

Northside



Five Eagles sited in Northside



Eagle Scouts working in Buttercup Valley Photo by Cheryl Pannabecker

By Brian Balsley
Community Council

Five eagles were spotted in Northside during 2011. But they were not the majestic birds of prey that soar overhead. These were Boy Scouts who earned their Eagle Scout rank by completing vol-

unteer service projects in Parker Woods and Buttercup Valley preserves. The Eagle Scout rank is the highest that a Boy Scout can earn and is attained by only two percent of all Scouts nationwide.

Thanks to the efforts of these five young men, the trails throughout both preserves were improved. Nicholas Kamm erer of Troop 161 carved and placed several trail markers; Sam Assum of Troop 482 carved and placed new steps near the clearing

called “The Flats;” Brendan Luckett of Troop 83 carved and placed trail markers and installed new steps on the trail that connects the preserves; Caleb Fleischer of Troop 161 constructed a new bridge, installed new steps, and cleared honeysuckle bushes near the end of Thompson Heights Avenue; and Jack Brown of Troop 857 installed new steps and rerouted a section of trail around where a landslide occurred this Spring in Buttercup Valley.

These projects continue the trail repair and improvement work that Cincinnati Parks started in 2010. During the last two years, a seasonal trail crew has been busy replacing old steps, installing water diverters, constructing switchback trails on steep slopes, and repairing bridges.

Two new bridges were constructed in Buttercup Valley during 2010 as part of Eagle Scout projects by Ian Healy of Troop 857 and Brennan Doyle of Troop 682. Cincinnati Parks also had to completely rebuild one of the longest bridges in Buttercup Valley after a tree fell on it during a severe storm earlier this year.

Volunteer contributions

help Cincinnati Parks make the most out of small budgets and thin resources. “Fortunately we’re in tight with the Boy Scouts,” said Jim Godby, the Land Manager for Cincinnati Parks. “They contact us yearly looking for Eagle Scout projects. To date they

have more than 1,000 hours in the preserves!”

Mr. Godby says there is still enough trail work that needs done for another Eagle Scout project. He hopes to have a seasonal trail crew again next year to finish a switchback project and begin other improvements.

Editorial

Could new floral shop have to close?

By Worley Rodehaver

Editor

Doris Poore was so excited about her new location when we first talked to her back in the spring.

She had just moved her 112 year-old Ruttle & Neltner Florist shop from Covington to Northside.

A promised entertainment district there did not materialize and she came searching for a new location.

But, after a busy period following her shop’s opening business has fallen off to almost nothing she told us. She is trying to focus on weddings (*flowers, dresses and accessories*) to stay open but she needs more that.

If the shop closes it will be the second floral shop to close Northside. And that owner, before closing, told us even the organizations in Northside didn’t get flowers from her for their special occasions.

If we want quality businesses such as Ruttle & Neltner here **we ALL need to support them!**



**Northside-College
Hill Kiwanis**

We will be holding our monthly dinner meeting on Tuesday, November 22 at Intimate Gatherings Restaurant, 4176 Hamilton Avenue in the Northside Historic Business District. Learn more about Kiwanis, join us for dinner. RSVP: Don Beimesche, 513-542-7800 or 271-2814.

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