



Cincinnati Park Board

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WHAT: ALMS PARK RIBBON CUTTING - NEW GEOTHERMAL SYSTEM

The Park Board and the Hillside Trust are celebrating the successful installation of the first geothermal system in Cincinnati Parks, at the Alms Park Caretaker House. The Hillside Trust leases the caretaker house as its office. Director Eric Russo says "Over the past months the electric bill for the office has only been about \$25 a month. At first I thought it was a misprint in the bill!" The Hillside Trust has added other energy efficient features to the Caretaker House, including "sky pipes" that use intense reflection of natural sunlight to light the office.

**WHERE: Ribbon Cutting at the Alms Park Caretaker House/Hillside Trust Office
710 Tusculum Avenue**

WHEN: Wednesday October 7, 2009 at 4:30 p.m.

MAYOR'S GREEN CINCINNATI INITIATIVE

According to Steve Schuckman, Park Superintendent of Planning and Design, "The Alms Park installation is the first geothermal system in a city-owned building in Cincinnati." He adds, "In fact, the Park Board just completed installation of the second geothermal system in a city-owned building, at the Caldwell Nature Center." These two projects are among the 33 Green Cincinnati Initiative projects undertaken by Cincinnati Parks to save taxpayer dollars and improve the environment. (Project List attached.)

VISIT ALMS PARK DURING THE OHIO SOLAR TOUR ON OCTOBER 3, 2009

The geothermal system in Cincinnati's Alms Park is one of the stops on the 2009 Ohio Solar Tour. The public is welcome to stop in and see the system for themselves and check out the "sky pipes" at the Solar Tour Open House, anytime between 9:00 a.m. to noon on Saturday, October 3, 2009.

CONTACT: for more information about the Hillside Trust, Eric Russo at 321-3886

After the ribbon cutting on October 7th, the public is invited to remain at Alms Park to participate in the Hillside Trust annual meeting at the Alms Park Pavilion, starting 5:30 p.m. Call Eric Russo for a reservation, or log on to www.hillside-trust.org.

CONTACT: about the geothermal installations in Parks, Steven Schuckman at 475-9600

FOR MORE INFORMATION about Cincinnati Parks call (513) 352-4080, the Parks Visitor Center located inside the Krohn Conservatory in Eden Park, open 7 days a week 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Or, visit www.cincinnati-parks.com to find out more about "Living Our Green Life."

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