents who have put countless hours into me driving to practices, being at every game, traveling for tournaments, and being my biggest supporters and fans. Thank you to my teammates, football is a team sport and without all the teammates I have had throughout my career I wouldn’t be here. Thank you Indian Hill community for the encouragement and fan support. Go Cyclones!”

**Charlie Isphording**  
**Soccer**  
**Southern Methodist University**

“I would like to thank my family, friends, teammates, and coaches for helping me achieve my goals. A special thanks to my parents and sister for being so supportive. Go Mustangs.”

**John Podojil**  
**Track & Field**  
**Miami University**

“Special thanks to my family, friends, and all coaches who have helped make this dream a reality.”

**Jack Pollock**  
**Tennis**  
**Bowdoin College**

“I would like to thank my family, teammates, and coaches for helping me achieve my dream of being a collegiate athlete and supporting me through all the ups and downs to make this a reality.”

*Indian Hill High School celebrated nine student-athletes Wednesday, March 20 during a formal athletic signing ceremony, including seniors*

*Alex Castellini, Lilly Dwyer, Josie Festa, Noah Frazier, Alex Grace, CJ Hayden, Charlie Isphording, John Podojil, and Jack Pollock.*



## INDIAN HILL MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS SHINE AT JACOB G. SCHMIDLAPP UPSTANDER YOUTH LEADERSHIP DAY

The Indian Hill School District proudly announces the participation of Indian Hill Middle School students Meadow Williams and Clairette Yang in the Jacob G. Schmidlapp Upstander Youth Leadership Day, held at the Nancy and David Wolf Holocaust and Humanity Center on Tuesday, March 5. Guided by Indian Hill Middle School teacher Brad Bell, who selected and chaperoned them for the event, these students showcased their leadership skills and talents, embodying the ideals of positivity and change in today's world.

“The Jacob G. Schmidlapp Upstander Youth Leadership Day, organized by the VIA Institute on Character, is a prestigious workshop designed to empower young leaders from across the tri-state area,” said Indian Hill Middle School Principal Lauren Gentene. “Through this event, students like Meadow and Clairette had the opportunity to connect with their peers, share ideas, and learn valuable leadership qualities that are essential for navigating and influencing positive change in society.”

Reflecting on the day's events, Meadow Williams expressed, “I met some new people and I learned that a leader can move a group when needed and make sure that everyone has a chance to

participate in all activities.”

Similarly, Clairette Yang shared her insights, stating, “An upstander is someone who will actually take action to make a change to themselves or others.”

Bell, who played a crucial role in facilitating this enriching experience, highlighted the importance of such initiatives, “Seeking out and providing leadership opportunities for students attends to the Learners as the Whole Child part of our District's strategic plan. Clairette's and Meadow's natural leadership ability and talent speaks well to and is yet another example of our Indian Hill students achieving and living the #IHPromise.”

The participation of Meadow and Clairette in the Jacob G. Schmidlapp Upstander Youth Leadership Day not only represents their individual achievements but also reflects the Indian Hill School District's commitment to fostering leadership and character development among its students. Through opportunities like these, Indian Hill continues to nurture the next generation of leaders who are ready to make a positive impact in the world.

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## INDIAN HILL LATIN CLUB TRIUMPHS AT 2024 OJCL CONVENTION

The Indian Hill School District celebrates the Indian Hill Latin Club, renowned for its tradition of excellence, for once again demonstrating its exceptional talent and team spirit at the 2024 Ohio Junior Classical League (OJCL) Convention held in Columbus during March. The team's collective efforts culminated in a remarkable fifth-place finish overall, earning 531 sweepstakes points and bringing home 91 awards, including 40 top-five finishes.

“Our students once again proved that their passion for Latin and classical studies goes beyond the classroom,” said Melissa Burgess, Indian Hill High School Latin teacher and club advisor. “Their hard work, enthusiasm, and spirit of camaraderie were evident throughout the convention. It's truly inspiring to see them embrace the challenges and celebrate not just their victories but the joy of learning together.”

The convention was a showcase of skill, creativity, and passion for the classics, with Indian Hill Middle School and Indian Hill High School students participating in various competitions ranging from academic testing to creative arts. A standout achievement was the Intermediate Level Certamen team, consisting of Arpad Lallement, Michael Miller, Xavier Sharif, and Victor Zhang, who secured the first place in the state tournament, affirming their unparalleled knowledge of Latin and classical studies.

Further highlighting the breadth of talent within the club, Arpad Lallement distinguished himself not only as a member of the winning Certamen team but also through individual achievements, including being the ninth highest earner in creative arts sweepstakes points and the 14th overall in total sweepstakes points at the convention. His impressive feat of placing in the top 10 in every test offered at the OJCL convention underscores the dedication and skill prevalent among the club's members.

The club's creative flair was also on display through the Club Banner, crafted by Allen Beiter and Olivia Zhao, which received a commendable "Good" rating, showcasing the artistic talents within the club.

The club's success is a testament to the vibrant community of learners and educators at both Indian Hill High School and Indian Hill Middle School, dedicated to fostering an environment where classical studies thrive. With eight first-place awards across multiple categories, the Indian Hill Latin Club continues to set the standard for excellence in classical education in Ohio.



## Village of Indian Hill 2024 Bulletin Schedule

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### **SUBMITTING ARTICLES AND PICTURES**

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

**Due to space availability, all articles submitted will need to be kept to a maximum of 700 words. The Village reserves the right to request you edit your article and/or edit it on your behalf.**

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### **CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE [www.indianhill.gov](http://www.indianhill.gov)**

You can find the Indian Hill Bulletin on our website at [www.indianhill.gov](http://www.indianhill.gov). 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.

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### **ONLINE BILL PAYMENT NOW AVAILABLE**

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

**We are excited to announce that you can now join and/or donate to Rowe Arboretum, make a donation to the Reforest the Hill program or purchase daily bridle trail passes through the Village website.**



**Scan this QR code with the camera on your phone to pay your bill online!**

# IMAGES

...THEN AND NOW

From the Indian Hill Historical Society



**Buckingham Lodge  
1861**

## Paddlefish Ranching at Grand Valley: The Background Story (Part I)



A dozen years ago, Village Council entered into an agreement with Big Fish Farms to permit a thousand paddlefish to be stocked in the lakes at Grand Valley Preserve. The company agreed to harvest the fish after about ten years and pay revenue to Indian Hill based on sales of the fish byproducts. This aquaculture venture has been beneficial to all involved.

The American paddlefish, scientifically known as *Polyodon spathula*, is native to the Mississippi river basin, including its tributaries (e.g. the Missouri, Yellowstone, Ohio, Allegheny, San Jacinto, Tombigbee, Alabama) and can be found in 22 U.S. states. They once were abundant, but due to overfishing, destruction of habitat, poaching, dam construction, and pollution, their numbers declined. Currently they are a protected species under state, federal, and international law. Paddlefish are related to sturgeon, and date back 125 million years, over which time they have adapted and evolved. Freshwater fish with smooth skin and a cartilaginous skeleton, their most distinctive feature is a rostrum (long nose or paddle) which is about 1/3 of their body length. Though not related to sharks, they have a tail fin resembling that of a shark. They have a body flap which protects their gills. They normally grow about 4-5 feet in length and can weigh up to 80 pounds. (The largest on record was captured in Iowa; it was 85 inches and weighed 198 pounds.) With their silver to bluish gray color, whitish bellies, and ancient appearance, they are strange and intriguing creatures. Their meat is boneless, and their eggs (roe or berries) are popularly consumed as caviar.



**Paddlefish fingerling**

Renee Koerner, a former assistant maître d' and cellar master at the Maisonette, decided to pursue a new enterprise in 2000. She and her husband utilized research from Kentucky State University and consulted with Dr. Steve Mims, an international authority on rearing paddlefish for caviar production. They incorporated Big Fish Farms in 2005. The Koerners control the entire process – raising, harvesting, processing and marketing the paddlefish in this relatively new industry.

The process takes 10 years. Breeding stock is used. Eggs are taken from a female, fertilized with Milt (male juice), tested for viability, and kept in a special jar that mimics the current of a river. Paddlefish only spawn in moving water, so that time in the jar is essential. Once the fish babies (fry) hatch – usually about 14 days – they are moved to tanks where they grow from ¼ inch to 18-inch-long fingerlings. They are fed daphnia at first, and next, for about 6 months, pellets. Then the fish are ready to go to larger bodies of water, where their diet is naturally occurring daphnia/zooplankton.



**Harvesting paddlefish  
at Grand Valley**

In the early days, Renee Koerner of Big Fish Farms managed to talk some people into putting paddlefish in their lakes, even though it was a difficult ask. She told lake owners that she would share a portion of her profits, that she would manage the harvest, and that paddlefish have features which make them unique. They do not eat other fish – they feed on zooplankton in the water. They are not attracted to lures or bait on a hook. They do not reproduce in lakes. If not harvested, they will eventually die of old age. Because they do not compete with other fish for food, they do not impact other species. They do not upset the lake's ecosystem. The lake which might be a passive resource could be changed to a productive resource. Renee persuaded people to enter partnerships

with Big Fish Farms. Several towns, housing communities, and farmers agreed.

Lakes – preferably big ones- are stocked with fingerlings. Big Fish Farms only stocks 10 -20 fish per surface acre, which is low density. And then about a decade later they are harvested. Koerner and 1 -2 assistants return with a specially equipped pontoon boat. They let out gill nets with floating buoys and leave them there for several hours. The nets have 10-inch openings which catch large paddlefish, but not most other fish. It is important to harvest them before the water gets too warm, because the females get the urge to lay eggs, and the eggs at that point are milky and soft, not firm and hard. If the roe are not up to Big Fish Farm's standards, the female is set free back in the lake where she will absorb them as nutrition and then the next year, a new crop of eggs will grow, and another attempt will be made to harvest her. Once captured, paddlefish are transferred to oxygenated tanks in the bed of a pickup truck and transported to Bethel, Ohio.

*( To be continued next month)*

# INDIAN HILL HISTORICAL SOCIETY

## *A History of Queen City Cuisine with Polly Campbell*

On Sunday, March 17th, Polly Campbell, the *Cincinnati Enquirer* food critic until 2020, shared the history of Cincinnati’s local food and beverage traditions. The many ethnic influences from the Germans, Irish, and Greeks, just to name a few, had lasting impacts on the cuisine that is unique to Cincinnatians today. The event was sold-out, and the attendees thoroughly enjoyed Polly’s stories and the delicious dinner served after the presentation.



Rosemary Welsh, Polly Campbell,  
Rosemary Ballard



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Amy Griffin



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## **Patron Party**

**Sunday, May 19th, 4:00 p.m., *Indian Hill Residence to be Announced***  
Held in one of Indian Hill’s finest homes, this annual “THANK YOU” party  
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#### **May 2024**

#### **June 2024**

Green Areas Advisory Comm	5:30 p.m. May 1, 2024
Public Safety Committee	7:30 a.m. May 9, 2024
Law Committee	8:00 a.m. May 9, 2024
Water Works Committee	7:00 a.m. May 14, 2024
Public Works Committee	7:30 a.m. May 14, 2024
Buildings & Grounds Committee	8:00 a.m. May 14, 2024
Finance Committee	7:30 a.m. May 15, 2024
Planning Commission	7:00 p.m. May 15, 2024
Mayor's Court	5:30 p.m. May 20, 2024
Council Meeting	6:30 p.m. May 20, 2024

Green Areas Advisory Comm	5:30 p.m. June 5, 2024
Public Safety Committee	7:30 a.m. June 6, 2024
Law Committee	8:00 a.m. June 6, 2024
Water Works Committee	7:00 a.m. June 11, 2024
Public Works Committee	7:30 a.m. June 11, 2024
Buildings & Grounds Committee	8:00 a.m. June 11, 2024
Finance Committee	7:30 a.m. June 12, 2024
Council Meeting	6:30 p.m. June 17, 2024
Mayor's Court	5:30 p.m. June 17, 2024
Planning Commission	7:00 p.m. June 19, 2024
Recreation Commission	6:30 p.m. June 24, 2024