

PRESIDENT'S NOTE

Community engagement has been strong throughout East Walnut Hills, including membership in the Assembly, our neighborhood council, and in our Business Association. This positive momentum increases the strength and stability of the business district going forward, and there is renewed focus on marketing and promoting our retail businesses.

Another strength of our community is our schools, with two high schools and two grade schools located in East Walnut Hills proper, and three other grade schools just a street or two away. I'm particularly proud that Evanston Academy, the primary public grade school which serves our neighborhood, received a "A" rating on their state report card.

Please continue to support the East Walnut Hills Assembly by joining this fall as a member and by attending and voting at our monthly meetings.

*Sincerely,
Tony Fischer*

THE HENRY

Urban Sites, the developer of the former site of the Woodburn Laundry in the heart of the East Walnut Hills business district, has completed the renovation and expansion of the building. The development has been named "The Henry" after Henty Luttmer, one of the original proprietors of the building. The large "ghost sign" painted on the wall of the entry stairwell remains from the era when Luttmer owned the building. There are 19 apartments, and residential tenants began moving in in early September.

There are two retail spaces on the first floor of the Henry. The smaller is approximately 1,000 square feet and will become a bar. The larger space looks out on the newly re-landscaped pocket park, with a view of the fountain and the gazebo.

UPCOMING EVENTS

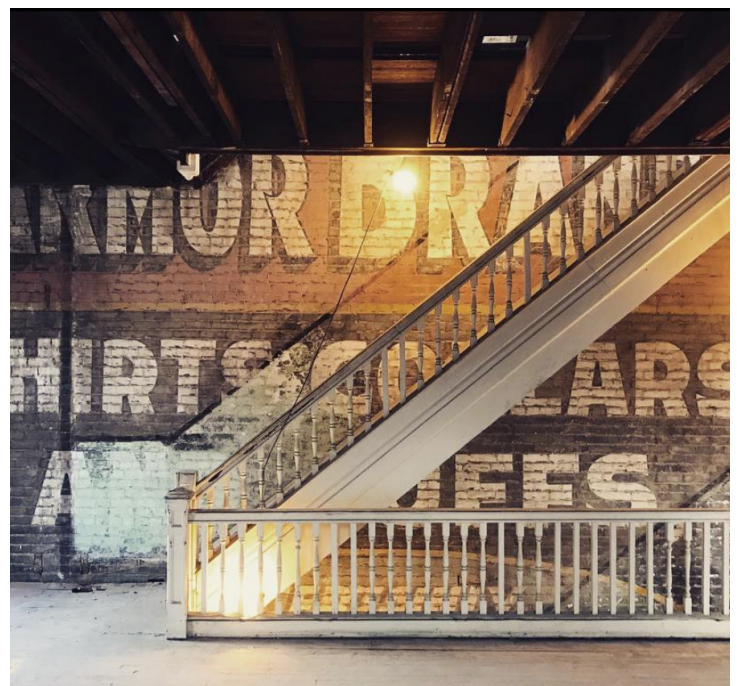
Walk on Woodburn is the recurring celebration of our historic business district, always on a Friday night, coinciding with the exhibition openings at Manifest Gallery. The upcoming WoW dates are as follows:

Friday November 8 [with a special Star Party hosted by the Cincinnati Observatory]

Friday December 13

Friday January 24

On **Sunday November 17** at 4pm, the St. Francis de Sales Church at 1600 Madison Rd. is hosting a free classical concert, featuring the pianist Vassilis Varvaresos. Experience the architectural grandeur and superior acoustics of this Catholic church that is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.



NEIGHBORHOOD CLEANUP

What do East Walnut Hills; North Charleston, NC; Lindenhurst, NY; Kathmandu, Nepal; and North Lakhimpur, India have in common? We all participate in #TrashTagChallenge community cleanups!

The East Walnut Hills Events Committee is committed to hosting activities and events for neighbors to connect, engage, and enjoy our wonderful community. After hearing a presentation from the City of Cincinnati's Year of Living Sustainably spokesperson, the Committee decided that neighborhood cleanups would be a great way to meet others, get some exercise and clean up our neighborhood. Realizing that trash and litter also affect our nearby neighbors in Walnut Hills and Evanston, the three communities all decided to collaborate.

At 9am on the first Saturday of every month, rotating among East Walnut Hills, Evanston and Walnut Hills, residents gather in a meeting spot and select an area to clean up. With bags and gloves donated by Keep Cincinnati Beautiful, we average about 12 bags of trash and 2-3 bags of recyclables within two hours!

This increased collaboration and communication between neighborhoods is getting noticed. Recently a Norwood resident joined us. She used to live in East Walnut Hills years ago and welcomed the chance to revisit the neighborhood. A family from Cheviot, looking for ways to volunteer, showed up one Saturday. The Evanston Walking Club decided to start collecting trash on their Saturday morning walks. A staff member of Purcell Marian High School participated with her young daughter. A group of women in Walnut Hills gave their time one Saturday to cleaning up their residential area.



CINCY FLAGS

Our new neighborhood flag was designed by area resident Nicholas Dereshkevich. The angled line represents Woodburn Ave., and the horizontal stripes mimic the unique shape of the properties on this street. The green stands for parks, and blue, gold and red are the colors of the arms of St. Francis de Sales, for whom De Sales Corner is named. Look for it at upcoming events!



MERRIMAC SQUARE

Traditions Building and Development Group, which recently completed Sanctuary Court in our community, is now working on Merrimac Square on Woodburn Ave. north of Dexter Ave. According to the developer, "Most of the new homeowners are single. Many of them cite walkability of the neighborhood and access to downtown and other nearby neighborhoods as a primary reason for their decision to buy a new home."



Architectural Rendering by D•HAS

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MARIA LONGWORTH STORER & ST. URSULA ACADEMY

Nancy Broermann is an Archivist at the Ursuline Archives on the campus of St. Ursula Academy. She and Constance Moore wrote Maria Longworth Storer: From Music and Art to Popes and Presidents, published on March 20, 2019 (Maria Longworth Storer's birthday) by University of Cincinnati Press. Nancy shares some little-known community facts and connections here:

East Walnut Hills has always been dear to my heart. I attended St. Ursula Academy (SUA) and currently enjoy managing the on-campus Ursuline Archives along with four other fabulous Archivists. SUA was established in 1910, so we have been East Walnut Hills neighbors for quite a long time!

In 1914, Maria Longworth Storer and her husband Bellamy Storer knocked on the door at SUA to ask the Sisters if they might attend their daily mass. You might be wondering, "Who is this Maria?" Maria's father, Joseph Longworth, donated the land for Eden Park. Her grandfather, Nicholas Longworth I, owned much of Cincinnati and grew Catawba grapes in his vineyard on Mt. Adams. The Betts-Longworth Historic District in the West End is named for this prominent family.

Maria was born in 1849. She founded the Cincinnati May Festival and Rookwood Pottery, and supported the Cincinnati Art Museum and the Art Academy of Cincinnati. She established many educational and healthcare opportunities in our city. Maria pushed boundaries for women that were unheard of at the time. She knew five United States presidents and three popes! Her second husband Bellamy was a congressman and U.S. Ambassador in Belgium, Spain and Austria Hungary until 1906.

When the Storers visited us in 1914, the Sisters had only a small room for their chapel, so the couple contributed money for the Sisters to build their chapel. The chapel was designed by a Sister along with architect Joseph Steinkamp.

Fun fact: when the chapel was constructed, the dome did not meet exactly in the middle as intended. Using her creativity, Sister Mary Carmel suggested adding the dove above the marble altar, which conceals the break in the dome.

An apartment was built for the Storers on our campus as well. They lived at SUA for only four years, because Bellamy had a stroke while visiting France and passed away. Maria stayed there near her daughter's family. The Storers' apartment was eventually transitioned into classrooms.

In our Archives, a room with wall murals tells of the Ursuline history through a timeline of objects and photographs with descriptions. There are boxes containing community and individual files of the Ursuline Sisters as well as Annals containing documents, newspaper articles and photos from 1910 to the present day. Visits to the SUA campus and Archives can be arranged by appointment only by calling 513-961-3410 x155 or by emailing the Ursuline Archives at Archives@UrsulinesOfCincinnati.org.



FORTUS & BUCKINGHAM PROJECT



Concept Drawing by Fortus Group

Redevelopment of the former Anthem site at Taft Rd. and Woodburn Ave. continues toward construction start in spring 2020. When completed, the first phase will consist of 322 apartments and space for 4-5 new shops or restaurants along Woodburn Ave.

The design of the development uses materials and colors drawn from the surrounding community to integrate it into the existing historic neighborhood.

A new street and publicly accessible pedestrian alley will break up the block of new apartments and garage. Direct-access walkout apartments around the periphery will emphasize the development's connection to the abutting streets and to our walkable community at large.

WAIF 88.3FM

East Walnut Hills is fortunate to have a historic radio station, WAIF 88.3FM, within our community. This is a nonprofit organization that prides itself on providing free broadcasting for community events, relying solely on public funding and on listeners for donations. Financial support is also obtained by underwriting by businesses that pay to have their products and services advertised by the radio host during their program.

WAIF originated in the basement of the Alms Hotel in Walnut Hills over 40 years ago and relocated to 1434 East McMillian St. a decade ago. All radio program hosts are residents of Ohio, Indiana or Kentucky. WAIF offers eclectic and diverse programming which serves all communities. Some of the unique radio programs include a call-in show with a psychologist, a beauty and wellness program, and music shows that focus on country, jazz, disco, African, German, rock, Caribbean, and Latin music.

If you would like to become a supporting member of the radio station or would like to submit a proposal for a radio show representing music, talk and/or education, please contact Olubanjó Adigun, the Station Manager, at osadigun@gmail.com.



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