

September 2018

BREAKING NEWS! WCC'S NATIONAL SPEAKER 2019:

HELEN THORPE



Helen Thorpe is an Irish-born-American author and freelance journalist who was the First Lady of Colorado following her husband's inauguration until their divorce in 2015. She has written for major American newspapers and magazines, and has authored three books.

WCC SPONSORS FOUR PUBLIC ELECTION FORUMS IN SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER

**Woman's City Club Presents Program on Ballot Issue 1:
Monday, September 17**

"CAN WE IMPROVE COMMUNITY HEALTH AND SAFETY BY REDUCING THE PRISON POPULATION?"

Issue 1 – Neighborhood Safety, Drug Treatment, and Rehabilitation Amendment

Speakers:

In support of the amendment:

Stephen JohnsonGrove, Deputy Director for Policy,
Ohio Justice and Policy Center

Elizabeth Hopkins, staff lead, AMOS

In opposition to the amendment: TBA



The Amendment would



Reclassify drug possession felonies as misdemeanors, because people struggling with addiction need treatment, not prison.



Cut off the probation-to-prison pipeline.



Incentivize personal rehabilitation in prison.



Invest savings in community health and treatment.

WCC and its co-sponsors invites the community to learn about and participate in a conversation about this grass roots initiative.

First Unitarian Church, 536 Linton Street in Avondale off Reading Rd.

Doors open at 6:30 pm for light snacks and socializing. Program begins at 7 pm.

More information: 513-751-0100 or
WCC@womanscityclub.org



GREEN TIPS for FALL



Reduce your use of paper.

- Go to paperless bills.
- Pay online or by phone.
- Try to end junk mail.
- Print on both sides of paper.

Use cloth napkins.

Re-use rags not paper towels.

Re-use paper from recycling bin.

My grandma wrote her grocery list on used envelopes!

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PUBLIC EDUCATION TOWN HALL:



Saturday, September 15

When: 10 am to noon

Where: 315 West Court Street,
2nd Floor of the Fire Museum.

Moderator: Marcia Futel,
Education Committee Chair,
League of Women Voters

Presenters: Stephen Dyer, Education Policy Fellow, Innovation Ohio; **Members of the Cincinnati Educational Justice Coalition** Michelle Dillingham, CEJC Coordinator; **Marlena Brookfield**, Parent Advocate.

The Woman's City Club joins the Cincinnati Educational Justice Coalition and several local Cincinnati civic organizations to host this Public Education Town Hall. This event will help educate candidates and the public on school funding and tell us how our elected officials influence public school funding.

This is a NON-PARTISAN event, and ALL CANDIDATES have been invited and encouraged to attend!

The program will include an informational session on federal, state, and local public education funding and the ways elected officials' decisions impact public schools. Candidates will have the opportunity to address the audience and share what they've learned from the session and their commitments to public education if they are elected.

The Cincinnati Educational Justice Coalition (CEJC) joins education justice organizations in cities across the nation in conjunction with their national affiliate, the Alliance to Reclaim Our Schools (AROS), to host other Town Halls across the U.S. in September – all focused primarily on public education funding. The purpose is to showcase critical issues of public education leading up to the November elections.

The event will be LIVESTREAMED on Facebook.

Cosponsors: Applied Information Resources (AIR Inc.), Cincinnati Educational Justice Coalition, Cincinnati Federation of Teachers, Community Shares of Greater Cincinnati, Faith and Community Alliance of Greater Cincinnati, Innovation Ohio, League of Women Voters of the Cincinnati Area, Metropolitan Area Religious Coalition of Cincinnati (MARCC), and Woman's City Club of Greater Cincinnati.



JUDICIAL CANDIDATES FORUM:

“WHO ARE YOU TO JUDGE?”

Saturday, October 8, 2018:

WHERE: The Urban League,
3458 Reading Road, Avondale

WHEN: Doors open at **5:30 pm**;
program starts at **6 pm**

Networking and open
conversation, 8:00-8:30.



How do courts affect YOUR life? For the first time in recent history, Hamilton County has contested races for all the open seats on the Ohio Court of Appeals and Court of Common Pleas. Make an Informed decision: meet the candidates and learn their views on issues including impartial justice, sentencing reform and more.

Sponsors: Cincinnati Bar Association, League of Women Voters, Urban League, Community Police Partnering Center and Woman's City Club.

ISSUE FORUM: CHARTING THE CITY'S FUTURE THE PROS AND CONS OF PROPOSED CITY CHARTER AMENDMENTS

Wednesday, October 17, 2018

First Unitarian Church, 536 Linton Street. Doors open at **6:30 pm**
for light snacks and socializing. **Program begins at 7 pm.**

Speakers will describe and provide the rationale for amendments proposed by city council to the Cincinnati Charter.

Donald Mooney, a local lawyer and self-named “political aficionado,” on a proposal to prohibit unlimited and anonymous contributions made through limited liability companies to a candidate for municipal office.

Carolyn Miller, League of Women Voters, on the proposal allowing executive sessions of Council in certain circumstances (requires Council override of Mayor’s veto to be placed on ballot)

City Council members (TBA) on two proposals for Council member terms:

- ⇒ **Two-year terms** replacing the current four-year terms starting in 2021
- ⇒ **Staggered four-year terms** for city council members starting in 2021 with the top five in the race that year serving until 2025 and the remaining four in the top nine contest running again in 2023.

As usual, the forum will leave ample time for questions and discussion.

Cosponsors: The Charter Party, Cincinnati Association, and Woman’s City Club.

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT



What first attracted me to join Woman's City Club was the positive energy of every member I met. While others complain about things that are wrong, or send a mean tweet or post a snarky Facebook comment, WCC members *do* something to bring about change.

Our September events are good examples of that. On Saturday, September 15, WCC is cosponsoring the Public Education Town Hall to examine school funding at the federal, state and local level — a

program about taking steps to ensure strong public schools for years to come. On Monday, September 17, WCC's program on Issue 1 is about making a change to the state constitution that will have direct impact on individuals' lives — reducing low-level drug possession to a misdemeanor so offenders can get job training and other support to become productive citizens.

On Friday, September 28, WCC's Woman's Expo on Fountain Square will showcase agencies and organizations that help all people overcome disparities and thrive.

At the Board Retreat in August, as I listened to board members and committee chairs share their vision, interests and professional skills, I was overwhelmed by the talent and experience our members bring to WCC —they all are truly VIPs. As the sessions moved on to charting a future course for WCC, suggestions for changes to improve the things we already do and new ways we can live into our mission came pouring forth. And since each idea was tied to an action goal, I think we can achieve them.

Earlier, one of our board members had said, as her interesting personal fact, that she is a *Star Wars* geek. The passion and energy of our future planning made me think of the closing lines of the newest *Star Wars* movie when General Leia (she has so grown beyond that princess title) says to her troops, "We have everything we need."

I truly believe WCC's members have everything we need to be a force for change and good in the present and to sustain our organization into its second century.

~ Janet Buening

ANNUAL LEADERSHIP RETREAT SETS GOALS AND PRIORITIES

Woman's City Club board members, past board members, and committee chairs and staff met on August 18 at the West Chester home of **Susan Noonan**. Incoming President **Janet Buening** led 19 WCC leaders through a fun VIP (Vision, Interest, Profession) exercise to determine our vision for the club and develop an interest and skill inventory.



Anne Fierst

Photo by Harriet Kaufman

We used results from the member survey, along with our own experiences to evaluate what has gone well and what we want to improve about some major activities of the club: Public Programs, National Speaker Forum, Feist Tea, Seasongood Luncheon, Book Club, Civic Engagement, Action Groups, Task Forces, Communications, and office administration.

After a break, we addressed our strategic plan. We first developed the three-year plan two years ago. At our 2018 Annual Meeting, WCC members prioritized items from the plan, and at the Leadership Retreat we picked action steps for each of the prioritized

items. The board committed to check up on these priorities and actions steps at each board meeting.



Board member Hera Reines

Photo by harriet Kaufman

At a short board meeting, we approved a budget and meeting schedule for the year. We had lunch on Susan's lovely deck overlooking a small lake and left the retreat reinvigorated and ready to work together over the 2018-2019 program year.

Thanks to: Susan for hosting, Janet for setting the agenda and activities, Janet and **Rina Saperstein** for facilitating and bringing a delicious vegetarian chili for lunch, **Jeff Dey** for the hot cinnamon buns, **Anne Buening** for taking minutes, and all those attending for engaged proactive discussion.

Anne Buening

Photo by Harriet Kaufman



MEMBER PROFILE: KATHY HELMBOCK



A frequent published writer of letters to the editor of *The Cincinnati Enquirer*, **Kathy Helmbock** was president of Woman's City Club (2006-2008) and a pioneering advocate for women's rights. But she has difficulty getting around these days. "In the last few years my legs have become progressively weaker," she said. "My heart was diagnosed with 'a-fib' and on May 9 my legs gave out entirely. I can now walk only a few feet at a time and have a caregiver a few hours each morning."

You may not see her at many WCC events, but that's not because her heart isn't with us. In addition to being president, she held many other posts, particularly as member of the National Speaker Committee "until I could no longer navigate the steps at Jane Anderson's house."

A charter member of the Cincinnati Women's Political Caucus in 1972, she joined NOW same year and later served as president, vice president, secretary and treasurer of both the local and state (1983-85) NOW chapters in the years that followed. She was local press representative in the 1980s and '90s. She served two terms on the local Planned Parenthood board in the 1990s. She volunteered for countless Democratic candidates, starting with Bobbie Sterne in 1973. She served her church, Disciples of Christ, as board chair for two terms and as elder.

Born and raised in Winchester, Ky., Kathy graduated from the University of Kentucky in 1954 and came to Cincinnati for a job at Procter & Gamble (staff assistant on the Gleem brand group). "I left after 3 1/2 years because Procter did not promote women back then. (It would be nearly a decade before Title VII of the Civil Rights Act took care of that problem.) She went to Baldwin Piano and Organ Company as a publications editor and then to Shillito's as an advertising copywriter. After the merger with Lazarus, she became pre-print/direct-mail manager, buying all the paper and printing for advertising inserts. She retired after the merger with Rich's in 1995 "that wiped out most of our jobs."

She was married to the late **David Helmbock** for 48 years. Her son, **Steve Helmbock**, "is an excellent carpenter who lives in Indiana and loves corgis." Kathy's hobbies are knitting and reading ("I grew up before television!") "I learned to knit during the war, made sweaters for Bundles for Britain, and I cut my teeth on Nancy Drew mysteries," she said.

~ Jo-Ann Huff Albers

MAJOR VICTORY: KROGER TO PHASE OUT PLASTIC BAGS AT ALL STORES!

Plastic is everywhere. It's in the gyres of garbage in the Pacific Ocean; it's in the bellies of the fish we eat; it's killing the seabirds; it compromises our storm water systems, landfills and parks; we consume plastic fibers with every glass of water we drink.

Many of the world's cities and countries have begun to take steps to eliminate plastic pollution through fees or total bans.

WCC's Environmental Action Group formed a task force this past year to work with other groups to mount a grassroots campaign and push for policies that regulate the use of single-use plastic bags in Cincinnati. We lobbied city council members and met with managers at Kroger. Optimally, we hope for an ordinance that will ban single-use plastic bags.

Now in response to pressure from its customers, Kroger, the nation's largest grocery chain, has made a major decision to



phase out the use of plastic bags by 2025, a step that has been applauded by Greenpeace.

But many of us are asking if Kroger's timeline for becoming plastic-free by 2025 is sufficient. Each year the U.S. generates more than four million tons of plastic bags according to the EPA. And each year Kroger orders six billion bags for distribution in 35 states. Why wait seven more years to transition to reusable bags? And while we are at it, should we not also rid our world of plastic bottles and straws, Styrofoam containers, and plastic packaging?

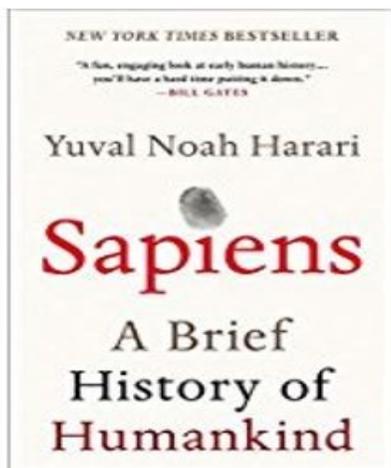
The task force will continue to press council to adopt a total ban of single-use plastic bags in Cincinnati.

In the meantime, we will work with Kroger to help speed up its plan.

~ Jeanne Nightingale

Co-chair Environmental Action

NEXT WOMAN'S CITY CLUB BOOK DISCUSSION



We will continue discussion of:

Sapiens **A Brief History of Humankind**

By Yuval Noah Harari

10 am, Saturday, September 22, 2018
Home of Jo-Ann Albers
9609 Iris Drive, West Chester 45241

For directions and to RSVP, call 513-759-0229
Or email her at Joann.albers@wku.edu

Please join us for a second conversation about the fascinating history of mankind, *Sapiens*. Members and friends not able to attend our July meeting are welcome and encouraged to attend. Much to talk about!

From a renowned historian comes a groundbreaking narrative of humanity's creation and evolution. Dr. Yuval Noah Harari begins about 70,000 years ago with the appearance of modern cognition. From examining the role evolving humans have played in the global ecosystem to charting the rise of empires, *Sapiens* integrates history and science to reconsider accepted narratives, connect past developments with contemporary concerns, and examine specific events within the context of larger ideas. (Adapted from Amazon write-up.)

~ Sarah Gideonse

WOMAN'S ECONOMIC, MENTAL, AND PHYSICAL HEALTH EXPO 2018

Woman's City Club, its Thriving Cincinnati project and Status of Women Action Group – are holding the fifth annual educational expo on Friday, September 29, on Fountain Square in Downtown Cincinnati. The theme is "Equity." Join us for an engaging and informative program on your lunch hour.

We have invited local organizations that address the mental, physical and economic health of women and families to staff tables with their hand-outs and other information and answer questions about their services. See flyer on page 7 for a list of organizations that have signed up so far.

Terrific speakers are also a part of the event! This year they include Cathy Bailey of Greater Cincinnati Water Works, the clinical psychologist **Dr. Jill Bley**, and City Council member **Tamaya Dennard**. The PONE dancers will again end us on a positive and enthusiastic note!

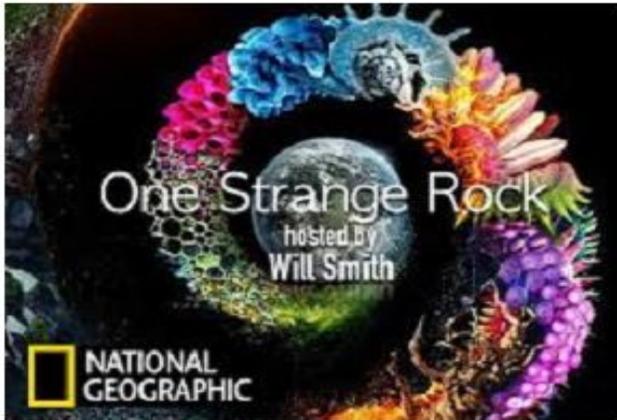
Organizations interested in participating and staffing a table should contact **Susan Noonan** at snoonan@fuse.net or 513-378-4122. We do ask that participating organizations pay \$25 to defray our cost of renting tables and two chairs. Don't get left out!

~ Sarah Gideonse

Changing CO₂urse: Local Solutions to a Global Crisis

Saturday, SEPTEMBER 22 from 6:30 to 8:30 pm.
St. John's UU Church, 320 Resor, Clifton

ONE STRANGE ROCK



Second episode in a 10-part cinematic event series that explores the fragility and wonder of the planet we call home.

Filmed across 45 countries, six continents and into outer space, ONE STRANGE ROCK is the extraordinary story of Earth – our curiously calibrated interconnected planet – and why

it is special and uniquely brimming with life among a largely unknown but harsh cosmic arena.

Episodes take audience from the microscopic to the cosmic, reveal the magical twists of fate that allowed life to emerge, and delve into monumental events such as cosmic violence, human intelligence, survival vs. destruction.

Academy Award-nominated actor **Will Smith** hosts the series produced by award-winning producer **Jane Root** and Academy Award-nominated filmmaker **Darren Aronofsky**.

Great for Kids!

Co-Sponsors: Woman's City Club of Greater Cincinnati, League of Women Voters of the Cincinnati Area, Cincinnati Women's Political Caucus, Citizens' Climate Lobby, St. John's UU Green Sanctuary Partners

WCC 101: A NEW QUARTERLY ORIENTATION SESSION

Thursday, September 20, 6:30-8 pm

So you have become a member of the Woman's City Club, what is next? Like the rest of us you want to be able to utilize your talents and interests to make Cincinnati a better place for everyone. Come join us in the Geier Room for an informational session that will provide an overview of our committees and action groups to give you a better idea of where to apply your skills within WCC. Whether you have newly joined the club, part of Act One, or a member who needs a refresher course, all are welcome to attend. For more information, feel free to contact Anne Buening (arbuening@yahoo.ie) if you have any questions about WCC 101 or membership in general.

WOMEN'S ECONOMIC, MENTAL, AND PHYSICAL HEALTH EXPO 2018

On Fountain Square
Friday, September 28,
11 am – 1:30 pm

Theme: Equity

Presented by:



Participating Organizations (to date)

Staffing tables of information and
answering questions

Chatfield College
Cincinnati Academy of Professional Psychology
Greater Cincinnati Water Works
Compass Point
Education Matters, Inc.
Greater Cincinnati Foundation
NAMI of Southwest Ohio
Planned Parenthood
Power Inspires Progress
UC Communiversity
Urban Appalachian Community Coalition
Woman's City Club

Speakers

Cathy Bailey
Director, Greater Cincinnati Water Works

Dr. Jill Bley, clinical psychologist

Tamaya Denard
Member, Cincinnati City Council

Featuring

CIWC / labor movement groups participate in
hosting a "#Metoo sound booth" for sharing
stories of sexual assault

ENDING WITH A PONE FLASH!

NEWS FROM OUR NETWORK

The following items are listed because they may be of interest to our members in keeping with our mission to educate, empower and engage citizens. A listing does not imply that Woman's City Club sponsors, endorses or has studied judgment about the event, speakers, or content.

Cincinnati Sister Cities India presents:

3rd Annual

Indian Film Festival of Cincinnati -2018

ENGAGE DIVERSITY THROUGH FILM

Join us & celebrate our shared stories
through the cinematic wonders of South
Asian Film

September 5-10th, 2018

Cincinnati Art Museum
TUC Main Street Theater, UC
Esquire Theater
Mariemont Theater and Kenwood Theaters

Freedom Center

Tickets available online or at the door.
For more information, please visit:

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THE MAN BEHIND THE DREAM
BY CINCINNATI COMPOSER, STEVE MILLOY



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BAYARD RUSTIN ART BY ANNIE RUTH

WORLD HOUSE CHOIR & CINCINNATI SINGING FRIENDS

- **THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 6: *Opening Concert***, 7:00, at Antioch College's Foundry Theater, 920 Corry Street, Yellow Springs, OH 45387
- **FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 7: *Dayton Concert*** at Westminster Presbyterian Church, 7:00 at 125 N. Wilkinson St, Dayton, OH 45402, sponsored by the Diversity and Inclusion Office, Center for Teaching and Learning at Sinclair Community College. This concert is the kick off event of Peace Dayton.
- **SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 8: *Repeat performance*** at the Foundry in Yellow Springs, 7:00 at Antioch College's Foundry Theater, 920 Corry Street, Yellow Springs, OH 45387
- **SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 9: *Cincinnati Concert*** at House of Joy Christian Ministries, 4:00 at 5912 Hamilton Ave, in College Hill, Cincinnati, OH 45224

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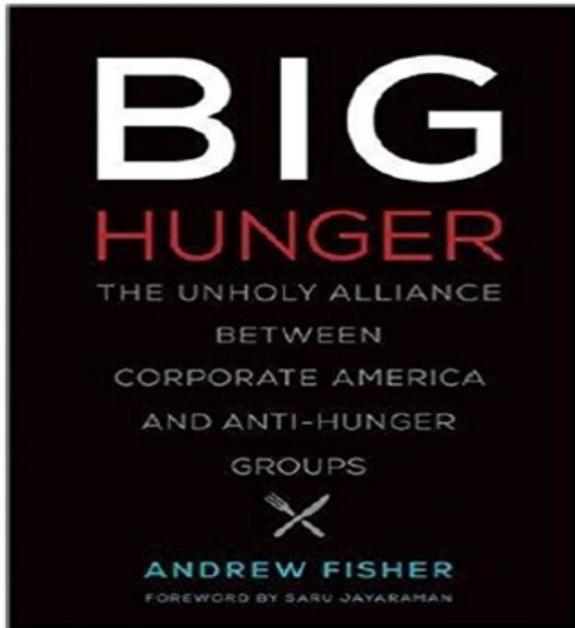


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INSTITUTIONAL DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION
DR. HERMAN ZEMAN
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ANONYMOUS



SEPTEMBER 6 HUNGER & POVERTY

Solving hunger requires a solution to poverty

Andrew Fisher will share a vision for solving hunger. Catholic Charities, Freestore Foodbank and Hamilton County Jobs and Family Services experts will join him for a presentation and panel discussion starting at 5:30 pm, Cintas Center, Xavier University.

This event is sponsored by Bartlett Wealth Management, Catholic Charities Southwestern Ohio, PNC Bank and Xavier University's Brueggeman Center for Dialogue.



**Nearly 1 of 2 children
in Cincinnati live in
poverty**

**Anti-hunger and
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**Local Leaders will
share new
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**Be a part of this
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**XAVIER UNIVERSITY
GINTAS CENTER
1624 Herald Ave.
Cincinnati, OH 45207**

<https://bighunger.eventbrite.com>

**5:30 PM, Thursday,
September 6, 2018**



Venice on Vine's 28th Annual Brunch & Raffle

Please join us for Strata, Goetta, Sr. Judy's Applesauce, Sausage, Sweet Breads, Jan Stenken's Potato Casserole, Fruit and more!

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

9:30 am-1:30 pm

Philippus United Church of Christ

106 W. McMicken Ave.

\$15 ADVANCE - \$20 AT THE DOOR

(CHILDREN UNDER 10 FREE!)

Tickets available [online](http://pip-cincy.com/home/power-inspires-progress/events/) at: <http://pip-cincy.com/home/power-inspires-progress/events/>

- Our Mission:** Woman's City Club is committed to building a strong Greater Cincinnati community through educating, empowering, and engaging all citizens to participate in promoting the common good.
- Our Vision:** We envision a just and sustainable community where all citizens are engaged as informed stakeholders in the shaping of our shared future.
- Our Values:** Collaboration -- Citizen Empowerment -- Civic Literacy -- Equity and Justice -- Children and Youth on Positive Trajectories to Achieve their Dreams and Lead Constructive Lives -- A Thriving City of the Future.

Calendar of WCC Events

Saturday, September 15, 10 am-noon:

Public Education Town Hall, Fire Museum, 315 West Court St.

Monday, September 17, 7 pm: Public Forum on Issue 1, First Unitarian Church, 536 Linton St., Avondale.

Thursday, September 20, 6:30-8 pm: WCC 101 meets in the Geier Room at Mt. Auburn Presbyterian Church.

Saturday, September 22, 10 am: Book Club meets at the home of Jo-Ann Albers, 9609 Iris Drive, West Chester Twp. 45241.

Friday, September 28, 11:30 am-1 pm:

Womens' Economic, Physical, and Mental Health Expo, Fountain Square.

Monday, October 8, 6 pm: Judicial Candidates Forum, Urban League, 3458 Reading Rd., Avondale.

Monday, October 17, 7 pm: Public Issues Forum on Proposed City Charter Amendments, First Unitarian Church, 536 Linton St., Avondale.



WCC COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Wednesday, September 5, 6 pm: Program Committee meets in the Geier Room, Mt. Auburn Presbyterian Church.

Wednesday, September 5, 6 pm: Membership Committee meets in the WCC meeting room.

Monday, September 10, 7 pm: National Speaker Committee. Meet at the home of Jane Anderson, 2717 Johnstone Place, 45206.

Tuesday, September 24, 6 pm: Communications Committee, Lydia's on Ludlow.

Monday, October 1, 7 pm: National Speaker Committee meets at the home of Jane Anderson, 2717 Johnstone Place, 45206.

For the latest schedule of Committee Meetings, check our Website Calendar at womanscityclub.org.

CINCINNATI CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

For an updated list, go to the City website at cincinnati-oh.gov/council/.



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The Monthly *Bulletin* keeps us connected with our membership, our network and our community. Monthly *Bulletin* keeps us connected with our membership, our network and our community. The next issue will appear October 1. The cut-off for submissions and committee reports will be Friday, September 21. Copy arriving after September 24 will appear in the November 1 issue. ~ Editorial Board: Jeanne Nightingale, Sarah Gideonse, Jo-Ann Albers, Janet Buening, and Anne Skove