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Southwestern Ohio

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HAMILTON COUNTY

Established in 1790, Hamilton County was named after Alexander Hamilton, first U.S. Secretary of the Treasury. It was the second county to be carved out of the Northwest Territory. Development took place mainly in Cincinnati, then a booming river town. Population: 866,228, of which 336,000 is in Cincinnati.

THE CITY OF CINCINNATI

www.cincinnatihome.org

In this section, City of Cincinnati neighborhoods are indicated by a City of Cincinnati designation under the neighborhood name (see Bond Hill for an example). Some of these neighborhoods have a local community council or organization, but the governing body is the City of Cincinnati. You can obtain more information on any of the city communities by contacting:

www.ci.cincinnati.oh.us.

Amberley Village

<http://www.amberleyvillage.com/>

Incorporated in 1940, Amberley offers a range of homes—from traditional to contemporary—many on large landscaped lots. The winding streets and wooded areas enhance the area’s rural charm. There are no restaurants or strip malls here, but it is minutes away from shopping, dining and many other Cincinnati amenities. It is home to French Park, donated by Herbert C. French, one of Amberley’s founding fathers that named the place after a village in England he enjoyed visiting. The park is great for hiking, picnicking and enjoying nature. Private golf, tennis and swim clubs are located within the village. Currently, the community is involved in ongoing discussion about the future of the 133-acre Crest Hills Golf Course on Ridge and Galbraith. It does not own the property, but will most likely be involved on rezoning for future use. Four synagogues serve Amberley’s strong Jewish population.

- *Avg. home price* *\$345,605*
- *Approx. Area* *5.5 square miles*
- *Population* *3,800*
- *Government* *Mayor/council*
- *Approx. drive to downtown Cincinnati* *12 minutes*
- *Approx. drive to airport* *35 minutes*
- *School district* *Cincinnati Public Schools*

Anderson Township

www.andersontownship.org

This highly desirable neighborhood was organized in 1793 and named after Virginia’s surveyor Richard Clough Anderson. The township was part of the “Virginia Military District”, land given as payment to Virginia’s Revolutionary War soldiers. Anderson Township has wooded hills, beautiful homes and an excellent school system. It is the only township in Ohio with a green space program that protects hundreds of acres of natural environment. Attractive features include seven parks, tennis courts, swim clubs, golf courses and soon a new \$1.9 million, 2-mile bike trail. Two new subdivisions are underway that will bring a combined 400 homes to Anderson Township. Its new mall, Anderson Towne Center, is under construction. When completed, it will include a 104,000-square-foot Kroger store, the biggest Kroger in the country. Behind it, town officials are planning to construct their own center featuring a \$6 million government and arts building and a \$2.5 transit center, in addition to a lake and a park. The township is home to River Downs and Coney Island, an amusement park featuring the world’s largest recirculating pool.

- *Avg. home price* *\$247,170*
- *Approx. Area* *31 square miles*
- *Population* *43,857*
- *Government* *Township trustees*
- *Approx. drive to downtown Cincinnati* *20 minutes*
- *Approx. drive to airport* *30 minutes*
- *School district* *Forest Hills Local Schools*

Blue Ash

www.blueash.com

Once listed in *50 Fabulous Places to Raise Your Family*, Blue Ash is a dynamic community with 13,000 residents and a daytime population of more than 75,000. There are sprawling estates, condos, and numerous restaurants (fare of which you can sample at Taste of Blue Ash in August). Some 2,000 businesses are based in Blue Ash, including Procter & Gamble Technical Center, Ethicon Endo-Surgery, Inc., and Sara Lee Foods, a global packaged goods company. It is home to the Blue Ash Symphony, Blue Ash Golf Course (top rated by *Golf Digest*), Blue Ash Nature Park, and a replica of the old Cincinnati Reds ballpark, Crosley Field. The 37-acre Blue Ash Sports Center has ten baseball and six soccer fields. Blue Ash has its own commuter airport.

- *Avg. home price* \$226,860
- *Approx. area* 7.7 square miles
- *Population* 13,000
- *Government* Mayor/council, city manager
- *Approx. drive to downtown Cincinnati* 20 minutes
- *Approx. drive to airport* 35 minutes
- *School districts* Sycamore Community and Princeton City Schools

Bond Hill

City of Cincinnati

The city was incorporated in 1886. Located just to the south of the east-west Norwood Lateral (Route 562), Bond Hill provides easy access to both I-71 and I-75. The area, which is 93 percent African-American, features a nice mix of homes, including classic Tudors in a wooded setting, affordable one- and two-family dwellings, and historic Victorian and Queen Anne homes. Bond Hill's community center is well equipped, with a gym, team-weight room and chess club. There are plans to redevelop Huntington Meadows complex on Seymour Avenue into 300 detached single-family homes and attached condominiums.

- *Avg. home price* \$79,707
- *Approx. area* 1.83 square miles
- *Population* 10,000
- *Government* City of Cincinnati
- *Approx. drive to downtown Cincinnati* 10 minutes
- *Approx. drive to airport* 25 minutes
- *School district* Cincinnati Public Schools

Bridgetown

www.greentwp.org

Bridgetown is named after a New Jersey City, where the two families who settled the area between 1812-1820 came from. It is a popular choice for families for its variety of well-constructed, affordable homes and easy access to the expressways. Residents enjoy the areas accessibility to parks and shopping at Western Hills Plaza.

- *Avg. home price* *\$164,159*
- *Approx. area* *38 square miles*
- *Population* *55,660 (Green Township)*
- *Government* *Township trustees, clerk as financial officer*
- *Approx. drive to downtown Cincinnati* *15 minutes*
- *Approx. drive to airport* *30 minutes*
- *School district* *Oak Hills Local Schools*

Cheviot

www.cheviot.org

Began as a four-block town with six streets, Cheviot was platted in 1818 by a Scottish immigrant John Craig, who named the place after the ridge of hills that separated England from Scotland. It was incorporated in 1901 and became a city in 1932. Cheviot offers housing options, including Cape Cods, ranches and colonials. The neighborhood draws young families because of the proximity to schools, shopping and recreational facilities. Cheviot is still heavily influenced by its German heritage, and annual events include its own Oktoberfest celebration and the popular Harvest Home Festival, now 141 years old. More than 10,000 people come to the festival every year. Ohio's first Vietnam Veterans of America chapter started in Cheviot in 1980. And scenes from the movie Little Man Tate were filmed on location at Harrison Grill in Cheviot.

- *Avg. home price* *\$100,453*
- *Approx. area* *1.2 square miles*
- *Population* *9,015*
- *Government* *Statutory city mayor/council*
- *Approx. drive to downtown Cincinnati* *15 minutes*
- *Approx. drive to airport* *35 minutes*
- *School district* *Cincinnati Public Schools*

Clifton

City of Cincinnati

Gaslights and elegant mansions—even a castle or two—are hints of this community’s rich history. Clifton was one of the area’s first suburbs, as Cincinnati’s early industrialists moved out of downtown. Today, this distinctive neighborhood is home to the University of Cincinnati and Hebrew Union College. Clifton is also home to several medical facilities, including Good Samaritan, Cincinnati Children’s, Deaconess, University Hospital and Shriners hospitals. Mount Storm Park, Burnet Woods Park, small shops and lots of restaurants offer residents a wide range of leisure activities. The Esquire Theater on Ludlow is a popular landmark. A fountain, on Ludlow and Clifton Avenue, was dedicated recently to serve as centerpiece for a future gathering place for residents.

- *Avg. home price* \$189,216
- *Approx. area* 2.2 square miles
- *Population* 8,978
- *Government* City of Cincinnati, local community council
- *Approx. drive to downtown Cincinnati* 10 minutes
- *Approx. drive to airport* 25 minutes
- *School district* Cincinnati Public Schools

Colerain Township

www.coleraintwp.org

The township was settled in 1790 by surveyor John Dunlap, who named it after his birthplace, Coleraine, Ireland. There is much undeveloped land in Colerain, Ohio’s largest unincorporated township. This expansive area offers a range of newer, affordable homes—traditional and contemporary—as well as condominiums, multi-levels and apartments. Colerain Avenue, the major artery through the township, offers nearly every major restaurant chain and a wide range of shopping, anchored by the 140-store Northgate Mall. Major employers here include P&G, Miami Valley Lab, Rumpke, Northgate Mall and Northwest School District.

- *Avg. home price* \$105,100 (East)
\$185,800 (West)
- *Approx. area* 45.6 square miles
- *Population* 60,144
- *Government* Township trustees
- *Approx. drive to downtown Cincinnati* 20 minutes
- *Approx. drive to airport* 35-40 minutes
- *School district* Northwest Local Schools

College Hill

City of Cincinnati

A prestigious residential community in the 1850s, College Hill takes its name from the two colleges that once were located here. There are stately homes on tree-lined streets, beautiful Tudors, attractive ranches and a high-rise condo. Its active business district, "The Avenue," is lined with small, specialty shops. There are plans to redevelop the old Shuller's Wigwam, once a popular restaurant and banquet facility on North Bend and Hamilton. The mixed-use development will include cafes, bars, and condos on the upper floors. And Linden Park Commons is proposed on the old Kroger site. It will have retail stores, a three-screen theater on the first floor with offices and condos. Nearby malls include Northgate and Tri-County. Access to public transit makes it convenient for downtown Cincinnati commuters.

- *Avg. home price* \$108,567
- *Approx. area* 3.99 square miles
- *Population* 16,000
- *Government* City of Cincinnati
- *Approx. drive to downtown Cincinnati* 20 minutes
- *Approx. drive to airport* 30 minutes
- *School district* Cincinnati Public Schools

Columbia-Tusculum

City of Cincinnati

Once a steamboat manufacturing town, Columbia-Tusculum is the oldest community in Greater Cincinnati. It boasts gracious Victorian homes and a hillside setting, making it a trendy spot for urban restoration. The newer homes and condominiums blend with the grand, old, painted ladies, known for their vibrant and varied color palettes. There are small shops and restaurants on Eastern Avenue, including Allyn's Café, a mainstay here. A 16.2 million dollar town center, a downtown for the neighborhood, opens in mid-2004, and the streetscape project along Eastern Avenue is nearing completion. Downtown Cincinnati is easily reached via Columbia Parkway.

- *Avg. home price* \$157,675
- *Approx. area* 94 square mile
- *Population* 3,051
- *Government* City of Cincinnati
- *Approx. drive to downtown Cincinnati* 5 minutes
- *Approx. drive to airport* 20 minutes
- *School district* Cincinnati Public Schools

Covedale

City of Cincinnati

Established in the 1920s, Covedale is a family-oriented community on the border of Delhi and Green Township. There are beautiful Tudor-style and older brick homes, which have a consistently strong resale value. Good schools, shopping, a public golf course, a community center and a new performing arts center are some of the attractive features of this neighborhood. The Covedale Center for Performing Arts, once an old movie house, is home to Young People's Theatre and winter home for *Showboat Majestic*.

- *Avg. home price* \$106,186
- *Approx. area* 1,800 acres
- *Population* 14,570 (Green Township)
- *Government* City of Cincinnati, township trustees (Green Township)
- *Approx. drive to downtown Cincinnati* 15 minutes
- *Approx. drive to airport* 30 minutes
- *School district* Cincinnati Public Schools

Delhi Township

www.delhi.oh.us

Dubbed "The Floral Paradise of Ohio", Delhi Township was settled by German immigrants in 1797. Today, Delhi is a sprawling residential community with a strong family-friendly feel. Delhi (pronounced DELL-high) offers a wide range of housing, from inexpensive, starter homes to luxurious, executive homes, many with coveted views of the Ohio River and the lush hills of Northern Kentucky. It is home to the 75-acre campus of the College of Mount St. Joseph. Delhi features good schools, several churches, nearby shopping malls and easy access to downtown Cincinnati. Residents can travel via ferry across the Ohio River, putting them within quick reach of the airport.

- *Avg. home price* \$145,715
- *Approx. area* 10 square miles
- *Population* 30,104
- *Government* Township trustees
- *Approx. drive to downtown Cincinnati* 10-15 minutes
- *Approx. time to airport by ferry* 15 minutes
- *Approx. drive to airport* 25-30 minutes
- *School district* Oak Hills Local Schools

Downtown/Over-the-Rhine

City of Cincinnati

Downtown is hub of the city and home to Fortune 500 companies, pro sports teams, sports and entertainment venues, hundreds of shops and restaurants. Singles and professional couples are drawn to these downtown amenities. A new booster group called Cincinnati Tomorrow sponsors Downtown After5 Walk to show advantages of downtown living. Housing options range from high-rise, riverfront condominiums and renovated apartments in historic buildings to new townhouses and lofts. Shillito Lofts, with 91 units, features a seven-story atrium. There are warehouse-style lofts in the new St. Xavier Park District in downtown's East End and upscale Renaissance Apartments at The Power Building on Eighth and Sycamore. Downtown landmarks include the Carew Tower, the city's tallest building at 570 feet; three historic churches—Covenant Presbyterian Church, Plum Street Temple and St. Peter-in-Chains Cathedral; Procter & Gamble's Twin Towers, Taft Theater, Taft Museum of Art and Lois & Richard Rosenthal Center for the Arts. The new National Underground Railroad Freedom Center opened August 2004. Nearly 4,000 call downtown home.

Over-the-Rhine (OTR), with unmistakable old-world charm, offers excellent home values for families. Its name is derived from the original population of German immigrants who crossed over the Miami-Erie Canal on their way home from downtown. Over-the-Rhine is the country's largest collection of Italianate buildings. Its Main Street has developed into a trendy district for restaurants, brewpubs, coffeehouses, antique shops and art galleries. The Pendleton section is an enclave of bohemians, artists and design studios. The area is also home to web-based companies such as Intelliseek.com, iRhine, shiphtheweb.com, atomicdogpublishing.com. Slowly getting revitalized, OTR just opened a Pride Center, where residents can access city services. It is home to two of the city's oldest institutions—Music Hall and Findlay Market. The move of the Art Academy in 2005 to OTR will definitely boost the neighborhood.

- *Avg. home price* \$182,463 (Downtown)
- *Approx. Area* 79 square mile (Downtown)
61 square mile (Over-the-Rhine)
- *Population* 3,936 (Downtown)
7,638 (Over-the-Rhine)
- *Government* City of Cincinnati
- *Approx. walk time to downtown Cincinnati* 5 minutes (from Over-the-Rhine)
- *Approx. drive to airport* 30 minutes
- *School district* Cincinnati Public Schools

East End

City of Cincinnati

This historic neighborhood is undertaking pricey housing construction. There are historic homes, new waterfront condos and luxury townhouses, many with striking river views. East End has an active community council meeting regularly to discuss such concerns as zoning, city services and schools. The community center offers a gym, basketball courts, pool, fitness and youth programs. There are parks such as LeBlond and the new International Friendship Park. Plenty of shopping is available at Mt. Lookout Square, Hyde Park Plaza, and Hyde Park Square. Close by are malls such as Rookwood Commons and Rookwood Pavilion. A new preschool-12 will open in 2005.

- *Average home price* \$97,625
- *Approx. area* 7 square miles
- *Population* 2,752
- *Government* City of Cincinnati community council
- *Approx. drive to downtown Cincinnati* 10 minutes
- *Approx. drive to airport* 30 minutes
- *School district* Cincinnati Public Schools

Evendale

Settled in 1789, Evendale was once an Indian hunting and burial ground. Today, it's a site for many businesses, including General Electric. (GE is building a 50,000-square-foot "learning center" with meeting rooms and auditorium.) Evendale's daytime population soars up to 10,400. There's a good selection of middle-and upper-middle-income housing, making it a popular choice for GE employees and others who work in northern Greater Cincinnati. Residents enjoy a beautiful community pool and public education from two of the area's best school districts. Nearby shopping includes Tri-County Mall and Kenwood Towne Centre. It is home to St. Rita School for the Deaf, established in 1915, and site of St. Rita Fest, which draws thousands of people. There are plans to revitalize the Reading Road commercial corridor and also provide support to the 100-acre Gorman Heritage Farm (a working educational farm), which Evendale acquired from Cincinnati Nature Center.

- *Avg. home price* \$297,775
- *Approx. area* 5.5 square miles
- *Population* 3,090
- *Government* Mayor/council
- *Approx. drive to downtown Cincinnati* 20 minutes
- *Approx. drive to airport* 35 minutes
- *School districts* Sycamore Community Schools, Princeton City Schools

Finneytown

www.spdngfieldtwp.org

Founded in the early 1800s by Ebenezer Ward Finney, Finneytown is a middle-income community with its own school district. Young families are drawn to the varied and affordable housing, including Cape Cods, ranches, and two-stories on wooded lots. Finneytown is within minutes of I-75, I-71, and I-275. It is home to the Powel Crosley YMCA; St. Xavier, a college-prep Jesuit high school; and a Greek-Orthodox church that hosts the annual Panegyri Festival, a celebration of Greek food, music, art and religion.

- *Avg. home price* \$135,939
- *Approx. area* 3.4 square miles
- *Population* 3,000
- *Government* Township trustees
- *Approx. drive to downtown Cincinnati* 20 minutes
- *Approx. drive to airport* 35 minutes
- *School district* Finneytown Local Schools

Forest Park

www.forestpark.org

A planned community, Forest Park was incorporated as a village in 1961 and became a city in 1968. Land here is traceable to the Symmes Purchase of 1794. Housing choices include older, single-family homes to new condominiums and apartments. There are hundreds of acres of green-belts and parks here. It is the third-largest city in Hamilton County, with good schools and safe neighborhoods. Annual activities include Concert on the Green, Jazz in the Park Festival and Forest Park soccer invitational. The region's largest mall, Cincinnati Mills (formerly Forest Fair Mall) straddles Forest Park and Fairfield. The community's location just south of I-275 gives residents quick access to the area's expressway system. Largest employers are Union Central Life Insurance, JC Penney Credit Service Center and Ohio Casualty Group.

- *Avg. home price* \$121,918
- *Approx. area* 6.4 square miles
- *Population* 19,463
- *Government* Mayor/council
- *Approx. drive to downtown Cincinnati* 25 minutes
- *Approx. drive to airport* 45 minutes
- *School districts* Winton Woods City Schools, Northwest Local School District

Glendale

www.glendaleohio.org

Founded in the 1850s, Glendale is believed to be the oldest planned subdivision in America. A sesquicentennial celebration is planned for 2005. In the early years, residents rode the train from downtown Cincinnati to this rural retreat for wealthy industrialists. The neighborhood is highly desirable for its many well-preserved Victorian homes and charming gaslights, its winding streets and vast green spaces. It boasts one of the area's top school systems and holds the distinction of being Ohio's only national landmark community. Glendale was a station on the Underground Railroad. Eliza, the model for the character in *Uncle Tom's Cabin*, is believed to have come here after crossing the ice in Ripley, Ohio.

- *Avg. home price* \$333,556
- *Approx. area* 4 square miles
- *Population* 2,188
- *Government* Mayor/council
- *Approx. drive to downtown Cincinnati* 25 minutes
- *Approx. drive to airport* 40 minutes
- *School district* Princeton City Schools

Greenhills

www.greenhillsohio

Greenhills was established in the 1930s as one of the greenbelt communities planned to provide affordable housing for families with moderate income. Modest single-family homes, row houses and duplexes line the looping streets, which were designed to encourage neighborhood interaction. It is surrounded by parkland and trees. Greenhills' attractions include a community center, neighborhood shopping center and a 9-hole, par-3 executive golf course. The 2,600-acre Winton Woods Park offers playgrounds, nature trails, camping, a golf course and a horseback riding center. A postcard was designed recently to commemorate Greenhills' 65th year.

- *Avg. home price* \$115,607
- *Approx. area* 1.2 square miles
- *Population* 4,400
- *Government* Council/manager
- *Approx. drive to downtown Cincinnati* 30 minutes
- *Approx. drive to airport* 40 minutes
- *School district* Winton Woods City Schools

Harrison

www.harrisonoh.org

Founded in 1814, Harrison was named for William Henry Harrison, ninth President of the United States. It became a city in 1981. The community's location as a historical western outpost to Cincinnati is reflected in the area's older country homes. There's also new construction in a country setting. Shoppers and visitors come to the annual celebration of the arts and Christmas Walk. A favorite stop here is Market Street Grille housed in a 1850s building. Although near the Indiana border, Harrison's location on I-74 makes it a convenient commute to both downtown and the airport (via I-275). Residents like the fact that Miami Whitewater Forest is nearby. There are campgrounds, ball fields, walking and biking trails, a lake and paddleboats.

- *Avg. home price* \$148,206
- *Approx. area* 1.5 square miles
- *Population* 7,487
- *Government* Mayor/council
- *Approx. drive to downtown Cincinnati* 25 minutes
- *Approx. drive to airport* 25 minutes
- *School district* Southwest Local Schools

Hyde Park

City of Cincinnati

www.hydeparkcincinnati.org

In 2003, Hyde Park turned 100 years old. A prestigious neighborhood, Hyde Park attracts young professionals and families who like a short commute to downtown Cincinnati. There are stately homes, luxury condos and beautiful townhouses. Planned is a four-story condo/retail development called Michigan Terrace on Hyde Park Square. Residents enjoy shopping at the trendy Square, lined with gourmet food stores, specialty and clothing shops, galleries and restaurants. Two of the square's favorite spots are Graeter's for ice cream and Echo for home-cooked meals. The square just completed a \$1 million streetscape project. Rookwood Pavilion and the new Rookwood Commons are nearby. Enhancing the attraction of this area are Hyde Park Golf & Country Club, a tennis club and nearby Alms and Ault parks. Popular annual event is Hyde Park Art Show held in October featuring 200 national artists.

- *Avg. home price* \$342,413
- *Approx. area* 2.93 square miles
- *Population* 13,900
- *Government* City of Cincinnati
- *Approx. drive to downtown Cincinnati* 10 minutes
- *Approx. drive to airport* 25 minutes
- *School district* Cincinnati Public Schools

Indian Hill

www.ci.indian-hill.oh.us

www.higbbill.org

This is, unquestionably, the areas most exclusive and priciest community. Average home price in 2001 was \$1,637,397. Median household income is \$158,742. Settled in 1795 and incorporated in 1941, Indian Hill was once a farming area. Today, it still has some working farms, though the majority of residences are sprawling estates and mansions on vast, rolling tracts of land. Many of these elegant, executive homes are hidden from view on heavily wooded lots. Some have added amenities, such as horse barns and tennis courts. The school system is highly regarded, and this year opens a new elementary school for its 526 students and a high school for its 704 students. Recreational opportunities include horse trails and Indian Hill Park. More than 2,000 acres of wooded areas are village-owned to preserve the idyllic atmosphere. It is home to Armstrong Chapel (a United Methodist Church founded in 1798), which is unique in that Episcopal and Presbyterian denominations worship here together.

- *Avg. home price* \$1,093,674
- *Approx. area* 20 square miles
- *Population* 5,900
- *Government* Mayor/council, village manager
- *Approx. drive to downtown Cincinnati* 25 minutes
- *Approx. drive to airport* 40 minutes
- *School district* Indian Hill Exempted Village Schools

Kennedy Heights

City of Cincinnati

Residents are excited about their new Arts Center, to open soon, featuring outdoor and indoor gallery space and performance studios. A grant from the city's arts committee and funds raised by residents made this art center possible. Residents see this as the beginning of a neighborhood revival. Housing options here include a range of brick home styles, from New England Cape Cods to English Tudors. New home construction is also available. Recreational opportunities include two parks and a play-field. Cincinnati Gardens, a site for many spectator sports, is minutes away, as is shopping at Jordan Crossing and the mega mall, Kenwood Towne Centre. Centrally located, Kennedy Heights offers five-minute access to I-71, I-75, I-275, and Cross County Highway (Route 126) making it an easy commute to nearly all areas of the city. There are plans for a \$1.8 million retail and office building here.

- *Avg. home price* \$107,506
- *Approx. area* 1.01 square miles
- *Population* 6,054
- *Government* City of Cincinnati
- *Approx. drive to downtown Cincinnati* 20 minutes
- *Approx. drive to airport* 35 minutes
- *School district* Cincinnati Public Schools

Kenwood

www.sycamoretownship.org

An affluent community, Kenwood is known as one of the areas premier shopping destinations, primarily for the upscale, 1.1 million-square-foot-plus Kenwood Towne Centre. Not quite as well known is the availability of beautiful homes in this stable community where private golf, tennis and swim clubs are plentiful. This unincorporated area is served by four school systems, determined by the resident's location within the community. Convenient to I-71, Kenwood is a good choice for commuting to downtown or to the growing number of area office complexes along the eastside interstate corridor.

- *Avg. home price* \$226,312
- *Approx. area* 7.62 square miles (unincorporated)
- *Population* 20,000 (unincorporated)
- *Government* Sycamore Township trustees
- *Approx. drive to downtown Cincinnati* 15 minutes
- *Approx. drive to airport* 30 minutes
- *School districts* Indian Hill Exempted Village Schools, Deer Park Community Schools, Cincinnati Public Schools and Sycamore Community Schools

Linwood

City of Cincinnati

This small neighborhood, east of downtown, offers single-family, duplexes and older, affordable homes. It is home to Lunken Airport, which serves private, corporate and air cargo commercial planes. There are tennis courts, parks, golf courses, picnic areas, playgrounds and a 5.5 mile paved trail for residents to enjoy. Nearby Lunken is the old Memorial Pioneer Cemetery, the burial site for some of the earliest pioneers. Linwood has an active community council. There's a lot of shopping nearby, and for dining, Allyn's Café and the Precinct are favorite stops.

- *Average home price* \$107,500
- *Approx. area* 3 square miles
- *Population* 1,200
- *Government* City of Cincinnati community council
- *Approx. drive to downtown Cincinnati* 15 minutes
- *Approx. drive to airport* 30 minutes
- *School district* Cincinnati Public Schools

Loveland

www.lovelandoh.com

First settlers came in 1796 and named the place after James Loveland, first postmaster here. In the late 1800s, Loveland, kind of a resort town, was called the “Switzerland of the Miami Valley.” The wooded hillsides and the scenic Little Miami River draw people to this area, which offers affordable homes for first-time buyers to upscale, executive homes. There are good schools, plenty of sports facilities, and an active youth sports program. A trail along the banks of the beautiful Little Miami River is popular with walkers, bikers and in-line skaters. Other attractions include a medieval-style castle museum, golf courses, a historical museum, a senior community center, and 77-acre Lake Isabella Park, which offers fishing, canoeing and watching wildlife.

- *Average home price* \$262,019
- *Approx. area* 4 square miles
- *Population* 13,000
- *Government* Mayor/council, city manager
- *Approx. drive to downtown Cincinnati* 30 minutes
- *Approx. drive to airport* 45 minutes
- *School district* Loveland Public Schools

Madeira

www.madeiracity.com

Platted in 1871 and incorporated as a village in 1910, Madeira was named after landowner John Madeira. First church building here was a Methodist Church constructed in 1873. A historic railroad station is at the center of activity in Madeira, popular for its small-town charm and vitality. Families are drawn here for its excellent school system and a variety of home styles—contemporary, Cape Cod, colonial and ranch—in a range of prices. The neighborhood-shopping district includes a number of specialty shops. Development is strictly controlled to preserve the quiet, gracious sense of community. Madeira is convenient to downtown Cincinnati and to many office and industrial parks to the northeast.

- *Avg. home price* \$235,625
- *Approx. area* 3.4 square miles
- *Population* 9,200
- *Government* Council/manager, mayor
- *Approx. drive to downtown Cincinnati* 15 minutes
- *Approx. drive to airport* 35 minutes
- *School district* Madeira City Schools

Mariemont

www.mariemont.com

In the early '20s, philanthropist Mary Emery planned a community to serve as "National Exemplar" in town planning that would include all levels of society. It was named Mariemont for Mrs. Emery's summer home in Newport, Rhode Island. This planned community never quite achieved that goal, becoming instead a perennial favorite with middle- and upper-income families. There's variety of housing—single- and two-family structures, townhouses and apartments. The village square is the heart of the community's business district, where residents do their shopping, banking and go dining. The only village with an elected town crier, Mariemont is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. It offers a range of recreational activities, including a village pool, tennis courts, ball fields and parks. The schools are among the most desirable in the Tristate. Mariemont is a Tree City USA recipient for the past 12 years.

- *Avg. home price* \$299,724
- *Approx. area* Less than one square mile
- *Population* 3,408
- *Government* Mayor and village council
- *Approx. drive to downtown Cincinnati* 15 minutes
- *Approx. drive to airport* 25 minutes
- *School district* Mariemont City Schools

Miami Heights

www.miamitownship.org

Miami Heights is experiencing tremendous residential growth, thanks in large part to being the closest community to downtown that still possesses large, undeveloped tracts of land. On all of this acreage, spacious, affordable homes are springing up—drawing growing families who desire room to spread out. A country atmosphere, a good selection of quality housing (most under 15 years old), a swim club and low real estate taxes make this an appealing neighborhood.

- *Avg. home price* \$249,930
- *Approx. area* 20 square miles (Miami Township)
- *Population* 13,496 (Miami Township)
- *Government* Township trustees
- *Approx. drive to downtown Cincinnati* 30 minutes
- *Approx. drive to airport* 40 minutes
- *School district* Three Rivers Local Schools

Monfort Heights

www.greentwp.org

This neighborhood was known as Weisenbrugh and renamed Monfort Heights after E. R. Monfort, a Cincinnati postmaster in the early 1900s. A quiet, pleasant community settled by Germans in the early 19th century, Monfort Heights is a stable neighborhood with a nice mix of older homes and new-home construction, many featuring large, tree-filled lots. Residents are proud of their well-maintained homes. Located near I-74, Monfort Heights offers convenient commuting to downtown and is close to shopping at Northgate Mall.

Avg. home price	\$169,883
Approx. area	38 square miles (Green Township)
Population	56,000 (Green Township) 15,000 (Monfort)
Government	Township trustees, clerk as financial officer
Approx. drive to downtown Cincinnati	15 minutes
Approx. drive to airport	20-25 minutes
School district	Northwest Local Schools

Montgomery

Once a coach stop on the Cincinnati Zanesville Road, Montgomery is named after the New York town of its first settlers in 1790. Today, it's an upscale and thriving neighborhood with elegant, single-family homes, plenty of condos, townhouses and apartments. It has seven parks, 32 landmarks (eight listed on the Register of Historic Places), a municipal swimming pool and a nature preserve. Residents are proud of the excellent Sycamore school system, one of the community's attractive features. The Old Montgomery business district, with its brick sidewalks, includes specialty shops, three buildings on the National Register of Historic Places and dining that includes the original Montgomery Inn restaurant, a local institution famous for its barbecued ribs. Major employers include Bethesda North Hospital, Sycamore School District and Ohio National Financial Services.

<i>Avg. home price</i>	<i>\$318,394</i>
<i>Approx. area</i>	<i>5.04 square miles</i>
<i>Population</i>	<i>10,000</i>
<i>Government</i>	<i>City manager</i>
<i>Approx. drive to downtown Cincinnati</i>	<i>25 minutes</i>
<i>Approx. drive to airport</i>	<i>35 minutes</i>
<i>School district</i>	<i>Sycamore Community Schools</i>

Mt. Adams

City of Cincinnati

This beautiful hillside neighborhood was once a vineyard in the 1800s and named Mt. Ida until 1843. It was renamed to honor John Quincy Adams, the country's sixth president, who spoke at the dedication of the community's new Observatory. Much of Mt. Adams at that time was owned by Nicholas Longworth, the city's first millionaire, who grew wine grapes on the hillsides. Today, it is a hip, artsy neighborhood with clusters of specialty shops, art and antique stores, bars and restaurants blending with century-old restored houses. Buildings are narrow and tall to conform to the hillsides and preserve the panoramic river view. Residents are planning to build a scenic overlook on Carney Street. Mt. Adams is also the site of the Good Friday ritual of "praying the steps" at the Immaculata Church, which dates back to 1860. Nearby is Eden Park, which is home to the Cincinnati Art Museum, Krohn Conservatory and Playhouse in the Park.

- *Avg. home price* \$392,553
- *Approx. area* 23 square miles
- *Population* 1,514
- *Government* City of Cincinnati
- *Approx. drive to downtown Cincinnati* 5 minutes; within walking distance
- *Approx. drive to airport* 20 minutes
- *School district* Cincinnati Public Schools

Mt. Airy

City of Cincinnati

This community is located on the highest point of land in Hamilton County and it's minutes from downtown Cincinnati. Farms and country homes coexisted in slow-growing Mt. Airy until the end of World War II spurred demand for suburban housing. Today the area offers housing ranging from small houses on well-cared-for lots to newer construction. Mt. Airy has a small business district, and shopping establishments are not far away. Its 1,470-acre Mt. Airy Forest features hiking paths, picnic shelters, a Frisbee golf course and an arboretum.

- *Avg. home price* \$138,480
- *Approx. area* 3 square miles
- *Population* 9,500
- *Government* City of Cincinnati
- *Approx. drive to downtown Cincinnati* 12 minutes
- *Approx. drive to airport* 30 minutes
- *School district* Cincinnati Public Schools

Mt. Auburn

City of Cincinnati

Once a hilltop retreat for wealthier Cincinnatians and home of William Howard Taft, 27th U.S. president, Mt. Auburn has several ornate, spectacular mansions that have been beautifully restored. Sweeping views, proximity to downtown, and affordable property values are drawing renovators and do-it-yourselfers to this neighborhood, which features solidly built brick and frame homes in need of a little TLC. Christ Hospital, one of the area's major medical facilities, is located here, and other medical facilities are only minutes away.

- *Avg. home price* \$133,381
- *Approx. area* 7 square miles
- *Population* 7,600
- *Government* City of Cincinnati
- *Approx. drive to downtown Cincinnati* 5 minutes
- *Approx. drive to airport* 25 minutes
- *School district* Cincinnati Public Schools

Mt. Healthy

www.mthealthy.org

Established in 1817 as Mt. Pleasant, this city became known as Mt. Healthy after serving as a refuge during the cholera epidemic that swept through the Cincinnati area in the 1850s. Today, Mt. Healthy combines quaint, historic charm with a great standard of living. Homes range from the historic to older two-story homes, with a selection of townhouses and apartments. Residents enjoy a city park with swimming, tennis and ball fields, as well as a new park and nature preserve. Its shopping district offers specialty shops, and close by are Northgate, Forest Fair and Tri-County malls. The Christmas Walk and Heritage Days are two of the community's major events.

- *Avg. home price* \$100,537
- *Approx. area* 1.46 square miles
- *Population* 7,580
- *Government* Mayor/council
- *Approx. drive to downtown Cincinnati* 20 minutes
- *Approx. drive to airport* 45 minutes
- *School district* Mount Healthy City Schools

Mt. Lookout

City of Cincinnati

www.mtlookout.org

Established in 1810, Mt. Lookout has a variety of upscale, single-family homes, luxury condos as well as solid property values, which attract families and singles to the area. There's an eclectic mix of shops and eateries in Mt. Lookout Square, which is home to Mt. Lookout Cinema Grill. Zip's Café, home of the "zipburger", is a neighborhood favorite. The old Bracke's is now Mt. Lookout Fresh Market. It is home to Ault Park, former site of the annual Cincinnati Flower Show before it moved to its new venue at Coney Island. The Cincinnati Observatory Center, a national historic landmark that opened in 1873, is in Mt. Lookout. Its active civic club sponsors the annual Luminaria during the holidays and a pig roast at the square in early fall, and block parties are popular.

- *Avg. home price* \$294,231
- *Approx. area* 99 square miles
- *Population* 3,500
- *Government* City of Cincinnati
- *Approx. drive to downtown Cincinnati* 10-12 minutes
- *Approx. drive to airport* 25-30 minutes
- *School district* Cincinnati Public Schools

Mt. Washington

City of Cincinnati

This community, which has existed since 1790, was once a part of the vast Virginia Military District. It was settled by Baptist minister John Corbly and fanner Stephen Sutton. Today, it's a neighborhood with affordable older and newer homes-predominantly Cape Cods, ranches and two-story traditional homes. There are shops, good schools, churches and a library. The Water Tower is a neighborhood landmark. Recreational activities include horseback riding and golf. The 125-acre Stanbery Park will undergo renovations in the summer and will open year's end or early 2005. It will get new walkways, playgrounds, benches, bike racks and more. A \$5.5 million, 30,000-square-foot recreation center, planned this year, will have two full-size gyms, a walking track and multi-purpose rooms. Mercy Hospital-Anderson is only minutes away.

- *Avg. home price* \$146,618
- *Approx. area* 3.3 square miles
- *Population* 12,267
- *Government* City of Cincinnati
- *Approx. drive to downtown Cincinnati* 20 minutes
- *Approx. drive to airport* 35 minutes
- *School district* Cincinnati Public Schools

Newtown

Begun as a stockade built in the 1790s and incorporated in 1904, Newtown is a quaint and charming village, with old and new houses, gaslight streets and lush parks. There are picturesque river views throughout the village, and a public golf course is located along the riverbank. It is home to Ivy Hills Country Club, with an 18-hole golf course. Shops, schools and major hospitals are minutes away. Iron Skillet, known for its Hungarian/German specialties, is in Newtown, as is Main Street Café, a favorite with the locals.

- *Avg. home price* \$102,338
- *Approx. area* 3 square miles
- *Population* 3,000
- *Government* Village mayor/council
- *Approx. drive to downtown Cincinnati* 20 minutes
- *Approx. drive to airport* 30 minutes
- *School district* Forest Hills Local Schools

North Avondale

City of Cincinnati

Gaslights and grand homes serve as reminders that North Avondale was once home to Cincinnati's wealthiest turn of-the-century businessmen. The winding streets and stately homes—majority built between 1900 and 1940—have a European flavor. North Avondale boasts a well-established and proactive civic association. North Avondale Community Center offers full-size gyms, fitness room, youth and teen programs. Recreational opportunities include golf, a swim club and a nature center. The area is convenient to downtown, shopping, parks and hospitals.

- *Avg. home price* \$153,525
- *Approx. area* 1.29 square miles
- *Population* 6,461
- *Government* City of Cincinnati
- *Approx. drive to downtown Cincinnati* 10 minutes
- *Approx. drive to airport* 25 minutes
- *School district* Cincinnati Public Schools

Northside

City of Cincinnati

Older brick and frame homes, cozy bungalows, large Victorians and newer homes line the shady streets of Northside. The very affordable houses draw young, middle-income families to the area. Neighborhood organizations are very active in Northside, which features chic boutiques, specialty shops and trendy restaurants. The community is close to downtown, the University of Cincinnati, Cincinnati State Technical and Community College, and several hospitals.

- *Avg. home price* \$82,448
- *Approx. area* 1.81 square miles
- *Population* 9,389
- *Government* City of Cincinnati
- *Approx. drive to downtown Cincinnati* 10 minutes
- *Approx. drive to airport* 25 minutes
- *School district* Cincinnati Public Schools

Norwood

www.norwood-ohio.com

Founded in 1888, Norwood is Hamilton County's second-largest city. It was once home to a General Motors assembly plant. Currently, a heart hospital is planned to be built at this site. Today, big companies located in Norwood include U.S. Playing Card, U.S. Bank, and United Dairy Farmers (UDF). Norwood offers affordable, older, traditional-style homes; business and office development; and a central shopping and dining district. Low property taxes, low crime rates, nine city parks, cinema multiplexes and strong city services add to the appeal of Norwood. Rookwood Pavilion and Rookwood Commons provide upscale shopping.

- *Avg. home price* \$103,536
- *Approx. area* 3.1 square miles
- *Population* 23,674
- *Government* Mayor/council
- *Approx. drive to downtown Cincinnati* 10 minutes
- *Approx. drive to airport* 20-30 minutes
- *School district* Norwood City Public Schools

Oakley

City of Cincinnati

www.oakley09.org

Once a popular coach stop, Oakley, founded in 1852 under the name Four Mile, was incorporated in 1898 and annexed to the city in 1913. The community has a nice selection of affordable, older, brick and frame houses on tree-lined streets. Close to downtown, Oakley rubs shoulders with more affluent neighborhoods, making it popular with young professionals. Residents shop at Oakley Square, which has specialty shops, restaurants, and an old-fashioned ice cream parlor, Aglamesis. Oakley's new Cincinnati Center housing Target and Meijer is drawing crowds. Other nearby shopping includes Hyde Park Square, Hyde Park Plaza, Rookwood Pavilion and Rookwood Commons.

- *Avg. home price* \$131,469
- *Approx. area* 2.53 square miles
- *Population* 9,800
- *Government* City of Cincinnati
- *Approx. drive to downtown Cincinnati* 15 minutes
- *Approx. drive to airport* 30 minutes
- *School district* Cincinnati Public Schools

Pleasant Ridge

City of Cincinnati

This neighborhood started as an agricultural community and later evolved into a country retreat for wealthier, mansion-building industrialists. It was established in 1795 and incorporated as a village in 1891. In the 1880s, Pleasant Ridge became a residential community when farmland was divided into small subdivisions. Today, it remains primarily residential, with plenty of well-maintained Cape Cods, colonials and Tudors on quiet, tree-lined streets-many still lit with gas lamps. There are neighborhood clubs and block parties here. The new Ridge Market, patterned after Findlay Market and launched by a business association, Improve Pleasant Ridge, with help from other community groups, is drawing residents to the neighborhood's business district. Community events include: Christmas Tree Lighting and Luminaria held in December.

- *Avg. home price* \$155,174
- *Approx. area* 1.7 square miles
- *Population* 9,510
- *Government* City of Cincinnati
- *Approx. drive to downtown Cincinnati* 12-15 minutes
- *Approx. drive to airport* 30 minutes
- *School district* Cincinnati Public Schools

Price Hill

City of Cincinnati

Bold Face Hill was the original name of Price Hill, named after Chief Bold Face, a local Indian tribal leader. There are beautiful hilltop views and very affordable Victorian, and brick and frame houses. The stunning vistas have long drawn visitors. There are six Catholic churches, plenty of restaurants and retail outlets, and hospitals are within ten minutes of the area. Queen's Tower, a luxury high-rise, is located here and such institutions as Cincinnati Bible College and Elder High School. The area is also the birthplace of Skyline Chili. Price Hill is close to downtown, with excellent access to public transportation.

- *Avg. home price* \$69,187
- *Approx. area* 3.46 square miles
- *Population* 17,964
- *Government* City of Cincinnati
- *Approx. drive to downtown Cincinnati* 10-15 minutes
- *Approx. drive to airport* 30 minutes
- *School district* Cincinnati Public Schools

Reading

www.readingohio.org

This family-oriented community, founded in 1794, is definitely changing. Its business district, which boasts a thriving bridal center, is being revitalized. Neighborhood leaders are hoping that this revitalization will attract new businesses and more people to their city. The big deal here though is the new biotech research center. The old Marion Merrill Dow/Aventis site is now a biotech research campus housing the Genome Research Institute, a biotech medical research arm of the University of Cincinnati and Cincinnati Children's Hospital; Patheon, a Toronto-based pharmaceutical company, and Girindus America Inc., a privately owned chemical company. Some of the country's best researchers and renowned scientists will be coming here to work and find cures for variety of diseases.

Regardless, Reading will continue to be a pleasant community and flint-time home buyers will be drawn here for its affordable, older homes on quiet streets. There are public parks, swimming pools and schools, which enjoy strong community support. Popular community events include Taste of Reading, Arts & Crafts Show and Big Band dance at Koenig Park.

- *Avg. home price* \$115,711
- *Approx. area* 4.5 square miles
- *Population* 11,292
- *Government* Mayor/council
- *Approx. drive to downtown Cincinnati* 20 minutes
- *Approx. drive to airport* 30 minutes
- *School district* Reading Community City Schools

Sharonville

www.ci.sharonville.oh.us

For more than 100 years, Sharonville was a small, rural community. Today, the “City of Progress” is a thriving area with a work population of 37,000. Its central shopping district includes several 19th-century buildings. Houses are both older homes and newer construction. It is home to Sharon Woods, a 755-acre park that offers everything from biking to hiking, as well as rowing and canoeing on a 35-acre lake. Sharonfest and Christmas in July Craft Fair are two of the popular events here. The community has a 56,000-square-foot convention center, 20 motels, restaurants and 1,200 businesses, of which Ford Motor Company is the biggest employer. Its public school system is one of the area’s best.

- *Avg. home price* \$170,045
- *Approx. area* 11 square miles
- *Population* 14,000
- *Government* Mayor/council
- *Approx. drive to downtown Cincinnati* 20 minutes
- *Approx. drive to airport* 40 minutes
- *School district* Princeton City Schools

Springdale

www.springdale.org

Platted by John Baldwin in 1806, Springdale is a highly developed commercial as well as a residential community, with a downtown population of 50,000. In 1955, the president of a local department store chain declared that the intersection of Princeton and Kemper roads in Springdale had the greatest potential for growth in Hamilton County. He chose it as the site for Tri-County Shopping Center, which has grown to become a 180-store, two-level mall. The mall is still a major attraction in this thriving neighborhood. Homes are newer traditionals and ranches, plus condominiums and apartments. Several office and industrial parks are here, along with cinemas, fine restaurants, parks and shopping galore.

- *Avg. home price* \$140,638
- *Approx. area* 4.5 square miles
- *Population* 10,621
- *Government* Mayor/council
- *Approx. drive to downtown Cincinnati* 20 minutes
- *Approx. drive to airport* 40 minutes
- *School district* Princeton City Schools

Sycamore Township

www.sycamoretownship.org

This upscale community features quality homes in a country setting, most built in the past 10 years. There are all types of housing, from ranches to half-million-dollar condos. Access to I-71 makes Sycamore a convenient driving distance to downtown, east-side office and industrial parks. The township has nearly 1,400 businesses, including mega-mall Kenwood Towne Center, which is expanding to house more stores and restaurants (new Cheesecake Factory just opened); also Sycamore Plaza and Jos. A. Banks Center. More are relocating here, including F&W Publications, publisher of *Writer's Digest* and numerous specialty magazines. There are 60 acres of parks offering a range of recreational and sports opportunities. Recently, the township acquired 16 acres of green space for a possible nature preserve/wildlife sanctuary in the future. The township is served by some of the area's top school systems, and provides top-notch fire and police protection. Jewish Hospital, known for its adult stem cell transplant program and cholesterol center, is here. The township was settled in 1803.

- *Avg. home price* \$235,001
- *Approx. area* 7.62 square miles
- *Population* 20,000
- *Government* Township trustees
- *Approx. drive to downtown Cincinnati* 20 minutes
- *Approx. drive to airport* 35 minutes
- *School districts* Sycamore Community Schools, Princeton City Schools, Deer Park Public Schools, Indian Hill Exempted Village Schools, Cincinnati Public Schools, Reading Schools

Symmes Township

First pioneers, who came in the 1790s, were German and Scotch-Irish. The township, formed in 1824 and named for early settler John Cleves Symmes, is outpacing most of the rest of the area in growth. Plenty of construction is going on in this sprawling community, creating a wealth of upscale condominiums and custom-built homes on rolling, wooded lots. The rural setting, superb schools, quality police and fire departments, and emergency medical services are some of the area's attractive features. The community is carefully zoned, protecting the pastoral setting with a blend of beautiful office parks, restaurants and upscale hotels. Camp Dennison is the most historic of Symmes' old-time villages, settled in the late 1790s and named after Ohio's governor, William Dennison.

- *Avg. home price* \$369,611
- *Approx. area* 10 square miles
- *Population* 14,771
- *Government* Township trustees
- *Approx. drive to downtown Cincinnati* 25 minutes
- *Approx. drive to airport* 40 minutes
- *School districts* Sycamore Community Schools, Indian Hill Exempted Village Schools, Loveland City Schools

Terrace Park

www.terracepark.com

This charming village along the Little Miami River was settled in 1789 by Abraham Covalt, a Revolutionary War captain. Incorporated in 1893, the area soon became a collection of large farms, including the winter home for the animals of the John Robinson Circus for 30 years. Affluent homebuyers like the area for its small-town feel, tree-lined streets, and compact size, which encourages walking and bike riding. Terrace Park Country Club (in Milford), a private golf course, borders the Little Miami River. The area's excellent school system is strongly supported by residents. Community events such as Labor Day Festival and Memorial Day are held at the Village Green.

- *Avg. home price* \$476,688
- *Approx. area* 2 square miles
- *Population* 2,273
- *Government* Mayor/council
- *Approx. drive to downtown Cincinnati* 25 minutes
- *Approx. drive to airport* 40 minutes
- *School district* Mariemont City Schools

Walnut Hills/East Walnut Hills

City of Cincinnati

This historic neighborhood boasts elegant, restored turn-of-the-century mansions and older houses ready for renovation. With roots back to the 18th century, the Walnut Hills community grew around the establishment of the First Presbyterian Church. Many wealthy Cincinnatians once called Walnut Hills home. It was home to Lane Seminary, which played a vital role in the anti-slavery movement. Harriet Beecher Stowe, author of *Uncle Tom's Cabin*, lived in Walnut Hills. Her house off Gilbert Avenue is a historic landmark. Today, Walnut Hills, a community troubled with drugs and violence, is undergoing revitalization.

Community leaders and residents of both neighborhoods are working together to renew their communities. There are ongoing meetings to discuss Vision 2010, a community redevelopment plan, and work on a series of strategies to enhance and improve the quality of life of the residents. The dilapidated Alexandra, on William Howard Taft, was completely renovated and is now a new 83-unit senior living complex. Nearly finished is the De Sales Plaza Project on Woodburn in East Walnut Hills. Townhouses and condos being built throughout the neighborhood are already sold out, many to young professionals who are starting to move back. All are pretty good indications of a community coming back. A point of pride in this community? Walnut Hills High School, a six-year college prep and Cincinnati Public Schools' crown jewel, is here.

- *Avg. home price* \$217,840
- *Approx. area* 1.48 square miles (Walnut Hills)
Less than 1 square mile (East Walnut Hills)
- *Population* 7,790 (Walnut Hills)
1,805 (East Walnut Hills)
- *Government* City of Cincinnati
- *Approx. drive to downtown Cincinnati* 5-10 minutes
- *Approx. drive to airport* 20-25 minutes
- *School district* Cincinnati Public Schools

Western Hills

www.delhi.oh.us

www.greentwp.org

This diverse area is spread over the western side of the city of Cincinnati and three townships. A popular, family-oriented community, Western Hills offers older and newer homes in a range of prices, and property values remain strong. It is home to Western Hills High School, which is synonymous with high school baseball, having produced professional ballplayers such as Pete Rose, Russ Nixon and Don Zimmer. This strongly German-influenced community is home to public golf courses, Western Hills Country Club and Western Hills Plaza.

- *Avg. home price* \$176,592
- *Approx. area* 10 square miles (Delhi Township)
38 square miles (Green Township)
20 square miles (Miami Township)
- *Population* 30,300 (Delhi Township)
56,165 (Green Township)
12,000 (Miami Township)
- *Government* Township trustees
- *Approx. drive to downtown Cincinnati* 20 minutes
- *Approx. drive to airport* 25 minutes
- *School districts* Cincinnati Public Schools, Oak Hills Local Schools, Northwest Local Schools, Three Rivers Local Schools

Westwood

City of Cincinnati

This is an old neighborhood where generations of families live close to one another. Procter & Gamble co-founder James Gamble made Westwood his home, as did other wealthy industrialists. Elegant mansions sit alongside mostly Tudor and traditional-style brick and frame homes. Tall trees shade peaceful, clean streets. Attractions include nearby golfing, Mt. Airy Forest and an active community center. There are family events such as our Lady of Lourdes Festival, with booths and rides. Westwood is convenient to downtown via I-74 or I-75 or by public transportation. There are plans for parking lot expansion in Westwood business district and renovation of apartments on Harrison Avenue.

- *Average home price* \$108,605
- *Approx. area* 6.16 square miles
- *Population* 36,000
- *Government* City of Cincinnati
- *Approx. drive to downtown Cincinnati* 15 minutes
- *Approx. drive to airport* 30 minutes
- *School district* Cincinnati Public Schools

White Oak

www.greentwp.org

Named for white oak trees, abundant in the area, this community is popular with families for its variety of housing, much of which has been built in the last 35 years. Centrally located, White Oak is just minutes from downtown Cincinnati, several hospitals, the University of Cincinnati and the northwest loop of I-275. Affordable houses on large, tree-covered lots and a quiet, rural setting make it very appealing. The area is close to several shopping malls, parks and YMCAs.

- *Avg. home price* \$169,652
- *Approx. area* 6 square miles
27 square miles (Colerain Township)
- *Population* 7,400
55,660 (Colerain Township)
- *Government* Township trustees
- *Approx. drive to downtown Cincinnati* 12-15 minutes
- *Approx. drive to airport* 25-30 minutes
- *School district* Northwest Local Schools

Wyoming

www.wyoming.ob.us

This affluent neighborhood, named for a valley in Pennsylvania, features lovely older homes and more than 300 city properties listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Many homes are flower-garden showcases surrounded by tree-shaded manicured lawns. In 1998 it was the Northeast region winner of "Prettiest Painted Places in America." Wyoming holds a variety of events and activities, including festivals, an art show, a Fourth of July parade and fireworks, and the oldest theater group in Ohio, the Wyoming Players. Excellent schools, ranked high among Ohio's top schools, and recreational facilities, including parks, playfields, tennis courts, draw many families here.

- *Avg. home price* \$278,852
- *Approx. area* 2.87 square miles
- *Population* 8,261
- *Government* Council/city manager
- *Approx. drive to downtown Cincinnati* 20 minutes
- *Approx. drive to airport* 35 minutes
- *School district:* Wyoming Public Schools

BROWN COUNTY

www.county.brown.oh.us

Brown County established in 1819 and was named after Gen. Jacob Brown, War of 1812, is one of the fast-growing counties in Ohio. The County offers the advantages of country living while remaining convenient to the city's east side via Routes 32 and 125 and U.S. Highways 50 and 52. This predominantly rural county, added to the Greater Cincinnati metro area in 1992, reflects the areas outward expansion. There is much new construction in this area, along with older traditional and historic homes and farms. Extensive land and acreage are available in this lightly populated county. County seat Georgetown is home to public golf courses and Brown County General Hospital. Historic sites in the area include Ulysses Grant's boyhood home in Georgetown, John Rankin's home and John Parker's home in Ripley. Other major towns include Fayetteville, Mount Orab and Sardinia. The southernmost parts of the county, including the towns of Ripley and Aberdeen, are located along the Ohio River.

- Avg. home price \$99,30
- Population 42,285
- Approx. drive to downtown Cincinnati 55 minutes
- Approx. drive to airport 60 minutes
- School districts: Eastern Local Schools, Fayetteville-Perry Local Schools, Georgetown Exempted Village Schools, Ripley-Union-Lewis-Huntington Learning Center, Western Brown Local Schools

BUTLER COUNTY

The county, formed in 1803, was named after General Richard Butler, a Revolutionary War hero. It began as an isolated frontier outpost manned by a few soldiers in 1791. Population: 332,807

FAIRFIELD

www.fairfield-city.org

Early settlers in 1788 were Revolutionary War veterans mostly from New Jersey, who named the place Fairfield for the "beauty of the surrounding fields." It was incorporated in 1954 and became a city in 1955. Called the "City of Opportunity", Fairfield, just north of I-275 and west of I-75, is a growing and diverse community. It is a nice blend of industrial and residential development—offering all kinds of housing—deluxe apartments, condo complexes, starter homes and large contemporaries. Fairfield boasts more than a dozen parks, ball fields, a city golf course and a recreational complex. Residents enjoy a strongly supported school system, active youth sports programs, outstanding city services, and proximity to shopping, dining and recreational opportunities in Cincinnati. Approximately 1,200 businesses are located in Fairfield, including top employers Cincinnati Financial Corp., Ohio Casualty, Mercy Hospital Fairfield, Meijer, Inc. and the newly expanded Jungle Jim's (an international farmers market featuring four acres of food under one roof).

- Avg. home price \$57,106
- Approx. area 20.5 square miles
- Population 43,160
- Government City manager, mayor/council
- Approx. drive to downtown Cincinnati 35 minutes
- Approx~ drive to airport 45-50 minutes
- School district Fairfield City Schools

Hamilton

www.hamilton-city.org

Dubbed the “City of Sculpture,” Hamilton is home to Pyramid Hill Sculpture Park, an outdoor museum on 265 scenic acres of rolling hills dotted with 50 sculptures. Hamilton, settled as a frontier fort in the late 1700s, is the largest in the fast-growing county in Southwestern Ohio. It is the cultural, financial and governmental center of Butler County. More than 1,700 businesses call Hamilton home, including Mosler Safe Co., which built the vault that protects the country’s important documents and its gold in Ft. Knox. It has an excellent park system, four historic districts, two public golf courses, and a satellite campus of Miami University. The university recently received \$3.3 million from the Richard Fitton family to build a botanical conservatory. The Fitton Center for the Creative Arts brings the best to the city—plays, musicals, performing arts classes. Hamilton’s annual ice extravaganza, featuring ice-carving competition in January, draws many visitors to the city. Located along the Great Miami River, Hamilton offers water skiing, boating and other recreational opportunities. Housing is a unique mix of renovated historic homes, new condominium complexes and single-family houses.

- *Avg. home price* *\$51,925 (East Hamilton)*
\$104,230 (West Hamilton)
- *Approx. area* *21.9 square miles*
- *Population* *65,000*
- *Government* *Mayor/council, city manager*
- *Approx. drive to downtown Cincinnati* *45 minutes*
- *Approx. drive to airport* *50 minutes*
- *School district* *Hamilton City Schools*

Middletown/Monroe/Trenton

www.mmvchamber.org

Named for its location approximately midway between Cincinnati and Dayton, the urbanized area of Middletown, Monroe and Trenton offers excellent home values for those working in northern Cincinnati.

Middletown, "Where You Can Be in the Middle of it All," has a mix of older historic homes and newer construction. It features a YMCA, a satellite campus of Miami University, the Middletown Symphony, and the Middletown Regional Hospital, a 310-bed facility with full range medical services. Major employer AK Steel has provided an excellent park system for residents.

Monroe, platted in 1817 by Cincinnati merchant John H. Piatt and Nathaniel Sackett, Jr., the man who actually settled in Monroe, is a major stagecoach stop. It combines the attraction of family farms with large, rolling country land and affordable housing developments. A new \$32.2 million school, K- 12, opened this year. Some interesting spots include Campbell House Doll Museum, a collection of 3,000 antique and modern dolls in Monroe's oldest home, circa 1821. Brandywine Inn, presided over by chef/owner George Bernas, is known for its outstanding prix-fixe special dinners plus a la dishes. Traders World, the Midwest's largest and most colorful market, draws thousands to Monroe on weekends.

Trenton, founded by New Jersey Native Michael Pearce, was established in 1816. He named the establishment Trenton, which was the name of his birthplace. It is a quiet, out-of-the-way community that has attracted substantial investment by industry, including Miller Brewing Company, Ohio's largest brewery. Miller is on 1,056 acres with a plant production area of 1.4 million square feet under one roof (equivalent to 29 football fields laid end to end). Buyers are drawn to the pretty, moderately priced houses in a country setting.

- *Avg. home price* \$113,711 (Middletown)
 \$137,073 (Monroe)
 \$110,898 (Trenton)
- *Approx. area* 22 square miles
- *Population* 50,000 (Middletown)
 8,100 (Monroe)
 10,000 (Trenton)
- *Government* Commission/city manager
- *Approx. drive to downtown Cincinnati* 45 minutes
- *Approx. drive to airport* 60 minutes
- *School districts* Middletown, Monroe and Edgewood school districts

CLERMONT COUNTY

Established in 1800, Clermont County was named for a French city, Claremont, meaning "Clear Mountain." County seat is Batavia, and land area is 452.1 square miles. Population: 177,977.

Amelia

www.ameliavillage.com

First settler here is believed to be an Irishman, Daniel Kirgan, who came in 1809. Amelia was incorporated in December 1900, and was named after a popular tollgate operator, Amelia Bowdoin. Families are drawn to the serene country living with rolling woodlands and farmlands, and fine new homes. The community's location makes it accessible to the growing Batavia area, Cincinnati's northeastern office complexes, and Northern Kentucky. Moderately priced homes range from traditional to contemporary to modern styles. Neighborhood stores and Anderson Towne Center are just down the road. Amelia is close to East Fork Lake State Park with--boating, fishing, swimming and camping--and the Cincinnati Nature Center, a wilderness oasis.

- *Avg. home price* \$142,378
- *Approx. area* 3 square miles
- *Population* 2,752
- *Government* Mayor/council
- *Approx. drive to downtown Cincinnati* 25 minutes
- *Approx. drive to airport* 30 minutes
- *School district* West Clermont Local Schools

Batavia Township

Once a gold-mining town, Batavia, county seat for Clermont County, was built on land surveyed in 1788 for Francis Minnis, captain in the American Revolution. It was named for the previous home of some of the county's first settlers, Batavia, New York. Ford and Milacron plants are located in this scenic and historic area, with traditional homes ranging in age from new construction to 150 years old. Batavia boasts University of Cincinnati Clermont College, East Fork Lake State Park and a new YMCA. The area also hosts the annual Cincinnati Regatta, a rowing event that draws some of the country's finest college and high school teams.

- *Avg. home price* \$161,586 (Village of Batavia)
\$188,196 (Batavia Township)
- *Approx. area* 4 square miles (Village of Batavia)
42 square miles (Batavia Township)
- *Population* 1,617 (Village of Batavia)
17,503 (Batavia Township)
- *Government* Mayor/council (Village of Batavia)
Trustees (Batavia Township)
- *Approx. drive to downtown Cincinnati* 25 minutes
- *Approx. drive to airport* 40 minutes
- *School district* Batavia Local Schools

Eastgate/Union Township

This booming community, conveniently located just off an I-275 interchange, has been attracting homebuyers for its selection of moderately priced, newer single-family homes and condominiums. The main thoroughfare, U.S. Highway 32, is a dining and shopping mecca anchored by the 90-store Eastgate Mall. Medical facilities, many entertainment options, sports fields and hotels are all located in the area.

- *Avg. home price* \$168,540
- *Approx. area* 32 square miles (Union Township)
- *Population* 42,332
- *Government* Township trustees
- *Approx. drive to downtown Cincinnati* 25 minutes
- *Approx. drive to airport* 40 minutes
- *School districts* West Clermont Local Schools, Milford Exempted Village Schools, Clermont Northeastern Local Schools

Milford

www.milfordohio.org

Founded in 1798 and incorporated in 1836, Milford was once a mill town and a ford. The name is a result of a combination of the two words mill and ford. Housing features post-World War II homes, as well as new construction. A number of 100-year-old houses have been beautifully restored, including Mill Street Manor, once home to early settler John Kugler. The historic Promont House, built in 1865 and home to Ohio Governor John Pattison, is a restored Victorian mansion. Residents hold an annual Frontier Days festival to celebrate their history. There is an assortment of antique and specialty shops here. Milford's high-tech areas include a cluster of leading-edge industries doing business in a technical center just off the expressway. The city is close to the Cincinnati Nature Center and to the stores, restaurants, office complexes and businesses that line the eastern I-275 beltway.

- *Avg. home price* \$168,786
- *Approx. area* 6 square miles
- *Population* 6,284
- *Government* Mayor/council
- *Approx. drive to downtown Cincinnati* 30 minutes
- *Approx. drive to airport* 45 minutes
- *School district* Milford Exempted Village Schools

New Richmond

www.newrichmond.org

This old river town, founded in 1814, features many restored, historic houses and newer developments of executive homes, many with excellent river views. Local attractions include a Fourth of July celebration, summertime outdoor concerts, and the annual River Days community festival. A big plus is the quick access to Northern Kentucky and downtown Cincinnati, regional malls, boating, Coney Island, Riverbend Music Center and River Downs horse racing. New Richmond was once a destination for slaves escaping through the Underground Railroad. A bronze marker will soon be erected around Haussermann Park to commemorate the town's role in the movement.

- *Avg. home price* \$174,105
- *Approx. area* 6.3 square miles
- *Population* 2,400
- *Government* Mayor/council
- *Approx. drive to downtown Cincinnati* 20 minutes
- *Approx. drive to airport* 30 minutes
- *School districts:* New Richmond Exempted Village Schools

WARREN COUNTY

The county is named for Gen. Joseph Warren, a major general during the American Revolution. It is located 20 miles north of Cincinnati; with land area of 408 square miles. County seat is Lebanon. Population: 158,383.

Franklin

www.franklinohio.com

Founded in 1796 and named for American statesman Benjamin Franklin, this community is a growing residential area that is central to both Cincinnati and Dayton. Housing here ranges from starter homes to new, luxury residences. The Mackinaw Historic District showcases mansions built in the early 1800s by wealthy industrialists. A 65-acre community park has ball fields, a playground, an Olympic-sized swimming pool, tennis and basketball courts, and a running track. Several smaller parks, a nine-hole public golf course and a public library are also located within the city. Franklin celebrates Labor Day with the yearly River Days Festival. It is home to Towne Mall, with 60 stores.

- *Avg. home price* \$111,921 (Franklin Township)
- *Approx. area* 8.1 square miles
- *Population* 11,396
- *Government* city mayor/council/manager
- *Approx. drive to downtown Cincinnati* 45 minutes
- *Approx. drive to airport* 55 minutes
- *School district* Franklin City Schools

Landen/Kings Mill/Maineville

www.deerfieldtp.com

Deerfield Township, Warren County's rapidly growing unincorporated area, is ranked 18th among largest Tristate cities and townships. It is home to approximately 900 businesses here, including Bigg's, Clopay, Entex, Harris Corp., Home Depot, Kings Auto mall, Kruger, Lowe's, and Procter & Gamble's new health care research.

Country living without the long commute is a key to the success of Landen, a planned community established in 1975. It began with 1,400 acres of land and a mile-long sailing lake. Housing is a mix of upscale, custom-built homes; single-family and cluster homes; condominiums and apartments. Landen's amenities include swimming pools, tennis courts, hiking and biking trails, equestrian trails, and ball fields. Two golf courses designed by Jack Nicklaus, a popular water park, and Paramount's Kings Island amusement park are just minutes away. Landen is convenient to growing industrial and office parks in the northeast corridor. Population: 12,766.

Kings Mill, a pretty, quiet hamlet with tree-lined streets, is located near Paramount's Kings Island. Home buyers can choose from a growing community of new construction that is close to the northeastern Cincinnati office and industrial parks, as well as convenient to shopping, dining and plenty of recreation and entertainment opportunities.

Maineville's early settlers in 1815 came from the state of Maine. Houses in this village, incorporated in 1850, range from the modern to the historic. The village, population 935, is close to Little Miami Scenic Park, a wilderness area where the river winds through rolling hills and gorges. The park offers opportunities for biking, canoeing, hiking, horseback riding and picnicking. The annual Village Craft Fair & Fun Festival is held just north of town. *Cincinnati Magazine* calls Maineville one of the 14 best places to live.

- *Avg. home price* \$160,529
- *Approx. area* 19.3 square miles (Deerfield Township)
- *Population* 25,513 (Deerfield Township)
- *Government* Township trustees/clerk
- *Approx. drive to downtown Cincinnati* 30 minutes
- *Approx. drive to airport* 45 minutes
- *School districts* Kings Local Schools, Mason City Schools, Princeton City Schools

Lebanon

www.ci.lebanon.oh.us

This historic town, settled in 1796, is the seat of Warren County. It is best known as home to the Golden Lamb, Ohio's oldest inn established in 1803. The Inn has hosted several U.S. presidents and many renowned authors, including Charles Dickens and Mark Twain. Special dinners and events are held at the Inn to honor such guests. Newcomers find Lebanon appealing because of this historic charm and its close proximity to Cincinnati. It has five active industrial parks and 800 diversified businesses, including many antique stores. Major employers include Fujitec America, Kroger, Quebecor, and Wal-Mart. Two new schools at a cost of \$55.1 million were ready for September 2004 school year—Bowman Elementary School and Lebanon High School. Other attractive features include a scenic railway company, a golf course, a YMCA, county fairgrounds, harness racing and the annual Apple-Fest. The surrounding area is mostly farmland dotted with fruit orchards.

- *Avg. home price* \$182,440
- *Approx. area* 12.55 square miles
- *Population* 18,800
- *Government* City manager/council
- *Approx. drive to downtown Cincinnati* 30 minutes
- *Approx. drive to airport* 45 minutes
- *School district* Lebanon City Schools

Mason

www.mason.org

Incorporated in 1815, Mason was once a farming community named after William Mason, a Revolutionary War veteran who purchased 640 acres of land in what is now downtown Mason. Today, the city covers more than 11,500 acres and is home to some 500 businesses, including Cintas Corporation, Mitsubishi, P&G's Health Care Research Center. An involved community, Mason boasts a genuine old-fashioned Main Street area. Its population has doubled in the last decade and property values are soaring. Housing ranges from affordable, traditional styles to elegant, custom-built houses; schools have a good reputation. For recreation, there are six parks, new community center, athletic fields, basketball and tennis courts, hiking and biking trails. The annual tennis tournament, now called Western & Southern Financial MASTERS & WOMEN'S OPEN, is held here in August. A new Veterans Memorial has just been dedicated.

- *Avg. home price* \$277,503
- *Approx. area* 18 square miles
- *Population* 22,016
- *Government* Mayor/council/manager
- *Approx. drive to downtown Cincinnati* 25 minutes
- *Approx. drive to airport* 45 minutes
- *School district* Mason City Schools

Springboro

www.ci.springboro.oh.us

Settled in 1798 and incorporated as a village in 1815, Springboro became a city in 1987. It was founded by a Quaker Jonathan Wright and was once a stopover on the Underground Railroad. Visitors can explore original Quaker houses with secret rooms where slaves hid and browse the quaint shops in Springboro's Historic District. A six-block section of South Main Street has been placed on the National Register of Historic Places. Homes range from historic 19th-century styles to new developments; schools have a good reputation and its 15 churches represent eight different denominations. It has an 18-hole public golf course and is host to the Nike Miami Valley Open Golf Tournament. Springboro is home to LaComedia Dinner Theatre, which offers year-round Broadway-style entertainment and a sumptuous buffet.

- *Avg. home price* \$208,851 (Clearcreek Township)
- *Approx. area* 9.88 square miles
- *Population* 12,380
- *Government* Mayor/council/manager
- *Approx. drive to downtown Cincinnati* 40 minutes
- *Approx. drive to airport* 55 minutes
- *School district* Springboro Community Schools