

## **Bircus Brewing & Circus Mojo hosting adventurer Neal** Moore, on a stop on his 7,000-mile paddling trip

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Bircus Brewing Co. & Circus Mojo will sponsor a reception for the intrepid adventurer, Neal Moore, who is on a 7,500-mile journey paddling across the US from the Pacific to the Atlantic. Neal is currently paddling up the Ohio River and will arrive in Ludlow Friday evening, July 2.

"Neal's mission of celebrating resilience resonates with me. Over the past 11 years we've hosted circus artists from 42 countries for events here in Ludlow and across the USA. Come kick off Independence weekend celebrating Neal Moore's American adventure," said Paul Miller, Founder Circus Mojo & Chief Goof-Officer of Bircus Brewing Co.

Neal began his cross-country journey February 9th, 2020, and will end December 2021 in New York harbor, at the Statue of Liberty.

He will paddle 22 rivers through 22 states before it is over. More info here: https://22rivers.com/theexpedition/

Neal Moore's adventure across America is "To showcase, highlight and celebrate how our identity, ethnicity and freedom play out across this entire land... What makes Americans tick... Falling down and scraping our shins and getting up drying and our tears and putting our best foot forward." Join us Friday evening at the Historic Ludlow Theatre, Home of Bircus Brewing Co. & Circus Mojo for a chance to meet Neal Moore and support his Grandiose Mission. \$1 from each Bircus Beer will help fund Neal's journey with an additional \$1 benefiting the local city youth outdoor adventure organization, Adventure Crew, whose mission is to "Open the doors of nature for city teens to strengthen their connection with self and others and create the next generation of healthy outdoor enthusiasts and environmental stewards." Live Music, Circus entertainment, craft beer and wood fired pizza kick off at 6 p.m.

Neal Moore, dubbed "a modern-day Huck Finn" by CNN, is the author of *Down the Mississippi* and, most recently, Homelands: A Memoir. A nomad, adventurer and storyteller, Neal's reporting has taken him from Night-market meetings with Chinese cyber-dissidents to mountaintop encounters with approaching super typhoons. His work from North America, Africa and the Far East has appeared in Der Spiegel, The New Yorker and on CNN International.



## Newly dedicated Covington Plaza to host free Friday night events

COVINGTON, Ky. – Live music will reverberate around the newly redesigned Covington riverfront this summer with the Luv the Cov Concert Series.

Six free concerts will be held at the Covington Plaza amphitheater on Friday evenings every week beginning this Friday, July 2.

"We're extremely proud to be a part of this exciting new venue at Covington Plaza, in a city with a rich tradition," Coldiron COO Mario Cicchinelli said. "With a great view of the river and Cincinnati skyline, I'm confident that these events will be some of the finest and most exciting in the area."

A rotating fleet of food trucks and beverage trucks including Little Kings & Moerlein beers, will be present.

The concerts run from 6 p.m. to 11 p.m. The venue – located between the Madison Avenue and Scott Boulevard overlooks – has amphitheater-style seating.

- The lineup:
  - July 2: HiFi Honey.
  - July 9: The Everyday People Band.
  - July 16: Swan.
  - July 23: 3 Day Rule.
  - July 30: Kenny Welch Band (part of Glier's Goettafest).
  - Aug. 6: DV8: (part of Glier's Goettafest).

Covington Parks & Rec Manager Ben Oldiges said the concerts represented another layer of the City's plans to activate the new space, which was dedicated last Friday.

"The concert series will act as a weekly reminder of how unique and special the Covington Plaza location truly is," Oldiges said. "Covington residents have been disconnected for too long from their front yard (so to speak), and we want to reconnect them. This concert series will provide a free, family friendly activity that will allow the Covington area the opportunity to come together and participate in good ol' wholesome fun."



Welcome to First Sundays on the Streets hosted by Woodburn Brewing and surrounding businesses on Woodburn Ave!

The street will be closed from noon-4pm for a day of shopping, music, games, and fun in the streets! Stop into the drinking establishments around the neighborhood for a cocktail or a beer during the day!



Cincinnati is one of the country's best craft beer cities, home to breweries of all sizes that cater to diverse tastes. Even with such a strong beer culture, Cincinnati is the only major Ohio city without a brewery passport program. Nature abhors a vacuum, <u>so they say</u>, which led <u>The Crown</u> to develop a short-term beer trail in the Queen City. The group has established the Ales for Trails program to raise awareness and funds for their planned 34-mile multi-use trail connecting Cincinnati neighborhoods. Pick up a Hop Card at <u>Big</u> <u>Ash</u>, <u>Dead Low</u>, <u>Fifty West</u>, <u>Listermann</u>, <u>Madtree</u>, <u>North High – Hyde Park</u> or <u>Streetside</u> and get all seven brewery stamps by July 31. All completed entries will be entered into a grand prize drawing and the first 100 to finish the trail will get an Ale for Trails t-shirt. Get all the details at <u>crowncincinnati.org/alesfortrails</u>

## Former 150-year-old mansion of Cincinnati brewer to be redeveloped

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The Moerlein mansion is located at 18 Mulberry St. in Mount Auburn. The Moerlein mansion was built in 1870 by brewing company founder Christian Moerlein and has been vacant for decades.

Plans to redevelop a more than 150-year-old mansion in Mount Auburn are underway. Renovation plans of the former Moerlein mansion, which was built in 1870 by brewing company founder Christian Moerlein but has been vacant for years, have been in the works since November 2020. On-site work is expected to start within the next two weeks. The Port of Greater Cincinnati Development Authority acquired the vacant and blighted structure in 2016. The Port spent \$140,000 to save the building and stabilize it for eventual redevelopment.

Since December 2020, the Port has worked with developers Michael Basch and Stuart Naeny on the redevelopment of the Moerlein property, at the northeast corner of Mulberry Street and Loth Street. Mark Gunther of Wichman Gunther Architects is the architect for the project. Total investment for project is expected to be \$634,000.

The property is a two-and-one-half-story Italianate building and consists of 7,100 square feet of living area. Most recently, the property housed seven units and included a rear parking area that accommodated six vehicles. Basch said the project vision is to "preserve as much of its history and character as possible while transforming Moerlein's mansion back into a proud cornerstone property for the neighborhood." The renovations underway involve adding two more units to the building. Plans to add two new roof dormers have been proposed to the Historic Conservation Board to provide additional ceiling height on the upper level needed for the new living space. Two more parking spaces also will be added.

The board approved the project on June 7 and building permits were obtained June 11. Additionally, a tax abatement was approved by Cincinnati City Council on June 9 and will be finalized shortly.

The project is expected to be completed and rented out by late spring 2022 and will consist of four studios, four one-bedroom units and one two-bedroom unit. The addition of the two units will be done to achieve lower rental rates for the building so that the property can be available to a diverse group of people, according to the developers.

Studio rents will start in the \$700s per month, one-bedrooms will be upward of \$990 a month and the twobedroom will be around \$1,600 a month. Each unit will include a washer and dryer, on-site parking, quartz countertops, soft-close cabinets, city views, large windows, and access to the building's communal outdoor space, consisting of a fire pit, grill, green space, and an area for dogs.

The property was stabilized in 2019 by the Structural Systems Repair Group, which included a new roof, gutter repair, joist replacement, tuck pointing, and perimeter wall stabilization.

The Port owns about 25 land parcels on Loth Street, which begins at Mulberry, runs along the western side of the property, and has development plans in the works for six townhomes, running upwards of \$350,000 each. The hope is that the development of the property at 18 Mulberry St. will be a transformative project that will welcome future residents and the development of the Port's Loth Street parcels.

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