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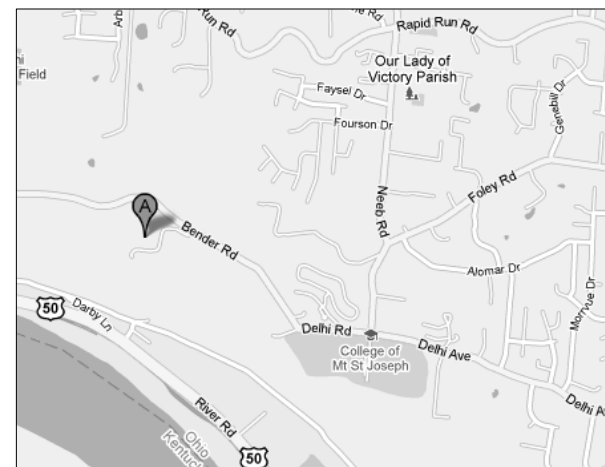
Spring Walk of Bender Mountain May 1

Join society members on a history and nature walk of Bender Mountain on Saturday, May 1, at 10 a.m. We will be hiking the "ridge" of the hill. Parking is available at Liberty Nursing Center of Riverview (formerly the Riverview Community), located at 5999 Bender Road. The Center is located just west of the Mount St. Joseph Motherhouse.

Our guides will be Tim Sisson and Matt Maley of the Western Wildlife Corridor, which maintains the trails we will be walking. The first stop is the historic Darby Lee Cemetery about 50 feet from the parking lot at Liberty. The cemetery has 15 marked burials dating from 1819 to 1909. The two most famous are Peter Lee, a Revolutionary War veteran who claimed a good portion of the land in what is now Saylor Park, and Henry Darby, an abolitionist about whom the fictional play *The Legend of Fiddler's Green* is centered.

Then it's on to view the wildflowers, while Matt and Tim,

The date on your mailing label tells you when your membership expires. Don't miss the opportunity for all the historical society offers. Renew your membership! (If no date appears then you are a life member.)



weave some history and nature. If you want to see wildflowers, this is the time and the place. The hillside should be covered with many species of beautiful late spring wildflowers.

The first part of the trail is relatively flat/level and then there are some short hills. Matt suggests people consider bringing walking sticks. He will have some if those participating do not. Walking sticks make the hike easier.

No reservations are required.



Upcoming Dates

- **April 12: Delhi Historical Society Program at Delhi Park Lodge, 7 pm - "Cold Cases" with Beth Murray**
- **April 23-25; April 30-May 1: Spring Teas at the Farmhouse.—12:30 pm. Call 922-4538 for reservations.**
- **May 1 - Spring Flower Hike of Historic Bender Mountain, 10 a.m. at Mount St. Joseph for the**
- **May 10: Delhi Historical Society Program at Delhi Park Lodge, 7 p.m. - "Bob Howsam and the Big Red Machine."**
- **May 18: Newport Gangster Tour with lunch at the Syndicate and dessert at the York Street Café. Meet at the Syndicate 10 am.**

The Delhi Historical Society Farmhouse Museum is open on Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday from noon to 3 p.m.

Suggested donation is \$1.

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Newport Gangster Tour Set for May 18

Join the Delhi Historical Society on Tuesday, May 18, for another visit to Kentucky – this time it's a visit to the seamy side of the Cincinnati area - Newport's Gangster Tour.

Named the "Best of the City" Tour by Cincinnati Magazine, and one of the "Top 10 Reasons to Visit Kentucky" by Southern Living Magazine, this tour is a four-block guided walk down the streets once traveled by the nation's biggest mobsters.

The Newport underworld was initially run by local gangsters, but the town grew to attract the attention of national crime syndicates. By the late 1950's vice was so open in this small Northern Kentucky town that national magazines published stories that shocked the nation.

Upcoming Programs

April 12 - Forensic Anthropologist Beth Murray will take a look at Cincinnati "Cold Cases." We are back at the Delhi Park Lodge at 7 p.m. Bring a snack to share.

May 10 - It's Baseball Season. Daryl Smith, author of *The Making of the Big Red Machine*, talks about his interviews with Bob Howsam, who put together the best baseball team ever.



NEWPORT GANGSTER TOUR
A HISTORICAL WALKING TOUR

We know you won't want to miss this opportunity to enjoy great history and good food. Cost is only \$37.50 per person, which includes lunch at the Syndicate, guided tour and special dessert at the York Street Café.

We'll begin at the Syndicate on East Fifth St., located two blocks south of Newport on the Levee. Parking is available on the street and in the lot across the street. For those who need transportation, we are organizing a car-pool.

SEE NEWSLETTER INSERT FOR MORE INFORMATION.

Remus Exhibit at Delhi Library During April



The Delhi Historical Society's recently-revamped Jack Doll's King of the Bootlegger exhibit will be on exhibit at the Delhi Branch Library during the month of April. The exhibit consists of 14 panels that tell the story of George Remus, the Price Hill lawyer, pharmacist and businessman who made millions selling bootleg liquor during Prohibition. Remus' story of his rise to prominence in the underworld and his tumultuous relationship with his wife Imogene that eventually ended with her murder, has been made into several books. But the historical society exhibit puts a Westside spin on the story.

The exhibit goes up April 5 and runs through the end of the month. The Delhi Library is located at 5095 Foley Road.

Farmhouse/Society News

Society Receives Donation from Best Buy Thanks to Kiwanis Efforts

The Riverview Delhi Kiwanis presented a check for \$1,000 from Best Buy to the Delhi Historical Society on March 9. Al Duebber, representing the Kiwanis, said that the donation came through the Kiwanis annual Rollin' on the River Car Show fundraiser.

The Riverview Delhi Kiwanis Club has long supported the historical society, through their mowing, trimming, and other sprucing activities. The donation will help continue to fund these efforts.

The Riverview-Delhi Kiwanis Club serves the communities of Delhi, Riverside, Sayler Park and Sedamsville. Its members' common goal is to "work together as a group to improve the community beyond the capabilities

of the individual." Money from their fundraising events are used to support many local charities as well as to fill the individual needs of families in crisis.



Al Duebber, left, presents a check to treasurer Frankie Sahnd, right, as Al Zeiser watches..

Farmhouse Exhibit through April 15: Life on a Delhi Farm

The Delhi Historical Society's new exhibit features a look at life on the farm in Delhi. It showcases photos and artifacts from the 19th and early 20th centuries donated to the historical society from farms right here in Delhi. The exhibit will be removed beginning April 15, to prepare for the Spring Teas. It will return in mid May.

Spring Teas set

It's not too late to make reservations for the Delhi Historical Society's Spring Teas which will be held at the Farmhouse on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, April 23, 24 and 25, and April 30, May 1 and 2. Teas begin at 12:30 p.m. each day and

cost \$14 per person. Call Nancy Cusick, 513-922-4538.

Condolences

It is with great sadness that we report the deaths of several of our longtime members. **Doris Duba**, who headed up the Cemetery Beautification committee at the Administration Cemetery, died the week of Christmas. **Bud Cook**, a house volunteer for many years, board member, and member of the maintenance committee died in early January. Bud refurbished the kitchen cabinet and icebox. Longtime member **Frank Sterbling** also passed away recently.

Spring Flowers

We hope to have a spring flower sale again this year. Plans are still in the works. Look for more information in a late April mailing.

Memorials

- Tom Corcoran
- Al Zeiser
- Bud Cook
- Al Zeiser
- Peg Schmidt
- Carol Dunnett
- Al Zeiser
- Kalliope Dimitry
- Ed & Peggy Cappel
- Mary Kersting
- Al Zeiser
- Ken Lipps
- Al Zieser
- Doris Zeiser
- Eileen Wolfer
- Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Scheid

Think of DHS in Estate Plans

Did you know that 70 percent of Americans give annually to charity, but only 5 percent of Americans leave a bequest to a charity?

Life insurance benefits are an easy way to make a gift to the historical society. To contribute a policy that is paid in full, simply indicate the change of beneficiary on a form available from your agent.

Please consider the DHS when talking with your attorney about other estate plans.

Farmhouse Volunteer Schedule

Week	Sunday	Tuesday	Thursday
Week 1	Peg Schmidt	Need volunteer	Alfred Zeiser
Week 2	Peg Schmidt	Carol Niehaus	Lee & Betty Baker
Week 3	Pat Burden	Fred DiPilla	Need volunteer
Week 4	Mary Finn	Need volunteer	Pam Hubert
Week 5	Need volunteer	Peg Schmidt	Pam Hubert

From the Archives

Sayler Park Marks 100 Years Since Leaving Delhi Township for Cincinnati

This year marks 100 years since the city of Cincinnati began a series of annexations that would take from Delhi Township three thriving communities called Delhi, Home City and Fernbank.

Nestled between the flowing Ohio to the south and the towering Delhi Township hillside, Sayler Park was one of the earliest areas to be developed in the Ohio Valley. In the spring of 1789, just a few short months after the first settlement in the land between the two Miami Rivers, John Cleves Symmes sent his nephew and a contingent of soldiers and settlers to inhabit the area just east of what is now Bender and River roads. They named the settlement South Bend.

Skirmishes with natives and a spring flood in 1791 hampered the settlement's growth, but after the Treaty of Greenville in 1796, which ended harassment by Indians, the area west of South Bend began growing. By 1830 there were many houses, a school, some businesses and even a race track. By the mid-1800s, with the coming of passenger rail service, developers divided land into subdivisions, and Industry, Delhi, Home City and Fern Bank incorporated, but were still part of Delhi Township.

Promise of Clean Water Lures Villages to City

Records in the Delhi Historical Society's archives show that the Village of Delhi was the first of the three township towns to be lured into the city by promises of water, sewers, gas, electric, and paved roads and sidewalks. In exchange the city got all of the village-owned buildings and equipment and a new source of tax revenue from a thriving business community.

Water was the deciding issue. Cincinnati had opened it's new water treatment facility - the best in the US at the time - in 1908. But it wasn't the only issue. Lincoln Ave. (Gracely) was to be paved with brick; sidewalks were to be constructed on the south side of Franklin (Hillside). The city was to contract with Union Gas & Electric Co. to supply gas and electric to the town. The city also agreed "to retain the village marshal for police duty and lighting of the village's lamps until the expiration of his term." And finally, the city agreed to collect



The Village of Delhi taken from near the Sandmann farm on Rapid Run around 1915. This photo shows Rapid Run Road where it intersects Hillside Avenue. The church in the upper left is St. Aloysius. Parallel roads are from left, Whipple, Huey and Meridian. Thanks to member Betty Baker and Jim Civitello for this photo.

ashes and garbage for disposal, and that "the snow-plow and harness owned by the village for the removal of snow from sidewalks, be turned over to the Improvement Association for use in the district embraced."

The vote to annex took place on November 2, 1909, with 157 residents voting in favor, 17 opposed to annexation, and Delhi became part of Cincinnati in June 1910.

More Annexations Followed

It is clear from correspondence from the commissioners appointed by the city to plan the annexation, that annexing Delhi was to be the first step in adding all of the downriver communities to the city. On June 4, 1910, Commissioners Albert Alcorn, George Piatt and Isaac Pichel wrote, "Under the law which permits municipalities to annex only contiguous territory, the annexation of the Village of Delhi makes possible the annexation of the territory immediately west embracing the villages of Sayler Park, Fernbank, Ad-dyston, North Bend, and Cleves and an increase in our tax duplicate in the sum of more than \$2 million."

The following year the former Home City, now called Sayler Park for the town's mayor, Nelson Sayler, was annexed. In 1912 Fernbank voted to join the Cincinnati. Today, the three annexed villages are now the Cincinnati neighborhood of Sayler Park.

But a new state law around 1920 put an end to the city's westward expansion. That law not only required approval from the people in the area being annexed, but also from a majority of the entire county.