

Park Place Post

News & Notes



Things to Consider...

- **BUILDING-WIDE STORAGE UNIT GARAGE SALE**

Volunteers & Participants Needed!

We are considering hosting a building-wide storage unit garage sale! All proceeds will either go to a local charity or be reinvested into the building.

We'd likely set up tables in the "dog" room for everyone to gather, price their items, and get organized. Any unsold items will be donated to a local charity.

To make this happen, we'll need several volunteers. If you're interested—whether to declutter your space or to help with organizing—please send Sheryl a quick message. Let's get this rolling!

- **SHARED WORK SPACE**

We are considering adding a cooperative work-share space and would love your feedback! Your input will help us determine the need and how best to structure the space. Additionally, if you have any items you'd be willing to donate to support this initiative, we'd greatly appreciate it. Please reach out to Sheryl for more details or to share your thoughts.



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FREE NOTARY SERVICES

There are lawyers in the building who are also notaries and are willing to notarize documents free of charge **for Park Place neighbors and staff.**

If you need something notarized, please feel free to contact any of the following:



Paul De Marco, demarcoworld@yahoo.com, 513-470-0369

Kathy Brinkman, kbrinkma@aol.com, 513-260-8130

Earl Messer, messer@taftlaw.com, 513-673-6673

If these individuals are not available, with a day's notice,
Brenda Mitchell: back-up. brenda.mitchell919@gmail.com.

LYTLE PARK VOLUNTEER UPDATE

Many thanks to Scott Binns, District Crew Manager for Cincinnati Parks, for meeting with Park Place volunteers to discuss park improvements. Though unable to attend, Nick Griggs continues daily maintenance and will help prepare the Community Herb Garden. Plans include adding more dill, a different parsley variety, and relocating mint to control its spread. Volunteers will assist with clearing old herbs and ongoing weeding.

Scott was receptive to suggestions and will help acquire a cart for the garden hose. He'll also have an arborist check a dead limb on the London Plane tree and explore adding benches under key shade trees. Additionally, there was interest in adding swings for small children near the fitness gym.

We also discussed the status of the restrooms—whether they can be made functional or if removal is planned.

This update is shared with past volunteers and new neighbors at 550 Lytle Park. Please feel free to forward it to others who may be interested.

Thank you for your time and efforts!"

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EXCITING UPDATES IN THE FITNESS CENTER!

You may have noticed some new faces and equipment recently. Thanks to the generosity of Melissa and Scott Kadish, a **Pilates reformer** is now available for all residents to use - and a big thank you to Kelly & Joe Beischel for their thoughtful donation of the new **Peloton**! The Peloton now has adaptable pedals so if you don't have biking shoes the flip-side of the pedals have cages to keep your feet affixed during workout.

Joining our gym community are Brandi McDaniel and Ian Forsgren. Brandi is leading a **strength training group class** every Tuesday at 11:00 AM. To join, feel free to contact her at 513-913-6116.

Additionally, Pilates enthusiasts can benefit from the expertise of Ian Forsgren, a seasoned Pilates instructor. Ian is available to assist residents in using the Pilates reformer and offers personalized one-on-one sessions. He states, "Pilates reformer is a deeply effective workout designed to balance the body's musculature, enhancing full-body strength and flexibility." Ian has been guiding Pilates sessions since 2009 and is eager to help design a program tailored to your individual needs. For more information, contact Ian at 513-490-6851



NEED A PET SITTER?

Juli Hale offers in-home pet sitting services.

Contact 859.801.1392

NEWSLETTER ITEMS TO INCLUDE?

Please email Heather at rinskyh@yahoo.com by the 25th of each month to have your item included in the next Park Place Post. **THANK YOU** to everyone who is providing content each month. Much appreciated!



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DUKE ENERGY ON THE RISE!

Based on research, Duke Energy's recent rate increases have contributed to these higher bills. According to publicly available information:

"Your Duke Energy bill might be significantly higher in 2025 due to recent rate increases approved by regulators, primarily to recover costs associated with major hurricane restoration efforts in 2024. These costs are being passed on to customers through increased base rates, which are expected to rise approximately 4% annually through 2027. Additionally, Duke Energy has received approval to raise its base electricity rates, leading to a noticeable increase in monthly bills."

To ensure accuracy, we rechecked several meters, and all readings are correct. Additionally, this billing period covered December 20 – January 22, during which temperatures dropped to single digits, likely impacting energy usage. For further reference, here is a link with more details:

<https://world-weather.info/forecast/usa/cincinnati/january-2025/>.

Again, we understand your frustration, but please note we can confirm that the readings on our end are accurate.

UPCOMING BUILDING MAINTENANCE

- Westside Transformer Shutdown: **March 13th**
- Bluetooth Tv's Install: Fitness Center
- Bike Room Clean-out: **March 20th**
- Blind Cleaning: Common Areas
- Garage Floor Cleaning: **April 7th & 8th**
- Elevator Car 1 Floor Repair
- Common Area Carpet Cleaning: **April 14th**

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WEEKLY HAPPENINGS

- **Happy Hour:** Fridays 5-7 PM BYOB: Library
- **Short Story Discussions:** Weds 7-8 PM
Contact [Marcia Hartsock](mailto:Marcia.Hartsock@fuse.net) 513.403.0623
- **Cards & Dominoes:** Tuesdays 6:30 PM
Contact [Joe Brannen](mailto:Joe.Brannen@fuse.net) 513.824.1641
- **PP@L Walking Group:** Resumes in the spring



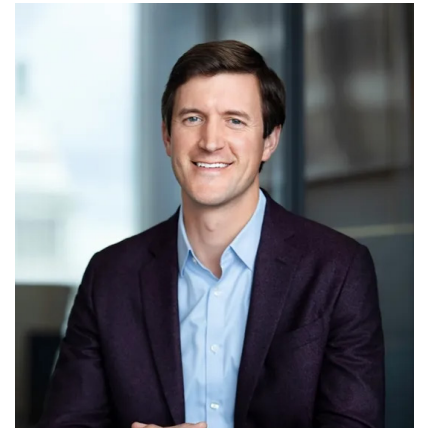
MONTHLY HAPPENINGS

Lecture Series

March 3rd at 7 PM – Community Room

[Evan Nolan](#): City Council Member. Topic: Reflections from Cincinnati's Newest City Council Member

RSVP: Marianna Bettman - mbettman@fuse.net



Brown Bag Lunch



Working at home and missing social contact during the week? Bring your lunch and enjoy some company and conversation while you take a break from your computer screen. **Join the brown bag lunch on the second Tuesday of each month at noon in the library.** It's easy! Bring your lunch and enjoy some conversation and time away from your computer screen. See you March 11th. Contact [Carolyn Gilbert](mailto:cg@nuvoodoo.com): cg@nuvoodoo.com

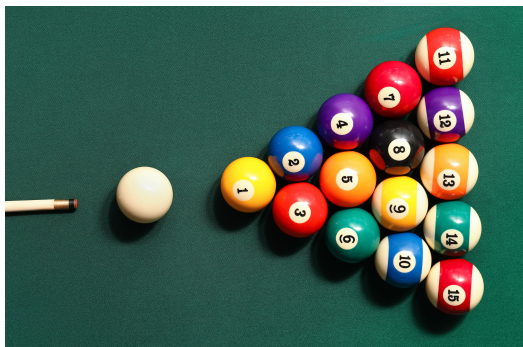
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POKER NIGHT!

Attention all experienced poker players!

Join us for another **POKER NIGHT** on **Thursday, March 13th** at 7pm in the Library. (BYOB)

RSVP to Jason (#721) at jarinsky@yahoo.com or text 513.300.5393 to **reserve your spot**. Stakes are less than \$20.



FUN & GAMES!!

Thanks to **Dan Farrish** for organizing games in the boat room again to help us through this painfully long winter. Here's hoping warmer weather and sunshine are in the near future!

DERBY PARTY!

Looking ahead, please mark your calendar and plan to attend our fabulous Derby Party on **Saturday, May 3 from 5:00-7:00** in the atrium. **Betting table, mint juleps, appetizers, lovely hats and live music by Boutique Trio.** (They played for us on the rooftop last summer. Those who attended loved them!)

It was a great time last year - don't miss it!



Small Reminders

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

The Social Committee met and set a calendar for our big events for the year. Please mark your calendar and plan to join us. Please note that we have changed the time of year for some of our events.

----- PPL 2025 Upcoming Social Activities -----

May 3	Derby Party
June 28	Community Picnic
September 13	Progressive Dinner
October 25	Halloween Party
December 7	Holiday Party

As always, **your ideas are welcome**. Contact Margaret mlfecker@gmail.com if you have something you 'd like to do with the community. We can help you make it happen.

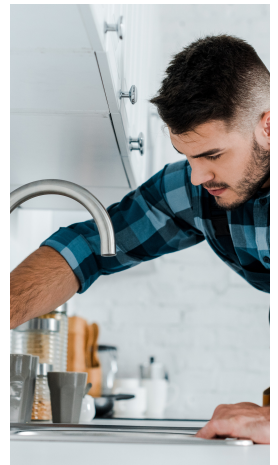
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HANDYMAN SERVICES AVAILABLE FOR SMALL PROJECTS

Steve, our new Building Services Manager, is available to assist with small projects, including hanging pictures, replacing light fixtures, moving furniture, any minor electrical and plumbing work such as replacing faucets or switching out outlets, etc.

Once the work is complete, charges will be added to your next monthly invoice. Steve has already helped several owners and has received all positive feedback.

For inquiries or to schedule a service, please email Steve directly at SteveArmor@TowneProperties.com.



SEARCHING

Does anyone have **subscriptions** to the Washington Post, Wall Street Journal, New York Times, Business Courier, or Enquirer? If so, would you be willing to place them in the library after you're done with them for the day?