

Northside Landmark going one, going twice



Kirby Road School

By Martha Dourson
On August 28, Northside Community Council convened a meeting of the neighborhood about the disposition of the Kirby Road School.

The school has been vacated since the Chase School, stopped using the Kirby Road School building, and moved to its new facility on Turrill Street in February of this year.

We were recently informed that the school went up for auction approximately August 11. Larry Harris from the Historic Conservation Office and Mr. Alex Peppers and Cameron Ross from the Department of Planning and Buildings were present. Ms. Margo Warminski, representing the Cincin-

nati Preservation Association, also attended. All spoke on various pertinent topics, from the limits of zoning, to Form Based Code, and historic preservation as tools to preserve this unique building.

More than 50 residents attended and the overwhelming desire of the neighborhood was to preserve this beautiful and unique building. Right behind that preference is use it as housing with the rest of the property being used as greenspace. The third

choice is similar to that of Chase Commons – condos but all units enter from common corridors. Other top choices for usage were senior housing, cultural arts center, multi-family market rate apartments, artist live/work space, and greenspace.

Any historic designation application must come from the property owner or its representative, and residents voted to support such a designation.

I attended the Cincinnati Public School meeting on September 10, 2012, to present our

results. The School Board was very glad to hear what the community had to say, and hopefully, at the close of the auction, approximately October 11, they will inform us, as requested, of the names of the bidders and their plans for this gem. The school board may also decide not to take action at this

time.
For more information, please contact the Kirby Road School Committee Chair, Heather Sturgill, 851-8666, or me at 542-8940. What happens to this school will have great ramifications to the entire neighborhood, not just to those living near it. Please consider getting involved, and stay tuned!

Fire destroys Hamilton Avenue house

Capt. Dave Greve reported a working fire at 4312 Hamilton Ave. in Northside.

Upon arrival, companies found an elderly woman exiting the structure.

The stairway and the living room were on fire with extension to the second floor, as companies extended hoses through the front door.

Due to dangerous conditions, firefighters were ordered out of the building, and an exterior attack commenced.

After a short time, the fire was brought under control. There were no injuries, but the home was a total loss. Damage is estimated at \$90,000. Two dogs were injured, and one cat lost its life. One dog died later from burns suffered.

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Northside



Fire—*from Page 1*

Thirty-one firefighters were required to bring the fire under control. The cause is under investigation. For more information contact DC Monahan in at 513-352-2333.

According to Ollie Helm, a next door

neighbor, Gloria Walker, 84, lived in the house and had been there 40 years.

Ms. Walker stayed with Ms. Helm until a house was found for her nearby on Pullan Avenue.

Ms. Helm says the building will have to be torn down.

Northside Community Council Committees

Education Committee - Sue Wilke and Jeni Jenkins jointly co-chair. If interested in participating contact Sue at suewilke@cinci.rr.com or Jeni at visionforchange@gmail.com.

Northside Safety & Livability Committee—meets the 2nd Thursday of month, 7 p.m., 4304 Hamilton Avenue. Contact Bill McCormick for details, 513-542-9355 or bm.mg@mail.com; Safety and Livability is looking for someone to make new people feel welcome in Northside. One way is to provide welcome kits which includes the Northside Guide, donated items from Northside businesses and information flyers from Northside committees and associations. If this interests you, please contact Bill at bm.mg@mail.com or 513-675-3429.

Youth Soccer Committee - Currently NCC funds and sponsors two youth teams in both the spring and autumn. Contact Oliver Kroner for details, oliekroner@yahoo.com or 513-284-0899 cell. Visit www.northsidesoccer.com

Skate Park Committee — Currently not meeting but still working! Contact Tim Jeckering at 513-542-2500, or e-mail Tim at timjeckering@fuse.net. Visit www.skatenorthside.com.

House Tours/Porch Tours are usually the second weekend in October, on alternating years, House Tours are on even numbered years, and Porch Tours are on odd numbered years.

Porch Tour - Contact Tim Jeckering, 513-542-2500 ext (1#) or timjeckering@fuse.net

House Tour - Contact Louise Watts, 513-541-7563 or louisewatts77@email.com.

Event Committees

4th of July — Chuck Brown at chuckb75@aaahawk.com
4th of July Committee works at planning, recruiting, getting permits and community participation for the 4th of July Parade. This Committee also coordinates w/organizers of the Festival in Hoffner Park after the Parade.

Affiliates

Citizens On Patrol (COP) — meets 3rd Thursday of month at 6 p.m. at Ella.net Studio (*above Northside Tavern*). Contact Mollie Brumm at mollie.brumm@fmr.com

Cincinnati Northside Community Urban Redevelopment Corporation (CNCURC) — Stefanie Sunderland, executive director, 513-542-4709

Fall-Winter Schedule of Cincinnati Parks sponsored activities

FAMILY PIONEER GAME DAY

CincinnatiParks' La-Boiteaux Woods, 5400 Lanian Lane. Saturday, November 17, 2-3:30 p.m.

Ever wonder what pioneer families did for fun without TV? Join us and find out first hand! Many of these games and activities have changed names and are still popular today. We

will make a craft and enjoy some traditional re-freshments. Some of these activities will be held outdoors, so dress for the weather. Children must be accompanied by adults. Fee: \$5/person or \$15/family. Reservations are required.

Call 542-2909 to reserve your spot by November 15.

FOUNDER'S DAY

Memorial Pioneer Cem-etry,

333 Wilmer Avenue.

Major Benjamin Stites and a crew of 26 brave pioneers landed on the banks of the Little Miami River 224 years ago to the day! They founded Columbia, which became annexed by Cincinnati. Join us for a tour of one of the oldest cemeteries in Hamilton County and learn about the founding members of Columbia. If time permits, we will visit the neighboring Fulton Cemetery, final resting place of William Brown, the first recipient of the Purple Heart. Meet in the parking lot of Memorial Pioneer Cemetery. Please call 513-761-4313 for more info..

ANNUAL HOLIDAY CRAFT WORKSHOP

Cincinnati Parks' LaBoiteaux Woods, 5400 Lanian Lane, Friday, December 7, 6:30-8:30 p.m. or Saturday, December 8, 2:30-4:30 p.m.

Bring the family to enjoy crafts with natural materials or a nature theme. Choose what you want to make from selections suited to all ages. Staff will instruct and advise, but the personal touches are up to you! Go home with several completed projects to brighten your home for the holidays.

Fee: \$5/person. Paid reservations are required for this popular event. Call 542-2909 to register with a credit card.

OUTDOOR WINTER SURVIVOR CAMP

Cincinnati Parks' Caldwell Nature Center
430 W.N. Bend Road
Thurs, December 27, 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. *Suitable for Grades 4-6*

Learn some Outdoor Skills in winter! Fire building, camp fire cooking and our Amazing Camp Race will be featured. Enjoy a tin foil lunch. Dress for the weather. Space is limited. Call 761-4313 for more information. Fee: \$20.

OWL PROWL

Cincinnati Parks' Caldwell Nature Center, 430 W.N. Bend Road, Friday, December 28, 7-8:30 p.m. Find out who is out and about this time of year. An indoor presentation will allow you to get close to some live species. Program includes hands-on activities and an outdoor night hike. Dress for the weather. \$5/person and reservations are required by December 21.

For more information, or to register, call 761-4313.



Cityrama in Northside was again a success. New homes are located mainly off Chase Avenue and side streets.

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Kerr Returns to Cincinnati Spotlight

Violinist to Perform Beethoven's Triple Concerto

Although he spent only three seasons as concertmaster of the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra (1995-97), Alex Kerr left an indelible impression on the Queen City.

Kerr (pronounced "car") left the CSO at the tender age of 26 to accept one of the most coveted orchestral posts on the planet – concertmaster of the Royal Concertgebouw of Amsterdam, ranked as the top orchestra in the world by Gramophone Magazine in 2008. He returned to the U.S. in 2006 to join the faculty of the Jacobs School of Music at Indiana University. But he has remained lightly tethered to the Tri-state ever since, thanks in part to his proximity in Bloomington, returning periodically as a popular guest of the Linton Music Series.

He recently returned to the orchestral world as concertmaster of the Dallas Symphony, and you can hear him again as soloist with our orchestra, as Mischa Santora and the CCO perform Beethoven's Concerto for Violin, Cello and Piano – Oct. 28, 2 p.m., School for Creative & Performing Arts. Kerr will be joined by former CSO principal cellist and his current IU colleague Eric Kim, along with the fabu-

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FOR OHIO SUPREME COURT
MIKE SKINDELL



Mike Skindell has been a dedicated public servant for more than 25 years who has always put people first. Currently, Skindell is a state senator from Lakewood representing the 23rd District in the Cleveland area. He was a state representative from 2003-2010.

FOR OHIO SUPREME COURT
WILLIAM O'NEILL



William O'Neill served ten years on the 11th District Court of Appeals from 1997 to 2007. He is a graduate of Ohio University, Cleveland Marshall College of Law and Huron School of Nursing. William O'Neill is a retired Lieutenant Colonel in the United States Army and was awarded the Bronze Star for his service in Vietnam.

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Barbara Rosenberg
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White Chili Strata

For the "Halloween" season, I have a "Ghostly" white chili dip.....

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cup chopped onion....1, 8 ounce can mild or hot green chilis, chopped....1, 8 ounce jar mild or hot salsa....8 ounces cheddar, Colby or Monterey Jack cheese, grated (*reduced fat cheese is fine*).....

....Puree bean and garlic together until smooth....spoon this mixture into 9x11 inch, oven-proof, serving dish with 1 and 1/2 to 2 inch sides, set aside...Brown chicken in oil, add chili powder....Cover bean mixture with chicken....Add layer of onion, chilis and salsa mixture....Cover dish loosely with foil....Bake in preheated 350 oven...Remove from oven and top with cheese....Bake for an additional 2-3 minutes until cheese is melted.....

Spooktacularly delicious.....Bon Appetit, until next month, **Barbara.**



PEACE (*hopefully*)

By Steve Sunderland

Business as usual

What prompts people to throw their hands up in despair? What frustrates the citizen most when they look at the state of our neighborhoods, our city, and our region? What riles people to the maximum when they try to think about getting a fair shake from the political groups in our city and our country?

The number one factor causing these feelings of suffering may have to do with the way that change goes on without any real heart. We call this state of affairs: "business as usual." It is a form of evil, a journey down the darker side of hopelessness.

Just recently I noted that the head of the largest agency in Cincinnati, my university, just resigned out of the blue. Or, so it appeared in public. No reaction from the agency, or from the community he was president of for three years, or from our larger community.

When the head of an organization decides to walk into a board meeting and resign, a tragedy is taking place. Whose "business" is it that he abruptly and savagely left? Does it matter to anyone how he chose to leave? Or, permitting ru-

mors to fly, how was he "pushed" out? Exploring the grey areas of termination of a scholar, an elder leader, a noted author, and a much honored citizen seems like a reasonable step. It's not happening.

What may be happening is a kind of organizational numbness to losses, firings, and postponements of advancement in the work place. The reluctance to care about the human canage from jobs that have been lost or to recognize the human cost to individuals and families that are on the financial bubble, has made us a meaner society. I am impressed by the fictions that go into the concepts of the work place. There is the fiction that people make a difference in the atmosphere of an organization, that they are capable of working toward goals that meet institutional and personal ideals. The fiction of the "hero" at the "head" of the organization continues to dominate how we think about politics, education, and every major institution.

There is little evidence that "leaders" are heroes or that, without a group of supporters, and a reasonable climate, that anything positive can happen. There is the fiction of budgets and budget planning. People assume there is a rationale for tuitions, fees, salaries, and overall finances when the daily headlines tell us about stark realities of extended poverty, loss of full time jobs, abandonment of basic respect for retirement policies, and little support for helping those in greatest need find a job, housing, healthcare, or happiness. And there is the fiction that organizations are "rational," making decisions that are best "for the people," or according to sound "principles," or as a way of celebrating "hard work" as the key to achievement.

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have to drop out or build great debt without any social support. Equally heartbreaking are the loss of jobs for all age groups, as the contraction of the workplace takes place with the excuse of “efficiency” or “technological breakthroughs.”

What is being tested is the fiction of democratic participation, of partnerships in the American Dream, of fairness for those in greatest need, of the final eradication of racial hatred, and of the realization of happiness for all classes of people.

Compassionate participation, caring about people’s lives, means fighting for a kind of society in which thoughtfulness of many groups fights with the accumulation of power of the aristocratic few. Are Americans burned out by the democratic dream? Have our organizations combined to foster a hatred of people working together for humanity? Have we become numb to the loss of valuable people? Can we stand by and watch or ignore the latest loss of an educator?

(This article will appear in an upcoming issue of METRO, a Cincinnati local newspaper.)

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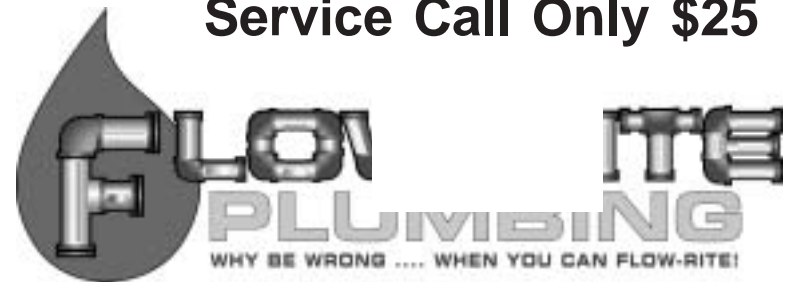
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