



Mayor Mark Mallory

City of Cincinnati

801 Plum Street, Room 150, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202

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Mayor to Tour Urban Garden in Over-the-Rhine

The Garden is a part of the City's Urban Garden Program sponsored by Vice Mayor Crowley

Cincinnati – Mayor Mark Mallory will tour the Over-the-Rhine Urban garden tomorrow morning at 10:00 am. The garden has been developed by the Mayor's Young Professional Kitchen Cabinet (YPKC) in partnership with the OTR Community Council, SEIU Local 1, UC students in DAAP, and 3CDC. The Mayor will be joined by Vice Mayor David Crowley's Staff, members of his YPKC, and OTR community members.

The garden is one of ten urban gardens created in the City's pilot program, designed by Vice Mayor David Crowley to turn vacant lots in to gardens that provide food for the community. The Urban Gardens program is one of the recommendations in the Land Use Section of the Mayor's Green Cincinnati Action Plan.

"We are very proud of how the effort has turned out, and we think the Mayor will be impressed with the transformation of the vacant lot that was made possible by the City's garden program," said Michelle Dillingham, member of the Mayor's YPKC and Legislative Aide to Vice Mayor David Crowley.

The garden has been decorated with mounted murals designed, created, and donated by the summer youth employees of Cincinnati Human Relations Commission. The paint and other materials for the murals were provided by the Cincinnati Color Company.

Event: Tour of the Urban Garden

Date & Time: Thursday, September 17, 2009, 10:00 am

Location: Walnut Street (between 13th and Mercer Streets)

Participants: Cincinnati Mayor Mark Mallory
 Walter Reinhaus – President OTR Community Council
 Cheryl Meadows – Executive Director, Cincinnati Human Relations Commission
 Tevis Foreman – Mayor's Young Professional Kitchen Cabinet
 Michelle Dillingham – Legislative Aide, Vice Mayor David Crowley's Office

Photo Op: Tour of OTR Homegrown Urban Farm; interviews with gardeners.

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