

Construction at Mellwood Arts Center

Brings Opportunities to Louisville

By Anne McMahan and Kenn Burkhead

As winter closes in, spreading its icy wet weather across the high and lower parking lots at Mellwood Arts and Entertainment Center (MARC), a new, elegant entertainment room **DaVinci (E4)** is beginning to take shape across Delmont Ave. and adjacent to **(E3) The Van Gogh Event Room**. Architect Mose Putney, explained that he has a 14-year professional relationship with John Clark, owner of Mellwood Arts, for design of new spaces. (See below for more detail.)

Being built by New World construction, they've set a June 1 deadline for construction to be complete. "The first client will be a Derby Event on May 1 said Joalid Jardon, Event Coordinator. "Concrete walls will be used for outside seating and they will be adding parking behind the building."



This is the exterior design of the new Entertainment Center, #4, called the DaVinci Room.

Clifton Heights, January 15, 2019
Quarterly Meeting, Pigment Gallery
7:00 pm
Mellwood Arts & Entertainment Center



Speaker: Senator Gerald Neal (D), 33rd District, 29 years, in Kentucky State Senate

"They're making good use of our existing space that used to be use for live cows and cattle, along with pigs," added Tracy Pennington, Creative Director.

Other new tenants at this MARC facility also includes a new East End location for **CrossFit** gym, being constructed near the Delmont Ave. entrance to the main Mellwood building. Designed for men and women who want to build muscle and body strength, Derby City Cross Fit's gym will offer an alternative to the fitness programs at Heuser Health, which had located at the Mellwood Arts facility in 2017. Heuser provides opportunities for participants to work with a staff of certified exercise physiologists and kinesiologists.



From Councilman Bill Hollander

Below you'll find some upcoming events and activities in the District for you and your family. For more details on any of the events, please read the weekly District 9 eNews. To sign up for our weekly District 9 eNews, please email kyle.ethridge@louisvilleky.gov

Mark your calendars and check out my updated **BLOG** for a full listing of 9th District events at <https://district9news.wordpress.com>.

- **Tuesday, January 1:** New Year's Day - Metro Holiday, offices are closed. Collection of garbage and recycling delayed in the USD and St. Matthews.
- **Friday, January 18:** LAST DAY for regular yard waste pickup in Clifton Heights until March 15.
- **Monday, January 21:** Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday - Metro Offices are closed. Collection of garbage, recycling and yard waste is delayed by one day in the USD.
- **Wednesday, January 23:** "Meet with Bill" from 10:00 a.m. - Noon at the United Crescent Hill Ministries, 150 S. State Street. Open office hours to discuss any comments, concerns or thoughts with Councilman Hollander.
- **Saturday, January 26:** Meet your legislators at Café LOUIE from 9:00 - 10:00 a.m. at the Crescent Hill Library, 2762 Frankfort Avenue.
- **Fridays in January, February, March & April:** Louisville Asset Building Coalition will offer free tax preparation services at United Crescent Hill Ministries, 150 S. State Street. For more information visit <https://labcservices.org>.
- **Friday, February 22:** F.A.T. Friday Trolley Hop along Frankfort, Mellwood and Story Avenue from 6:00—10:30 pm. For more information visit www.frankfortave.com. Next date: March 29.
- **Wednesday, February 27:** D9 Community Conversation at 6:30 p.m. at Whitehall House & Gardens, 3110 Lexington Road. Join us for an unscripted, open conversation about D9 and the City.

For more information please call 574.1109 or visit www.louisvilleky.gov/district9
Councilman Bill Hollander
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MSD's Clifton Heights Water Storage Basin "Except for weather permitting items like landscaping and the final asphalt, the Storage Basin will be fully functional by December 31, 2018," reported Meskerem Eshetu, MSD Project Manager.



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Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Program

By: Councilman Bill Hollander

Since 2011, the D9 office has been partnering with the Louisville Asset Building Coalition (LABC) to provide free tax preparation services through the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program (VITA). The tax preparation service is free to an individual or families whose household income is \$64,000 or less. The services are available to anyone, even if you live outside of D9.

Each year we depend on volunteers to help prepare taxes and greet clients at our D9 mobile site, which will be at United Crescent Hill Ministries (UCHM) at 150 S. State Street, this year. We have a few dedicated volunteers that help us out every year, but we need more! I hope you'll consider joining our team!

If you are interested in volunteering for the 2018 tax season (February-April 2019) please contact [Kyle Ethridge](#) or call 574-3908. Volunteers are needed to help prepare taxes AND greet clients. Please visit <https://labcservices.org/index.php/volunteer-resources/volunteer-positions> to view a list of available positions. You can also fill out a volunteer form online.

If you are interested in getting your taxes filed for free, please call 502-305-0005 to make an appointment. Appointments will be available every Friday, beginning February 1 until April 12, between 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at UCHM.

Do you like to file your own taxes? On the LABC website there are two free options to self-file online.

- The “Turbo Tax Freedom Edition” is available if you have \$33,000 or less in income or are eligible for the Earned Income Tax Credit or are active duty military with a military W-2 less than \$64,000. The software has a well-designed interview process that guides you through the process of making decisions about your filing status, inputting your income and making decisions about deductions and tax credits for which you may qualify.
- The second option is “H&R Block My Free Taxes”, which is available if you make \$64,000 or less and you were between 17 and 50 years old on December 13, 2016. This program is developed by H&R Block and uses an interview process. Please visit, <http://labcservices.org/index.php/free-tax-filing-at-labc-services>, for more information.

Please share this information widely with friends, family, co-workers and others who could benefit from this service, or would like to get involved!



Notice the Date Change for the Spring Quarterly Meeting

Due to meeting day and date conflicts, the Spring Clifton Heights Quarterly

Meeting will be held on the 2nd Tuesday of April: April 9, 2019., at 7:00 pm, at the Mellwood Arts and Entertainment Center, in the **Pigment Room** (front lobby).



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Inside the modest-sized Heuser Health gym, the visitor is aware of the sharp, deep metallic sounds of weights dropping to the ground. These indicate that some of the men and women are seriously building strength and muscle as directed by their coaches.

Derby City CrossFit identifies itself as “a group-training facility that builds strength and conditioning through varied and challenging workouts. Derby City CrossFit members train hard; harder than most thought they were capable. They break down barriers and set new standards for themselves,” according to its website. The CrossFit renovation is expected to be complete by the end of March 2019.

Putney was hired by owner John Clark 14 years ago to be the in-house architect, Putney explained one cold November day. He has designed each of the five existing entertainment rooms. “Usually Clark has a tenant with a specific desire or need,” Putney said. Before any renovation can be done, that part of the building must be brought up to code.”

For more than a decade, the first and second floors of the Mellwood buildings have been improved upon. Beside first floor galleries, restaurants, and artist studios, some second-floor spaces were made into art studios. At the second-floor level, visitors can walk across a strong bridge to additional studios.

“Before we create more studios on the third and fourth floors, these also need to be brought up to code,” he explained.

Construction Manager at Mellwood is Miguel Rodriguez. He hires in various construction professionals as needed, Putney said. “There might be concrete being poured at two locations at the site in any time period. Same for plumbing and electricity.”

Developing Number 4 Entertainment Room

The 1,900 sq. ft. DaVinci room (E 4) is currently being built even while MARC staff is now booking this space for events from June 2019 and beyond. This new entertainment room will be similar to the Van Gogh Room (E3) which backs up to it. It will include a VIP area, stage, front-facing patio and indoor/outdoor bar. For very large events, the DaVinci room and the Van Gogh room can be connected. Both of rooms are off Delmont Ave. facing the main concourse of the MARC.

The other existing entertainment rooms are

Monet Event Room (E2) located in the eastern part of the Mellwood Arts building. It has access to a large green lawn for outdoor activities.

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The Pigment Gallery (E5) which is the smallest of the event spaces, and often used as an artwork gallery. Clifton Heights Neighborhood holds its quarterly meetings in this room which is accessible from the center concourse as you walk in from the parking lots

Picasso Event Room (E1) which has access to the balcony is on the second floor.

Improvement to Parking

While construction trucks and heavy equipment are sometimes parked along the upper parking level off Delmont Ave. plans are being developed to add trees in strategic locations in the upper and lower (across Mellwood Ave.) parking lots. Putney is exploring placing a single tree at the four-way intersection of spaces in two rows, he explained.

New Murals on back walls of MARC

If you've driven down Delmont Ave. from Drescher Bridge Road you've noticed the new murals that were painted along the side of the building from September to November 2018. Rather than considering them "graffiti," Mellwood Arts staff is pleased with the results.

"It's a collective of individual artists who are doing the painting," explained Tracy Pennington. "There are no cuss words, nothing inappropriate. Some are a memorial to artists who have passed," she said. "In a graffiti world, everyone knows each other. They

treat it as a community project."



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UCHM Is Seeking Volunteers

Mark Howell, director said, “Our greatest need are volunteers to pick up food donations to and from our various partners including the Dare to Care Warehouse and Kroger. These are frozen meat products, bread and produce,” Howell said.

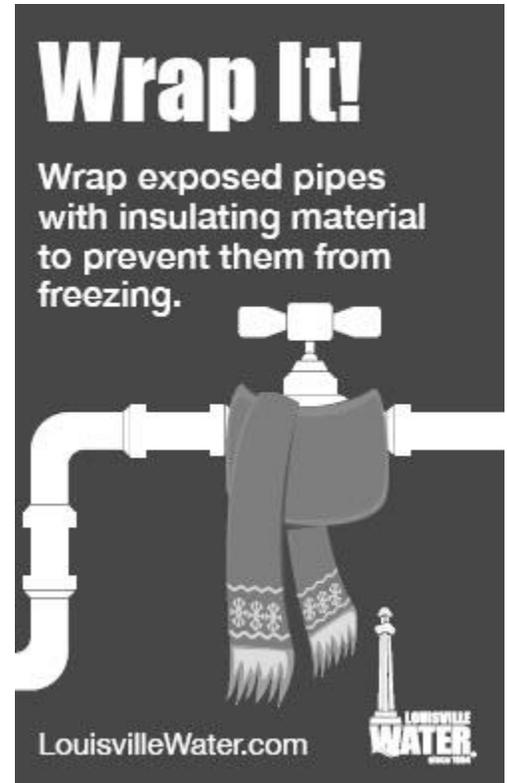
Persons who need some of these groceries can come to the UCHM location at 125 State St. from 1 to 4:00 p.m. on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. They can also come on Tuesday from 4 to 6 p.m. They are working on a new location on their property for pick-ups to be announced later this spring.

Comparative Crime Statistics for 2017 vs. 2018

	2017	2018
Homicide:	0	0
Rape:	1	0
Sex Offenses:	2	3
Robbery, Person	15	12
Aggravated Assault	12	18
Simple Assault	56	59
Home Burglary	84	57
Auto Theft	69	44
Theft from Autos	132	118
Theft from Buildings	65	43

Metro Louisville Contact Numbers

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Mary Ingalls: The Frontier Years, Saturday, January 20, 2019, 1:00 to 3:00 pm. "My sister Mary is the reason that I am a writer," said Laura Ingalls Wilder, the celebrated author of the Little House books. Our guest exhibitors and presenters are some of our museum friends. Dressing as the Little House characters is encouraged. Free to the public..

Mapping the Heart, February 9, 10:39 am to 12:30 pm. With guest artist Jennifer Palmer, this workshop helps you explore your mind's access to past experiences, by leading you to create a tactile map using mixed media artwork. Best for adults and children age six and older.

Braille Readers Theater, March 15 from 7 to 9:00 pm, and March 16, from 1 to 3:00 pm. This is a performance of a radiant and humble pig named Wilbur in E.B. White's "Charlotte's Web." As Wilbur grows and begins to cost his owners a fortune in feed it takes his barnyard friends to help save his life again. This classic tale of friendship and the circle of life will enchant audiences of all ages. Registration is required.

Easter Holiday Open House, Saturday, April 22, 10 am to 3:00 pm

Looking for something uniquely Louisville to show friends and relatives visiting for Easter? Bring them to APH's one-of-a-kind museum. Visitors can write their names in braille, see a book from Helen Keller's Bible, learn about guide dogs, play games and read books designed for children who are blind. The museum also has on display the first book written by Louis Braille in which he describes his new method for writing with dots. Easter treats and lemonade will be served.

The Old Ball Game, Saturday, April 28, 2019, 1 to 3 pm

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Christmas with Angelical Music

Christ Community Church on Cleveland Blvd. presented a Christmas Concert on December 15. Pastor Philip Bramsen shared the Christmas Story as the Worship Team sang Christmas Carols.

I thought of that glorious night when the angels appeared to the shepherds. It must have sounded like the angelical voices of this Worship Team. Their voices blended together so well that it sounded like a choir of angels. Later we were treated to dinner catered by Jay Palace.

It was a wonderful time for the community to come together. *Elizabeth Martin*

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There's a lot we're grateful for in Clifton Heights

It's so easy to grouse about what we didn't get or what's going wrong or who's let us down. But it actually feels better to notice what's going right. So, I asked what neighbors in Clifton Heights were grateful for.

- I'm grateful every day for the sidewalk and railing going down Kenilworth, even though it's been there for a while.
- Thanks to Joe and Tiffany who bought and installed the Good Neighbor poop bag dispenser in the pocket-park on Callabell.
- So grateful to have Carolyn as our long-time neighbor. She is the kindest and most generous person we know. She has been a part of my husband's life since he was born. She has "adopted" both of our children and treats them as if they were her own grandchildren. We are truly blessed to have her in our lives. We love you Carolyn! Also, grateful to have my sister in the neighborhood now!!
- Thanks to all the folks on Edith who do NOT park their cars in their driveways blocking the sidewalk.
- Neighbors who travel on Winifred's Lane really appreciate how Gary and Judy keep the leaves blown off and the roadway foliage trimmed back.
- Jim's winter snowy-road clearing in Indianola is a god-send since the city plows don't know we exist.
- I'm grateful for a wonderful helping neighbor DAD.
- I'm grateful for JT who has come when I have needed him in an emergency.
- Thanks to all the staff at Kroger's who always know exactly on which aisle I can find the item I'm searching for—and usually offer to take me there!
- Kudos to all the guys with riding mowers who tag team the mowing of the Callabell pocket-park all spring, summer and fall.
- Many noticed and appreciated kindness of the family on Edith who put out bottles of cold water on every garbage pick up day all summer and fall when it was so hot.
- I so appreciate the kind and generous Nguyen family who own New York Nails on Brownsboro.
- I appreciate all the neighbors who keep their holiday lights up during January when it's especially dark and gloomy.
- Thank you, Mary B. for faithfully clipping, trimming and cleaning up the Kenilworth sidewalk. *Sue Vislisel*

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