



February 2009

Meet with Mayor Mallory

Come to **Mayor's Night In**

Tuesdays,
March 10 & 24
April 7 & 21
May 12 & June 2

From 5 pm to 7pm
in the

Mayor's Office at City Hall

- *Share concerns or propose new ideas*

Sign-in begins at 4:30pm

Citizens Government Academy

Sign up to participate in the Cincinnati Citizens Government Academy. The 10 week program will give you an inside look at how the city operates.

Sessions are Monday's from 6 to 9 pm from March 2nd to May 11th.

For application information, contact Trina Porter at 352-5335 or click [here](#).



Mayor Mallory's Newsletter

Mayor to Give the State of the City Address on Wednesday

Mayor Mallory will give the 2009 State of the City Address on Wednesday, February 25, 2009 at 6:30 pm at the Duke Energy Convention Center.

Mayor Mallory will speak to citizens about the progress that has been made in Cincinnati. He will be highlighting successes in 2008 and laying out his vision for the future of the city.

The Event is free and open to the public. However, seating is limited and tickets are required. The response has been enthusiastic and all of the tickets have been reserved.



Mayor Mallory speaking at the 2008 State of the City

Don't Pay for Your Tax Refund - Get Your \$\$\$ for Free

In the current economic climate, it is more important than ever to take full advantage of every available tax credit. However, each year, thousands of Cincinnatians qualify for the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC), but do not claim it. That represents hundreds of thousands of dollars that could have been pumped back into the community.

Cincinnati loses thousands of additional dollars when Cincinnati residents pay someone to prepare their tax return. The problem becomes worse when people receive their tax refunds with a "Same Day Tax Refund," which are actually short-term, high-interest loans.

Many individuals do not know that free tax preparation services are available for individuals who are eligible for the EITC. There are over a dozen locations in Hamilton County where certified volunteers will help people fill their taxes and file them online for free. In addition, indi-

viduals can receive 100% of their tax refund by having it sent directly to a bank account.

EITC is a refundable federal income tax credit of up to \$4,824 for low-income working individuals and families. When the EITC exceeds the amount of taxes owed, individuals can receive it through a tax refund. In order to receive an EITC refund,

individuals must file a tax return, even if they did not earn enough money to be obligated to file a tax return.

The Make Work Pay in Cincinnati Program is a coalition of nonprofit, government, business, and community partners who help eligible wage earners in the City receive their FULL tax

refund, FAST, and for FREE. Interested individuals should call United Way's 211 hotline to find a tax preparation site near your home or work. Mayor Mallory is encouraging people to spread the word and tell their friends and neighbors about the free tax services available.



www.makeworkpay.com

Call the **United Way's 211 hotline** to find a free tax preparation location near your home.

Contact the Mayor's Office - 513-352-3250 - www.mayormallory.com

EVENTS IN CINCINNATI

Ringling Bros. & Barnum & Bailey Circus

- A spectacular, entertaining event that is fun for the whole family.

March 4– March 8

U.S. Bank Arena

Call 562-4949 or visit

www.usbankarena.com

Cincinnati: A Glimpse from the Past

- Walk down memory lane as you view historic photographs paired with their contemporary views of our city streets.

Now– March 31

The Betts House

416 Clark St.

Call 651-0734 or visit

www.bettshouse.org

Dinosaurs Unearthed

- Featuring 20 life-sized roaring, moving dinosaurs, skeletons, fossils, and recent discoveries.

February 13– September 7

Cincinnati Museum Center

Call 1-800-733-2077 or visit

www.cincymuseum.org

Carlos Amoraes

- Exhibit of Mexican Artist with animation, sculpture, performances, and drawing.

Beginning February 25

Contemporary Arts Center

44 East Sixth Street

Call 345-8400 or visit

www.contemporaryartscenter.org

St. Patrick's Day on Fountain Square

- Watch the 43rd Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade, featuring food, merchandise, and live music.

Parade begins at 11:00 am and festivities last until 9 pm.

Mallory Seeks Economic Stimulus Money for Cincinnati

Mayor Mallory recently met with President Obama to discuss implementation of the stimulus package and learn details about how cities will access the funding.

The Mayor has appointed a City Stimulus Coordinator to communicate with state and federal agencies and oversee the City's project proposals to ensure that the City accesses as much funding as possible.

Cincinnati has submitted 127 potential projects to the State of Ohio. The projects represent over \$733 million and could create as many as 11,650 new jobs.



Modern streetcar systems have generated hundreds of millions in new real estate investment in other cities.

Cincinnati is seeking funding in several areas including public transportation projects such as the Streetcar, foreclosure assistance programs, the hiring and retaining police officers, the renovation of fire stations, youth employment funding, and energy efficiency projects for public buildings.

"This is an unprecedented opportunity to bring new resources to Cincinnati," Mayor Mallory said. "It is an opportunity to jump start multiple projects that will create jobs and energize our economy."

4th Annual Mayor's Youth Job Fair Set for April 23rd

The 4th Annual Mayor's Youth Job Fair will be Thursday, April 23rd at the Duke Energy Convention Center. Last year, over 2,500 youth and 115 employers and service organizations participated in the Mayor's Youth Job Fair.

Having meaningful employment prepares young people for their future careers by teaching them the value of responsibility, a good work ethic, and effective time management that will have a positive impact on their future careers.

The Job Fair is free and open to individuals ages 16 to 24 including recent and soon to be college graduates.

Companies that are interested in partnering with the Mayor and participating in the Job Fair should contact the Mayor's office at 352-3250.



Mayor Mallory announcing the 1st Annual Mayor's Youth Job and Opportunities Fair

Tyson and LULAC Donate 15 Tons of Chicken to FreeStore FoodBank

Mayor Mallory joined the FreeStore Foodbank in accepting a donation of 15 tons of protein from Tyson and League of United Latin American Citizens. The food will help ensure that thousands of Cincinnati families have access to healthy meals. The donation is a part of a 1 million pound, 3-year nationwide commitment to help alleviate hunger.



Mayor Greets Chinese Consul



Mayor Mallory recently welcomed Bing Xu, the Chinese Commercial Consul to City Hall for a meeting about business partnerships between China and Cincinnati. Xu is the Head of the Economic and Commerce Office of the Consulate General of the People's Republic of China in New York. The Mayor has aggressively pursued international business investment to create jobs in Cincinnati.

Fire Recruit Exam

An exam for the position of Fire Recruit will be given on March 14th. The sign up period for the exam began on February 7th and will continue through February 27th. The class is anticipated to begin in July of 2010. Interested individuals should contact the Cincinnati Human Resources Department at 352-2400 for more information.