



I  Madisonville

Saturday February 25

Check out Madisonville by visiting some of our local shops & eateries!

Kick-off the day with breakfast & Madisonville love at JP Parker

Share ideas on how to make Madisonville STRONG beginning at 9:30am

Have fun at Cookoo's Coffee Shoppe meeting friends & playing board games from noon-2pm

Enjoy Sweet, Sweet Spirit, a concert of Spirituals at St. Anthony Church at 2pm

*Find a detailed list of all activities at your favorite Madisonville business, call 513-501-2205 or email [MadisonvilleCares@gmail.com](mailto:MadisonvilleCares@gmail.com)*

*[www.HistoricMadisonville.com](http://www.HistoricMadisonville.com)*

## Madisonville named #1 hottest neighborhood in Greater Cincinnati

Redfin has identified Madisonville as the #1 hottest neighborhood in Greater Cincinnati for 2017.

The national real estate brokerage firm lists the top 3 neighborhoods in each major metro area based on their increase in page views and favorites on their realty website.

According to Redfin agent Trina Walton, "Madisonville has seen a resurgence in popularity because there's a lot of land in the area that can be developed, which is leading to

increased demand and competition among commercial real estate developers, investors and homebuyers. The community has a new look thanks to all the development happening in the area, and it's still affordable compared to nearby neighborhoods with similar proximity to downtown."

National realtors and regional homebuyers are starting to recognize what we have known for years: Madisonville's diversity and history make it the best neighborhood to call home.

## Job and Employment Opportunity Fair May 16

Are you looking for a new career path in health, banking, or transportation? Would you or someone you know like to work on local construction projects? Come to the Madisonville Recreation Center on Tuesday, May 16 from 4:30-7:00 p.m. to meet local employers and learn about potential career paths. The Madisonville Community Urban Redevelopment Corporation (MCURC), Cincinnati Works, the Mayor's Hand Up Initiative and Skanska, a construction management firm, are partnering help expand employment options for Madisonville residents.

On May 16, nine construction contractors are hiring for construction finishing jobs. Plus, organizations such as the Urban League, Cincinnati Works, Mercy Health Ministries, Easter Seals Tri-State, and the Community Action Agency will provide information on their job training and employment coaching services. Other employers are also expected to attend. More information will be available over the next few months or call MCURC at 271-2495 or Cincinnati Works at 744-9675 with questions. Be sure to bring your resume on May 16 to the Madisonville Recreation Center and tell your friends and family.



## Monthly Madisonville Community Council Committee Meetings

Committees of the Madisonville Community Council meet each month to plan our activities and make Madisonville a nice place to live.

### Beautification Committee

- Keep Madisonville beautiful
- Fourth Tuesday, 6 pm, Cookoo's Coffee Shoppe

### Madisonville Cares

- Assist our neighbors in times of crisis
- Fourth Wednesday, 5:30 pm, St Paul Lutheran

### History Committee

- Learn, preserve, and promote our community's history
- April 5th, 6 pm

### Madisonville Youth Community Council

- Projects and training for youth age 13-18
- 1st, 2nd, and 4th Thursday, Madisonville Rec Center

### Crime and Safety Committee

- Identify and address safety issues
- Last Wednesday, 6:30 pm, Madisonville Rec Center

### Communications Committee

- Spread the word about upcoming projects and activities
- 3rd Tuesday, 5:30 pm, Cookoo's Coffee Shoppe

Come to the next committee meeting, or send an email to [mvillecc@gmail.com](mailto:mvillecc@gmail.com) for more details on how you can get involved in Madisonville!

## Bach Fest at St Paul Lutheran

St Paul Lutheran Church is celebrating the 500th anniversary of the Lutheran Reformation with "The Chorale" by Johann Sebastian Bach. On Sunday, March 19, the church will feature a Songfest of Martin Luther's hymns, along with their story and setting. An hors d'oeuvres reception will follow.

For information call 271-4147 or go to [stpaulcinci.org](http://stpaulcinci.org).

## The Chronicles of Narnia at Artsville

The Chronicles of Narnia Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe will be presented on Saturday, May 20th at 2 pm at Artsville, 5021 Whetsel Avenue. Four kids travel through a wardrobe to the land of Narnia and learn of their destiny to free it with the guidance of a mystical lion. Seating is limited! Tickets can be purchased by contacting Artsville at 513-271-0805 or watch the website for further information.

## Madisonville Creative Placemaking Mini-Grants

Calling all artists, dreamers, and creative thinkers! In March, MCURC will announce details for the Madisonville Creative Placemaking Mini Grant. These small grants of up to \$500 will be available to residents, students, and workers to explore creative ways to build community. More information will be distributed around the neighborhood and on NextDoor, via MCURC's newsletter and Facebook pages or by calling 271-2495.

## Madisonville Bike Network taking shape in 2017-2018

The preliminary design concepts for the Madisonville Bike Network are available at [historicmadisonville.com](http://historicmadisonville.com) and at MCURC.

The bicycle corridors are being discussed by the Transportation Committee of the Madisonville Community Council, the City of Cincinnati Department of Transportation and Engineering and other stakeholders.

Some paths have been built, some are slated for 2017-2018, and others are being planned for future expansions.

## Madisonville group awarded grant to prevent youth substance abuse

In September, the National Drug Control Policy announced grants to 698 Drug-Free Communities Support Programs across the country. One of the recipients was Madisonville Weed and Seed Sustained, Inc, who will receive grant funds to involve and engage our community to prevent substance abuse among youth.

"Our goal is to make Madisonville a safe and drug-free community for our youth," said Kathleen Garrison. "Prevention is a powerful tool to counteract prescription drug misuse and other youth substance use in our community, and we will use this funding to support the youth in Madisonville to make healthy choices about substance use and abuse."



## Global Environmental Literacy Program makes strides at John P Parker

The Global Environmental Literacy (GEL) initiative is coming together. The GEL framework has positioned staff to explore and discover how to plan lessons and experiences to enhance student learning. This summer, the staff attended service learning training provided by Children's Inc.

All grade levels participated in projects like collecting shoes and personal care products for the community, incubating eggs and donating the chicks, and identifying a family in need of a companion dog. Service learning requires a reflection and as our staff shared their experience the overarching theme was awareness and the need to continue to model kindness was the lesson.

In addition to service learning, our learners have accepted an invitation from Environmental ALLI to participate in a 2-day Green STEM fair in May. In June, learners will continue their experience with a month-long Green STEM summer of learning at Parker. Our partner Wilmington College has a working farm, and our learners will experience an overnight adventure as they learn about environmental literacy in an authentic way. Learners will experience in all the hands-on activities using gardening, livestock, solar, sustainable fuels, and technologies.

Learners will also discover new careers emerging from the Green STEM fields.

New partnerships are emerging as a direct result of our GEL focus. JPPS will partner with Green Acres, World Savvy Classrooms, The Civic Garden Center, the University of Cincinnati, and The Four Winds Nature Preserve for lessons like climate change, our greenhouse, landscapes, food deserts, and livestock care. The National Parks Foundation will partner with our school to develop international travel experiences by place marking U.S. treasures on the journey.

In preparation for future international travel, grades 4 through 6 learners and their parents participated in a workshop for securing a passport hosted by the Clerk of Courts. Mr. Aftab Pureval, Hamilton County Clerk of Courts and his staff presented the passport application process and met with each family individually to answer their questions.

We will continue to develop the GEL toolkit keeping you updated on our activity and as always invite community to collaborate with us on projects and experiences. If you have a project and/or experience you want to share, contact us at (513) 363.2900.

## Help us beautify Madisonville with regular spring cleanups

Meet neighbors and friends, get outside, and enjoy the satisfaction of sprucing up the Pocket Park, the business districts, and the gateways to the neighborhood.

Learn about foraging and permaculture as you work in the Foraging Garden building up berms, weeding, and mulching pathways.

Contact Joan Willis (jwillis@ctks.com) or Sophia Helms (sophiahelms@msn.com) for more info on general community beautification and Karen Brown (karen@wrendesign.me) to sign up for the Foraging Garden.

- Sat Mar 11 Monthly cleanup
- Sat, Mar 11 Foraging Garden cleanup
- Sat Mar 25 Foraging Garden cleanup
- Sat, Apr 29 Madisonville Great American cleanup
- Sat, May 13 Monthly cleanup

## Nature Lovers' Day April 8

MCURC is planning the Little Duck Creek Trail Nature Lover's Day on April 8 from 12:00 -3:00. There will be a guided tree walk, information on plants and invasive species, and information on what is being planned for the trail. There will also be snacks!

## Help plan Madisonville events

The Madisonville 5k and the Cincinnati Jazz & BBQ Festival return on Saturday, September 9. If you'd like to be involved in planning these events, please call MCURC at 271-2495.

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Neighbors Helping Neighbors

**Do you know a neighbor experiencing a crisis?**

Madisonville Cares is here to support our neighbors with help through difficult times, including:

- Death in the family and loss of caregiver
- Fire and other home disaster
- Other crises of home and family

If you or a neighbor would benefit from our support, contact us at **513-601-8977** or **fb.me/madisonvillecares**

Madisonville Cares is a project of Madisonville Community Council, a not-for-profit 501(c)(3) organization.

## Upcoming Events

Opioid Prevention Training  
 conducted by Talbert House  
 February 27, 6 - 7:30 pm  
 Oakley Rec Center, 3882 Paxton

Cincinnati Neighborhood Summit  
 March 11  
 Xavier University Cintas Center  
<https://cincyneighborhoodsummit.org>

Madisonville Business Alliance Meeting  
 March 14, 8:30 a.m.  
 5832 Bramble Ave

Madisonville Community Council Meeting  
 March 16, 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.  
 Madisonville Recreation Center  
 513.601.8977

Opening Days on the Trail  
 April 8, 12 p.m. - 3 p.m.  
 Little Duck Creek Trail

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