



Up the Hill

An Oak Hill Collaborative Publication

Fall is in full swing, and so is the Collaborative as we are ramping up for the new year 2021! We have plenty of exciting details for you all coming down the pike and Up the Hill is the best place to learn all about it. This newsletter is here for latest news in the world of non-profit endeavors such as conquering the making virtual communities, making education always within reach, and as always conquering the digital divide. Why not give this newsletter a viewing to see what all we've been up to?

If social media is more your thing, and you want your non-profit information delivered in "byte"-sized chunks, be sure to check out the social media column on the services page! We'll keep adding more and more to our social media circles so check constantly for new additions.

Election is days away! Have you voted?

November draws nearer, and with the deadline of November 3rd right around the corner we're providing all the resources to ensure that you have everything you need to go out and vote. Be it in person, mail in, or drop off every vote matters. Contact the United Returning Citizens at 330 - 406 - 0827 to learn how you can still vote even if you have a felony or existing charges. You can also get in touch with the League of Women Voters to learn how to spread crucial voting information, and more! Reach out to them at 330 - 783 - 6290. You'd be surprised how much help is accessible right outside your door. So go out and vote! And be the change you want to see in your community.

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Building Virtual Communities

As has become the "new normal" as of late, all organizations and institutions are turning to new methods of communication, work flow, and honestly, way of living. COVID-19 is still very much prominent in the state of Ohio, with a couple of counties in the "red" state so even close to home there is cause to stay home. Yet it would seem as an unintentional side effect schools, businesses and organizations are building "Virtual Communities". What this means is they are gathering in a way that is accessible through the computer.

Zoom, Discord, Skype, Microsoft Teams, and Facebook Live are just a few examples of technologies that OHC utilizes. But each of them has their own methods of operation, each with their own pros and cons. What are the differences? This section will be about showcasing virtual events that demonstrate various technologies used.



"The Internet is going to be the Town Square for the global village of tomorrow"
- Bill Gates



ACTION - Building Fairy Gardens

Mentioned briefly in our last edition, ACTION hosted a virtual event here at the Collaborative. Utilizing our equipment they were able to present to a group Zoom video call the craft of creating a "scene" inside the confines of a clay pot. Instead of just plants, dirt, and pottery you would make a diorama of a scene, normally containing a fairy. All attendees enjoyed the experience, and were able to even follow along in their own homes. What this meant was not everyone was sharing the same table, so the collaborative "working space" was seemingly limitless assuming each attendee had a table to work at. Great work ACTION!

Oak Hill Cemetery Virtual Tour

As part of the Bites and Bits of History Lunchtime Program, Frank Rulli and Traci Manning from the MVHS present the same Oak Hill Cemetery Tour offered in years past, but in lieu of COVID-19 decided it would be best delivered via Youtube. It went live as of October 22nd at noon, and is still viewable for those looking for it. This video highlights the architectural and cultural history of the cemetery, as well as landscaping and design.

No registration is necessary, and it's available to view for free. So, you ask,



why Youtube? The better question is why not? It's a perfect medium for a "one way flow" of information, which is normally what you would expect a tour to be. Tune in for this wonderful (and free!) educational program today, and thank you MVHS!



Ohio Urban Renaissance Goes Live!

For the first time, Ohio Urban Renaissance went live on Facebook this past Saturday to discuss issues that need to be remedied, as well as how we as a community can act to see these changes through. However, this stream had a twist. It was hosted in two separate locations!

By streaming to both Zoom to connect with the OHC location, as well as on Facebook live, Ohio Urban Renaissance was able to get both a live and virtual audience in on the conversation. Thank you Ohio Urban Renaissance!





R.E.S.P.E.C.T Collaboration Program

Every other Sunday, Oak Hill Collaborative hosts a men's program called R.E.S.P.E.C.T. This acronym stands for "Reaching Everyday Solutions Positively and Encouraging Community Togetherness".

It is here that men of color can meet and discuss what they feel could be changed about the society around them. They are provided a "safe space" to express these views/concerns about their experiences, how these experiences affect them, and how they can work to make it better. Honest, constructive criticism is shared out in the open, and these reflections lead to productive decision making.

"You are not defined by where you are, but by what you think about yourself." - William Miller

This event is open for others to attend, and is held bi-weekly at the Collaborative on the main floor - Sunday from 5:00PM - 7:15PM. Their next meeting is on November 8th. If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to the organizer, William Miller at 330 - 389 - 4734.



Meet the Collaborative

Kristen Olmi has been part of the Oak Hill Collaborative for many years. While working for Mahoning County, she always found time to help budding businesses via her K.O Consult. LLC. She gave practical business advice, helped them file their 990, as well as did a lot of grant writing for the Collaborative. K.O Consult's office being located right at the Collaborative, she helped start businesses such as:

- A Fresh Wind Catering
- KBC Kidz.
- Jesus Speaks
- Rock Shotz Photography
- and more!

Not only has she contributed to starting these businesses and organizations, she has also been an integral part of numerous other organizations - for example, she is currently the Co-President of the League of Women Voters. She is also a part of YWCA, and the Big Brothers Big Sisters organization. We appreciate the hard work she's done, and her efforts toward her community!

When not working hard in the office, she likes to hang out with friends in her spare time.

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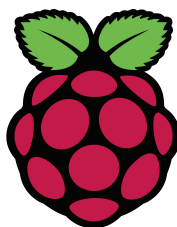
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Oak Hill October Services:

Raspberry Pi Online



Raspberry Pi

In just the last week of October, Raspberry Pi Online started over at MLK elementary, marking the start of our very first virtual program. However, we're already ready to expand to take on more clients. This program is available for ages 8, to 88, and is offered virtually. We can teach entire classrooms, or we can offer one-on-one sessions. It is a six week program, and each week you are taught something new about computers. By week three you are even given your own Raspberry Pi Computer to use for the rest of the classes, and thereafter. To learn more, or apply to be added to our calendar for 2021, be sure to give us a call as the phone number on the left.

Makerspace Night - New Time!

While we were recording for the Raspberry Pi Online program, the Makerspace area was being used for filming. Now that all of our shoots are over, we have opened up all the labs in our Makerspace once more!



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If you are interested in learning about our Robotics Lab, how to incorporate 3D printing into your project, or if you just want a collaborative space to be able to bring your projects for showing off or working on, come on by every Wednesday evening. This is held during 6:00PM until 9:00PM, only at the Oak Hill Makerspace.