



Historic Building Spotlight

📍 Meehan Row, 20 Butler Street



Pictured: 20 Butler before renovation, and a rendering of how it will look following restoration.

The Ludlow Historic Society has undertaken restoration of a house on Butler Street- one of six Victorian single-family homes built by James Meehan in the late nineteenth century. Now dubbed as Meehan Row,

five of the six have retained their original façades. The LHS is restoring the other at #20 to its original façade. The six Butler St. homes are significant in a number of ways. The builder Meehan was master mechanic of the Ludlow Railyard from 1881-1893. After a disastrous fire of 1887, he rebuilt the structures in brick and stone to minimize fire. The six houses on Butler are also brick and included indoor plumbing while other homes in the area still had outhouses at that time.



Upcoming Events

Sunday, Nov 6th, 2022

3 - 5 PM • 301 Elm Street

Join us for a **Butler Street Walking Tour!** We'll gather at Second Sight Spirits before departing for a walking tour of Ludlow's historic Meehan Row on Butler Street. We'll enjoy a wine tasting and a peek inside our current renovation project at 20 Butler Street before reconvening at Second Sight for a wine raffle and a look back at where the project started.

Admission

Suggested Donation: \$5

LHS Members: Free

Raffle Tickets: \$5

Railroad Heritage Festival a Success

by Mark Mitchell

The LUDLOW RAILROAD HERITAGE FESTIVAL was celebrated on Sat, October 1st, at the Ludlow City Plaza. What awesome October weather for an outdoor event! The blue skies and bright sunshine, combined with the comfortable breezes of fall made it the perfect day to celebrate our railroad heritage! Malady Alley performed music from country to blues to classic rock for a lively audience. We would like to thank our vendors: Smokin' Dew's BBQ, Wildside Experience, Bircus Brewing Co., Ludlow Coffee, Cookiefection, Cup's N' Cones, Allied Rail Group, Cincinnati Railroad Club, The Ludlow Heritage Museum, and The Ludlow

Historic Society. At the Storehouse, Patrick Snadon and Andy Corn presented architectural drawings, railroad artifacts and allowed visitors in the building to see the progress being made in its restoration and to see the vision of its future. Thanks also to Reeve's Market for providing the beautiful mums that decorated the plaza. Special thanks goes to our great community partners in the Storehouse project: Ideal Supplies, the Gaiser family, and the LHS! Our festival was well-attended and the storehouse fundraising was successful. For more information, or to donate to the project, visit ludlowstorehouse.godaddysites.com.

On the Ballot

by Ruth Bamberger

Ludlow voters go to the polls Tuesday, November 8th to elect a mayor, six council members, and two school board members. The polls are open from 6am-6pm at the Ludlow Community Center, 808 Elm St. **MAYOR: Chris Wright** (unopposed) is completing his second term on City Council. He is a fifth generation Ludlow High School graduate, and currently assistant principal of Dayton High School. Wright wants to see the Riverfront Commons hiking and biking project begun in Ludlow. It is already under way in the river cities east of Ludlow. He promotes Ludlow as a desirable community for its
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walkability and proximity to downtown Cincinnati and nearby Northern KY Kentucky suburbs.

CITY COUNCIL (Candidates listed in the order they appear on official ballot) **Lori Davenport** is a two-year resident of Ludlow. Her primary interest in running for Council is to generate action to require landlords to keep their properties up to code, as well as healthy and safe for renters. Davenport likes the hometown feel of Ludlow, but supports bringing more businesses in order to grow the city's tax base. **Brie Banks** is completing her second term on City Council and is running for a third. (Due to a current family emergency, she was unable to respond to our request for information.) **Samantha Matthews Frank** has lived in Ludlow five years and is currently General Manager of Wooden Cask Brewery in Newport. She is a graduate of Ohio University with a degree in Restaurant/ Hotel/ Tourism. Samantha thinks pedestrian and cyclist safety would be enhanced with the development of the Riverfront Commons project. She would like the city to promote small businesses in Ludlow where building spaces could be used as cubicles for operators needing



Did you know...?

Ludlow voters strongly supported Ulysses S. Grant in the presidential election of 1868, and again in 1872.

office space. **Stephen Chapman Sr.** is running for reelection as a two-term incumbent on Council. Prior to his election he served on the Ludlow School Board for 20 years. Chapman is a lifelong resident of Ludlow and wants to ensure that the city stays fiscally responsible and spends its revenue to benefit Ludlow residents. He advocates

more commercial development to increase the city's tax base, which at the same time would lessen our dependence on residential properties. **Abigail Miller** grew up in Ludlow; her family roots here go back several generations. As a Council member, Miller would ensure that all residents-homeowners and particularly renters- have a fair voice in matters affecting their lives and property. She'd like to find ways to lower property taxes. As a member of First Baptist Church, investor in Bircus Brewing Co., mother of two sons active on Ludlow sports teams, and an owner of two properties, Miller believes that her involvement in the city qualifies her to represent a wide variety of citizen and business interests. **Julia Terry Navarre** is running for reelection as a two-term incumbent on Council. As a lifelong resident, she has seen much progress in Ludlow in recent years with the revitalization of Elm Street and renovation of Lemker Field and Memorial Park. Navarre wants to promote the Historic District between Elm St. and the river for its housing improvement potential and a model for river city development. But to encourage buyers to come to Ludlow, the city will need to bring more businesses to town, which will have the advantage of increasing payroll taxes and lowering property taxes. **Araminta "Ari" Knight** moved to Ludlow six years ago in search of a place to put down roots and raise a family. She has a degree in Political Science and works as a VP of Customer Experience for a software company. Knight's family lives along Elm St. and she has concerns about the high traffic volume and its impact on pedestrian and cyclist safety. After watching the effect



Community Calendar

City Wide

10/31 6-8PM Halloween Trick or Treat
11/8 6AM-6PM Election Day
11/26 6-10PM Shop Ludlow at Night
12/3 Light Up Ludlow 5:45 PM

Bircus Brewing Co.

10/28 "Laboone" Release Party
11/23 "The Strongest Man" release and 5th Anniversary celebration!

Leeta Ruth & Second Sight

11/27 "Be Here" with poet Whitney Ellison

Ludlow Tavern

10/29 Nightmare on Elm Street: Prom
12/17 Customer Appreciation Party

Second Sight

10/29 Halloween Movie showing

Taste on Elm

Remember Taste on Elm for Holiday gifts and catering!

that the COVID pandemic had on the people of our town, Knight would like to work with local organizations to bring a community resource center to Ludlow. Knight also encourages responsible business development and believes there is room to grow without sacrificing Ludlow's "small-town feel and charm".

There are also two members of the **Ludlow School Board** up for reelection this November 8th - **Wes Dorger** and **Kym King**. Both are incumbents seeking another term. Dorger and King are both graduates of LHS and joined the board in 2019.

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