



# MCURC News

## November 2018



### Mark your calendar, Madisonville! We've got a lot going on.

As the holidays approach, calendars tend to fill up fast, which is why we want to let you know now about three upcoming dates that you definitely won't want to miss!

→ First, MCURC is excited to participate again this year in the annual day of giving back, **Giving Tuesday!** The Tuesday after Thanksgiving (November 27) is a national day of charitable giving. Think of it as the warm and fuzzy version of Black Friday or Cyber Monday. Last year, dozens of people made a tax-deductible donation to MCURC to support our work in Madisonville in the areas of affordable housing, economic development, and community engagement. If you're excited about what's happening in the neighborhood, please consider a gift to help us keep the momentum going!

→ Speaking of momentum...MCURC is excited to invite you to a momentous occasion at 10 AM on Monday, December 3 — the **Groundbreaking** of Phase I of the long-awaited development at Madison & Whetsel. This is the official celebration of the years of planning for the project, which will include new construction, upgrades to the existing shopping center across the street, expansion of the Braxton Cann Health Center, and streetscaping along all four blocks. City of Cincinnati officials, including Mayor John Cranley, will be present at the groundbreaking, and we hope you can make it too!

→ You're also invited to join us for a fun, interactive event called **Touch-A-Truck**. Touch a what? Touch a truck! At 11 AM on Saturday, December 8, the team from Al. Neyer, Inc. will open up the construction site at Madison & Whetsel so visitors can get up close and check out the big equipment on site. Then at 12 PM (Noon), everyone is invited to head over to the Madisonville Public Library for a construction-themed story time. This event is FREE and open to the public. We hope to see you there!

### Dates you don't want to miss...

**Tuesday, November 27**  
Give Back on Giving Tuesday

**Monday, December 3**  
Groundbreaking: Madison & Whetsel, 10 a.m.

**Saturday, December 8**  
Touch a Truck: Madison & Whetsel, 11 a.m.  
Construction Storytime: Madisonville Library, 12 p.m.

# TOUCH A TRUCK



**Saturday December 8**

**11AM**—Visit the construction site at Madison/Whetsel  
**12PM**—Story time & more at the Madisonville Library

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## Construction Update: Affordable Homes on Peabody & Ravenna



Work is progressing on the four new, affordable, single-family homes on Ravenna and Peabody. Construction on the homes will wrap-up soon — and make sure to keep your eyes open for a ribbon cutting ceremony some time in January 2019. MCURC is building these houses through partnerships with the City of Cincinnati, the Port, Homebase, and PNC Bank. This collaborative approach has allowed MCURC to sell these homes to families with low or moderate incomes that want to relocate to or stay in Madisonville. And some time in 2019 we will start construction on five more homes using a second round of City funding. Interested buyers can contact Heather Kopf at Kopf Hunter Haas Realtors at (513) 871-4040.

## Cincinnati Access Fund Available for Small Business Expansion

Do you have dreams of growing your small business? The Cincinnati Access Fund can help! This loan funding for small businesses was created to improve access to capital—especially for women and minority-owned ventures. To date, \$3.5 million in funding has been dedicated to this program, which is a collaboration between Fifth Third Bank, the City of Cincinnati, and LISC Greater Cincinnati. In addition to providing low-interest loans, the program also offers technical assistance and consulting services for growing businesses in Cincinnati neighborhoods. If you'd like to learn more about this program — or about Kiva loans, which help businesses get off the ground — you can contact Amber David, LISC Greater Cincinnati's small business specialist, at (513) 723-2113 or [adavid@lisc.org](mailto:adavid@lisc.org).



## Thank you, Cincinnati Toolbank!

The Cincinnati Toolbank recently donated four picnic tables to Madisonville. There are two at the Madisonville Recreation Center, one at the Settle Street entrance to the Little Duck Creek Trail, and another is tentatively planned to go at Desmond Park. We offer a heartfelt THANK YOU to the Toolbank for supporting Madisonville through this and other initiatives.

*Please note that the MCURC Office will be closed from Wednesday, November 21—Friday, November 23. We wish you and yours a very Happy Thanksgiving!*



**MCURC is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to advancing the Madisonville neighborhood through comprehensive community development to improve quality of life for all.**

