

Let's Start

SPRING 2010

The Piranhas are coming! The Piranhas are coming!

As a parent of two young children, I felt like I had exposed my family to nearly all of the good things that the Pleasant Ridge community had to offer. We were regulars at the library, could find the best hiding spots at the 1000 Hands playground, had run the bases on the ball fields, could name our favorite specials at Pleasant Ridge Chili and the Gaslight, attended an awesome church, had great options for schools, and had watched every Ridge Day parade since we lived in the neighborhood. This was enough to keep us convinced that our home was located in a pretty awesome spot.

Then last summer, my son announced that he wanted to join the swim team. He was not a super strong swimmer and was taking lessons at the Pleasant Ridge Pool, along with his sister. I figured he was too young and attempted to put off this request for another year or two. When I shared my story with a few of the parents around the pool, they told me that no one was too inexperienced to swim for the Pleasant Ridge Piranhas. The Piranhas? It sounded a bit intimidating. After talking it over with the kids, they decided to give it a shot.

The PR Swim Team met every day for practice. Meets were held every Wednesday evening from late June through July, at our own Pleasant Ridge Pool. Regardless of the individual swimmers' abilities, everyone was invited, welcomed, and encouraged. The coaches – regular lifeguards at the pool – were incredible. They taught all the kids swimming techniques, and so much more. Informal lessons were given in respect, sense of humor, and patience. The coaches were fun and the atmosphere was positive. Parents donated baked goods to raise money for the team t-shirts that my kids now wear proudly. Some parents gave their time to sell those baked goods each week, and others took stopwatches and clipboards and timed races, or wrote out ribbons. It was a small-scale reflection of community. People gave what they could – in the water and alongside it – and everyone cheered.



Coach Haley gives last minute instructions to sharp toothed Ryan Vogt before his attack.



A school of Piranhas and parent volunteers at one of the Wednesday night meets at the Pleasant Ridge Pool.

Every week we walked away with new friends – both kids and parents. My son met a girl who would be in his new class at Pleasant Ridge Montessori, my daughter saw friends she knew from pre-school, we found a babysitter from the crop of older swimmers, and we began a collection of ribbons to show the swimming accomplishments.

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Pleasant Ridge Community Council:

Community Council meetings are open to all Pleasant Ridge residents and business owners. Meetings are held at 7p.m. on the first Tuesday of every month except June and December at the Pleasant Ridge Recreation Center, located at 5915 Ridge Avenue.
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When the season ended, we were sad. The weather would be turning cooler, school would be starting, and the carefree days of summer would be over. But now, as we wait for another Spring to arrive, we are already looking forward to this year's swim team. This school of fish will be back again

in June. If you live in the vicinity of the Pleasant Ridge Pool, you owe it to yourself and your kids to check out the Piranhas. I swear you won't be sorry....

- Molly Blenk

Another PR Unsung Hero: Carol Gillotti

There are so many people in our community who do so much and go unnoticed. While these volunteers are not the type to seek the limelight, we like to recognize those who do the behind the scenes work that many of us take for granted.

Have you been receiving the "What's Going On In Pleasant Ridge?" weekly e-mail updates on Fridays? Did you ever wonder how all of that information gets into your Inbox so reliably every week? If so, allow us to introduce you to Carol Gillotti. (If not, please head to our website — www.pleasantridge.org – and sign up!)

Carol Gillotti and her husband John have lived in Pleasant Ridge for 8 years and have two children. When we asked Carol why she and her family choose the Ridge as the place to call home, she explained: "We lived in Mt Lookout and didn't know a lot about Pleasant Ridge. We found the house and fell in love with it - it had character, it was next to a park, convenient to the highways and work, and we liked the neighborhood." Today, Carol has different reasons for why she prefers Pleasant Ridge, from her experiences as a resident. "We love the sense of community. Whether it be our block, school, church, or the neighborhood, there's a lot going on in Pleasant Ridge. We love doing Saturday crafts at the Library, walking up to the District A Street Festival or the Nativity Festival, enjoying PRM's Spaghetti Dinner, participating in the Ridge Day Parade, attending the Presbyterian Church's Holiday Bazaar, and Winterfest. And it's all in our community and all within walking distance."

While many of us love our neighborhood, not everyone is motivated to roll up their sleeves and get involved. Carol was encouraged by her husband: "John was initially active through our church and community. Once we had kids, we got more involved with the school and the community because we wanted the best education and learning environment possible." In addition to sending out the weekly Community Council e-mails, Carol also handles the e-mail communication for Pleasant Ridge Montessori, serves as the Treasurer for the Pleasant Ridge Montessori Foundation, and has led the school's spirit wear and brick sales.



In addition to her family and community work, Carol also holds a full-time job at Greater Cincinnati Behavioral Health Services (GCBHS). You may wonder how she does it all, but we asked her *why* she does it. Carol responded: "I like making a difference. I give my time and talents, and the payback has been my own personal growth."

If you know Carol, take a moment to thank her for the time she gives to keeping us all informed and for the motivation she provides to the whole community!

Russ Auto Body & Towing has moved!

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Free Trees Please!

I've lived in Cincinnati for the past six years and have come to appreciate the many fine programs and services the city offers at no additional cost to its residents. One such program is The Urban Forestry Program of the Cincinnati Park Board's Natural Resource Management Section. It is responsible for planting, maintaining, and protecting more than 80,000 street trees on public rights-of-way within Cincinnati. The program has been operating since 1981 with funding provided by an annual urban forestry assessment. City Council levies the assessment at the rate of 14 cents per front foot on all property that abuts a public right-of-way in the city. State law requires that this money be used only for the street tree program; it cannot be spent on police, fire, or any other City services.

These folks do a lot for you and me including 24-hour emergency services, individual service requests for pruning and removal of dangerous trees, city-wide preventive maintenance on all large trees, stump grinding services, fertilizing, free mulch for community projects, and great educational resources. In case you're thinking that they don't add any trees to the city, you'd be wrong. For every tree removed, they add three new ones!

A specific program that I want to highlight is Replacement Planting. This program replaces trees removed from the right-of-way, plants trees in new spots that were previously unplanted, and answers requests by property owners to inspect adjacent rights-of-way for new planting locations. The Urban Forestry Specialists, all certified arborists, determine if a site is appropriate for planting and which species are ideal for that site. Planting seasons are generally from February 15 through April 30 and October 1 through December 31.

The Urban Forestry Specialists select top-grade trees from nurseries with high standard specifications. All trees must be grown at least one year in a currently active nursery. All of the trees that Urban Forestry selects have been bred to thrive in our local environment and should do well once planted.

The Urban Forestry Program is working to achieve a tree species diversity level in Cincinnati so that no given species comprises more than 20% of the total street tree population. Planting the same species throughout a neighborhood can produce devastating results if an insect or disease infestation that affects a certain species hits the area and all trees are lost at once. The Urban Forestry staff does



To get free trees in your tree lawn, just call Urban Forestry at 861-9070 and ask them to assess your yard for street trees.

try to plant the same species along a given street, however.

To get free trees in your tree lawn, just call Urban Forestry at 861-9070 and ask them to assess your yard for street trees. They'll come out, inspect the site, and mark locations where any trees will go in, and then plant and stake your new trees! All you need to do is water during the spring, summer, and fall according to their recommendations.

You can also e-mail Urban Forestry at urban.forestry@cincinnati-oh.gov. Their Web site, a great resource with wonderful additional information, is at [http://www.cincinnati-oh.gov/cityparks/pages/-4436/-](http://www.cincinnati-oh.gov/cityparks/pages/-4436/).

On a personal note, I received two Serviceberries a few years ago and they look great. The best part was that I only had to make a phone call to get them! You may be saying to yourself, this is great, but what about the majority of my yard that's not covered by this program? Well, there's another program called Fall ReLeaf. It's also free, and I'll write about it in the next edition of the *Informant*.

- Joe Bubnick

Housing Market in Pleasant Ridge:

A look at current real estate trends

Pleasant Ridge remains relatively steady in this market, and we continue to see good sales figures for 2009. There were 117 homes sales in Pleasant Ridge last year, compared to 122 in 2008. 14 of these sales (12%) were distressed sales. Sale prices ranged from \$7,000 to \$372,000, with an average sale price of \$136,990. The average sale price in 2008 was \$143,658. Although this shows a 4.6% decrease in the average sales price, homes within Pleasant Ridge continue to sell at good prices when the home is updated and well maintained. Average days on the market are a little better than the citywide average. We average 66 days on the market when most areas are seeing an average of 4 to 6 months.

The breakdown of sales is as follows:

Homes Sold	Price Range
31	\$0 to \$99,999
34	\$100,000 to \$149,999
38	\$150,000 to \$199,999
10	\$200,000 to \$249,999
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43 homes in the neighborhood are on the market as of 2/1/2010, ranging from \$24,900 to \$359,000.

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A look at Pleasant Ridge's strategic plan for 2010

2009 was a great year for the community. Despite the poor economy, Pleasant Ridge had some great progress including:

- A 33% reduction in crime from 2008
- An addition of parking in our business district with a grant that redirected a community lot for business patrons on Orion Ave
- Many successful events to build social capital such as Ridge Day, Winterfest, and District A's second annual Community Festival
- More tangible progress seen by District A. In 2009-10, District A is bringing us a total of five Playhouse "Off the Hill" performances in five different community spaces throughout the Pleasant Ridge area
- An increase in business ambassadors to ensure we are retaining the valued businesses in our neighborhood
- A more beautiful community highlighted by new flowerpots in our business district and two very successful Great American Cleanup efforts

We are proud of these accomplishments, but we know there is more progress in store. Among many new and continued efforts, the Pleasant Ridge Community Council plans to focus on these priorities in 2010:

BEING LEAN

The sluggish economy has caused us to re-think the way the community council will operate this year and beyond. Reduced spending, increased efficiency, and a focus on logical growth and sustainability must become a priority. In the process of becoming a leaner organization, we will utilize our monetary and human capital in the best way we know how. In 2010, the city is allowing us to apply for only half the amount of funding that we had in 2009. We are already focusing on creative ways to continue to support the activities and priorities that have become the norm. Last year, we were able to invest in police patrols in the business district, which resulted in a much safer community. We were able to enhance our Web site and weekly e-mail technology and invest in beautification, the newsletter, and social events. This

year, we anticipate continuing some of these investments to further our progress; however, the amount that we will be able to put into them will greatly depend on the response from residents. We can meet our basic needs with the human and monetary capital that we currently have, or we can invest more if the community demands it. Simply put, we will need more capital to make progress happen at the same pace as last year. We need to see an increase in operating capital by a more successful annual fund through the residents of Pleasant Ridge*.

We also need an increase in human capital: residents stepping up and volunteering in vacant roles**. Our community's progress is solely reliant on grassroots volunteer efforts.

Our need to operate "leaner" may provide a great opportunity for increased responsibility across the board in Pleasant Ridge in order to make the neighborhood even better. Please consider how you can be a part of this progress and take action to ensure your community is as good as it can be.

BEING GREEN

In combination with our efforts to become leaner, we will also strive to be greener. We need to continue to lead this city in recycling, cleaning up litter, and overall environmental consciousness. Many environmental activists in this city see Pleasant Ridge as one of the greenest neighborhoods on the east side, thanks to our progress with a LEED certified school, successful efforts by our outstanding beautification committee, and our continued building of a sustainable community. We want to continue to brand ourselves as one of the greenest communities in the city.

We will hold numerous clean-up days throughout the year to ensure our neighborhood is clean. We will invest in further beautification of our business and residential areas. We will seek grants from environmental agencies to reduce blight and increase the viability of vacant properties. We will do everything in our power to be good citizens of our great neighborhood. To do so, we need new leadership for the beautification committee. Please consider helping in this area if you are passionate about keeping our community clean, green, and beautiful.

BEING A HAPPENING SCENE

While all the previous initiatives are important, the bottom line is that we want to be a community that people are happy to call home. A major way to accomplish this goal is to have neighbors and friends in Pleasant Ridge whom you enjoy being with and want to share life with. We believe it is vital to offer opportunities to build community through events and gatherings. While we will not have the ability to do large, costly events as we have in previous years, we plan on creating safe and simple opportunities for families and neighbors to get to know each other. If you would like to host an event, be on the Ridge Day team, or get involved in planning neighborhood events, please step forward to ensure that we are increasing our social capital. We want to make sure that Pleasant Ridge is a community full of great things for friends and families to enjoy together.

We also believe that communication with residents is the key to making neighborhood events successful. The Ridge is filled with diverse, talented people, and communicating news about our needs, events, and progress is imperative to getting everyone involved. We will be investing time and money into creating a stronger online presence through our Web site, weekly e-mails, and social networks such as Facebook.

If you are not signed up to receive the weekly "What's happening in Pleasant Ridge" e-mail bulletin, please visit our Web site, www.pleasantridge.org and go to the lower right side to enter your e-mail address to be added to our e-mail list. This communication vehicle is cutting-edge for a community like ours and will be best served if as many residents as possible receive and read the content to find out what's going on.

We look forward to more progress in 2010 as we become a lean, green, happening scene!

*To make a donation to the Pleasant Ridge Community Council's annual fund, please send a check payable to PRCC to PO Box 128705, Cincinnati, OH 45212. PRCC is a 501(C)3 organization, and your donation is a tax write-off for the year 2010.

**If you are able to provide any volunteer help to make Pleasant Ridge a better place to live, please contact Missy Montgomery at volunteer@pleasantridge.org or leave a message at 513-297-2820.



What's on Your Mind?

If you have a question about the Pleasant Ridge community or a concern that you would like to voice, please make sure to put **TUESDAY, APRIL 6, 2010** on your calendar. The Community Council will host an "Idea Generation Breakout Session" at the Community Center from 7 – 8:30 pm that evening. The regular monthly meeting in April will be altered so that the Council can hear what YOU have to say. Come to the Community Center and share your thoughts and ideas so that we can all work together to make Pleasant Ridge an even better place!



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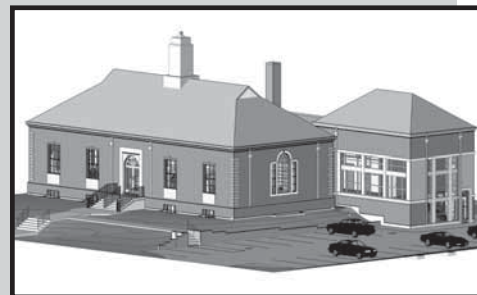
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Milestones

Updates on the Pleasant Ridge Library Committee Fundraising Efforts and Future Plans

Since the last library update, exciting things have been happening. In November, voters passed the library levy by a wide margin. That was a huge milestone to allow us to move forward with the Pleasant Ridge Library Accessibility Project. In January, the Public Library's Board of Trustees gave their approval to move forward to the next phase of the Pleasant Ridge Library project – the completion of the construction drawings. The Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County and PRCC's Library Committee have been working closely with local architectural firm DNK through this phase of the project.

While moving toward the completion of the drawings is very exciting, we still have more work to do with our fundraising efforts. Since September, the Library Committee has raised an additional \$31,000. This brings the total raised to date to \$180,000. We are 45% of the way to the \$400,000 needed to complete the project! Thanks to the more than 450 households in Pleasant Ridge, Amberley Village, Ridgewood, and Kennedy Heights who have made contributions to the fund. We need your support in 2010 to reach our goal of raising the additional \$220,000 needed to make the Pleasant Ridge Library accessible to all.



The Pleasant Ridge Library is not just about books. It's a key resource center for the community – a place to gather, learn, and celebrate. In 2009, the library offered over 362 programs as diverse as a Lego Robotics demonstration, reading programs, and a knitting group. A total of 8,351 people attended programs at the library last year.

If you want to make a tax-deductible donation, mail donations to: PR Library Project, c/o Mary Anne Phalen, 6377 Grand Vista Ave., Cincinnati OH 45213. Or, if you would to help as a volunteer on the Library Committee, please call Mary Anne at 531-8737. Also, don't forget to join our Facebook group, "Support the Pleasant Ridge Library."

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Pleasant Ridge Montessori Happenings

Great things are happening at PRM every day! Here's a quick look at some of the recent highlights.

We are grateful to the community for its ongoing support, both financial and otherwise. In addition to all of our fabulous volunteers, we would like to thank the Cincinnati Chapter of the National Council of Jewish Women for a \$2,000 gift, and the Pleasant Ridge Presbyterian Church for a \$544 gift. Both gifts were in support of literacy efforts at the school. We also received a \$1,650 anonymous gift! Thanks to donations from Friends of the Library and Half-Price Books, all children participated in a "Reading Rocks" program.

Academics at the school continue to be strengthened with ongoing support for the teachers. Each year, the Montessori program has made PRM a more peaceful and productive school, and we are seeing the fruits of those changes. This spring, each of the three gardens on the school grounds will be expanded with more plants and ongoing activities by students in Cincy After School's Environmental Camp and classrooms. The Junior League of Cincinnati's monthly "Kids

in the Kitchen" programs have been a big hit, and Family Art Night is now a regular monthly feature as well.

Parent involvement is also steadily increasing. In January, 120 men came to school to have donuts with their children and talk about ways to help the school. The building is buzzing with activity every day of the week. Between violin and Spanish lessons, table tennis, basketball, and many other activities, both the public and the school's families have been able to put PRM back into the center of their family life. Our gym has been a place for many different groups to practice, and our stage has hosted a Peter Pan ballet by a local dance school, a school musical, choir concerts, and meetings by many organizations. The building recently received its official Silver LEED Certification for environmental design, which makes it the first such elementary school in Ohio. If you want to know more, please go to <http://pridge.cps-k12.org> and sign up for e-mails as a community member to hear about big events.

Beautification Efforts Continue in Business District

Have you noticed the beautiful pots of flowers up and down Montgomery Road? Planting and maintaining these pots is a big project every year, made possible by the efforts of many people and organizations. First we must thank the City of Cincinnati for a grant that covered the purchase of the large black pots, dirt, and flowers. We were fortunate to have received this grant for two years, which allowed us to buy 20 pots. The City also designated Pleasant Ridge as a participant in a business district initiative in which the Cincinnati Park Board plants and tends 18 of the pots in the center business district. This is a huge benefit to our community. Because of this support, we were able to stretch our volunteer efforts further up and down Montgomery Road.

Evers' Greenhouse has also been extremely generous (as always), giving PRCC very good deals on plants to put in the pots not

maintained by the Park Board. Finally, the 7th grade girls of Girl Scout Cadette Troop #48124, which meets at Nativity, helped Pleasant Ridge by planting many of the pots along Montgomery and watering several of them all summer, particularly the ones near the library! Thank you so much to these girls and their parents. Other pots were tended by business owners who appreciated adding to the look of their area. For summer 2010, the grant from the City of Cincinnati has been greatly reduced, so we will be looking for ways to plant and tend the 12 pots not maintained by the Park Board.

This summer, you will see us repositioning pots to stretch past Pleasant Ridge Montessori to the southern area of Montgomery. If you can lend a hand, please contact a member of the Community Council!

Nativity Update

National Geographic Geography Bee

Congratulations to Phillip Rudolph, this year's Winner of the National Geographic Geography Bee at Nativity. He came out on top in the Championship Round. The next step for Philip is the Qualifying. If his score is one of the top 100 in Ohio, he will advance to the state level. From there, it's on to the National Bee in Washington, DC.

Nativity and Long Cheng Middle School

In March a delegation of eight students and three chaperones will travel to Liuzhou, China, one of Cincinnati's Sister Cities, for a two-week visit. Long Cheng Middle School will send a delegation to visit Nativity in April. The goal of this exchange is to broaden our knowledge and deepen our understanding of the Chinese people and their history, traditions, and culture. The students who will be representing Nativity are Darcey Murphy, Barbara Castellini, Elena Kyrkos, Jon Deutsch, Chris Daugherty, Kyle Lewis, AJ Newberry, and Sam Kunkel.

30 Years of Student Exchanges

In the spring of 1980, Nativity sent a delegation to Olinca School in Mexico City, the first of many that were to follow. This spring is the 30th anniversary of the student exchange program. To celebrate, Nativity has extended an invitation to 32 partner schools in 20 different countries to send student works of art for an Exhibit of Children's Art from Around the World. To date, nine schools have confirmed that they will participate, representing Mexico, Finland, the Netherlands, India, Germany, Poland, Hungary, and the Ukraine.

Cyrano in District A Is Our Biggest Success Yet!



On January 23rd, records were broken when 255 ticket-holders filled every available chair and children sat on the floor to see *Cyrano* performed in our two-century-old Pleasant Ridge Presbyterian Church at 5950 Montgomery Road. Afterward, more than a thousand hands and feet gave the cast a well-deserved standing ovation, and no one rushed out the door!

Mark Lutwak, Director at Cincinnati Playhouse in the Park, sent his congratulations, "By all accounts the spirit & enthusiasm of the more than 250 people who were there sounds like an extraordinary evening of community and theatre coming together. I know that the acting company was thrilled by the reception they got."

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Questions? Phone 557-3850 or Email info@district-a.org

Goodbye John Nolan Ford – Hello John Nolan Auto Service

The great difficulties in the auto industry had a direct impact on Pleasant Ridge last year.

But it wasn't all bad. John Nolan Ford morphed into John Nolan Auto Service – a repair facility for all makes and models. It is located on Highland Avenue near the corner of Ridge and Highland.

In March of 2009, Ford Motor Company – as part of dealership reductions across the nation – bought back John Nolan Ford's new car franchise. That left an empty building and key members of the John Nolan staff looking for new career opportunities. Not surprisingly, they found an opportunity

right under their feet in John Nolan's empty service facility.

Thus, Nolan Sales Manager Jeff Jones and Assistant Service Manager Maurice Jackson became co-owners of John Nolan Auto Service last spring. Their auto repair business has been rolling along ever since.

"We service all makes and all models with the same quality and professionalism that we handled our Ford customers with" said Jeff Jones. "That's Chevy to Toyota, Ford to Honda, Caddy to Mercedes, and all makes in between."



Sales Manager Jeff Jones and Assistant Service Manager Maurice Jackson

Over the years, John Nolan sold cars to many Pleasant Ridge residents, and did service and repair work on all makes for Ridge folks.

"Many of our old customers are coming back, and every week new people – with all other makes – are driving in", chimed in Maurice Jackson. "And we are happy to say that they are driving out happy old customers and happy new friends."

To make the package complete, John Nolan Auto Service sells and installs tires, batteries, and other accessories. They feature Goodyear, Dunlop, and other leading tire brands.

"We welcome our friends and neighbors from the Ridge" Jones and Jackson added. "We personally supervise all service work, and our technicians are fully qualified to handle all types of service on all makes and models. Almost everyone who calls in to discuss service problems gets one of us on the phone. They like that personal touch."

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(Less) Taxing Matters: City Taxes

Many, if not most, people are confused about city taxes in Ohio. As a California transplant, I too was mystified when I moved here. The rules are ridiculously complex, widely varying, and often not effectively administered at the municipal level, which makes it even more complicated. I'd like to take this opportunity to make it a little clearer.

Under Ohio law, incorporated cities and villages (not townships) are permitted to levy a tax on certain types of income. Wages, business income, and rents are most commonly taxed, but many cities now tax gross gambling winnings as well.

The Ohio municipal income tax is something of a hybrid in public finance terms. Call me if you want the analysis, but the short version is that here in Ohio you may pay where you work and also where you live!

Here is a summary of Cincinnati's requirements:

1. Filing requirements: Most cities have a mandatory filing requirement, but Cincinnati does not. If you live and work in Cincinnati, are fully withheld and have no other taxable income, you are not required to file. However, if you have other income – a business, rental property, ownership in a partnership or Subchapter S corporation, or gambling winnings, you must file. And you will probably owe. Federal Schedule C (business income) and/or Schedule E (rental income) need to be attached to your city returns.

2. Rates: Cincinnati's tax rate is 2.1% of "Medicare wages," box 3 on your W-2 Form (and any other income).
3. Credits: You get credit for up to 2.1% of what you pay to any other city, including both Kentucky city and county taxes. Of course, only a few have taxes higher than 2.1%, so you will owe the balance to Cincinnati.
4. Estimated payments: If you're not fully withheld, you are required to make quarterly estimated payments. These days, there will be penalties assessed if you have a balance due come April.

There are many complications beyond this summary. A professional can help you sort them out.


- Rental income is reportable if more than \$500 a month. Net rental losses can be offset against business profits, but not against wages.
- Business profits are taxable, but losses cannot be offset against wages.
- If you're self-employed and work in multiple cities, you are required to prorate income and pay each of them. Northern Kentucky localities have licensing requirements, as well as taxes. If you have employees, you must withhold city taxes and pay them periodically to the city.

As always, an experienced, credentialed professional is your best guide to city taxes. If you receive a notice, or have outstanding returns or balances, contact a pro who can work with the city to reduce penalties. Since

Cincinnati uses the police and criminal courts to enforce city tax obligations, it is critical to keep current. Yes, they can and do arrest people for not filing, or not paying and failing to appear when summoned. It's in your best interest to understand, comply, and stay out of jail!

– Clare Fazackerley, CPA, 1Tax

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Calendar of Events

March 20
District A Presents

Eth-Noh-Tec

Kennedy Heights
Presbyterian Church
6312 Kennedy Avenue

7 pm

Mixes music, dance, and
"kinetic story theater."

Tickets: \$5/adults, free for
children under 14 (tickets
sold at the door)

For more information,
call 557-3850 or
e-mail info@district-a.org

April 1
District A Presents

Rikki Tikki Tavi

Pleasant Ridge
Montessori School
5945 Montgomery Road

7 pm

The children's tale, recast
for everyone's delight

Tickets: \$5/adults, free for
children under 14 (tickets
sold at the door)

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April 16-17
Used Book Sale at
Pleasant Ridge Branch Library

6233 Montgomery Road
12pm – 6pm Saturday, April 16
10am – 5pm Sunday, April 17
For more information, call 369-4488

Thursdays through April 22
Do you like action movies?

Dynamic Movement Workshop

Pleasant Ridge Community Center, 5915 Ridge Road
Learn how to create exciting, believable and safe martial
arts, boxing and staged combat action scenes like you see
in the movies!

Ages 16 and up. Sessions begin at 7 pm.

Cost: \$35 for 8 week series. Registration required.

For more information, call 731-7894