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THE FIFTH THIRD BANK Over-the-Rhine SUMMER TOUR of HOMES

It is with great honor and pride that the Over-the-Rhine Foundation invites its first visitors to the Fifth Third Bank Over-the-Rhine Summer Tour of Homes. In the past, Over-the-Rhine has been included in the Downtown Tour of Living. It became obvious with last year's fall event, that visitors could not see all the Downtown and Over-the-Rhine homes in one afternoon.

With so much growth, redevelopment, and preservation occurring in the Over-the-Rhine area, an entire afternoon is needed to experience the rebirth of urban living in Cincinnati. Marge Hammelrath, Director of the Over-the-Rhine Foundation, loves the variety of people who support and help the neighborhood. Her personal passion is the buildings themselves. "Saving the historic buildings for future generations — hundreds of years into the future, is my greatest passion." Over-the-Rhine boasts the largest collection of Italianate historic buildings in the country.

Over-the-Rhine is comprised of 600 acres. Many of our grandparents, and great-grandparents found their first homes in Over-the-Rhine. German, Irish, and Italian immigrants were the first wave of homeowners in Over-the-Rhine. Followed by Appalachian families and African Americans who called the area home... and now a rebirth of urban dwellers, seeking

to be close to their downtown jobs, this area continues to change.

Jim Moll, of Jim Moll is Leasing, moved to Over-the-Rhine in 1993, from a suburban Cincinnati neighborhood. The "lifestyle prevented you from knowing your neighbors," Jim explains. With a garage door control you would enter your home and depart, never really interacting with your neighbors. But upon moving to Over-the-Rhine, Jim was immersed into a sense of community, unmatched by any neighborhood in any city in which he had lived. Dedicated to Over-the-Rhine, to his neighbors, and to organizations as a tireless volunteer, Jim Moll exemplifies the emerging homeowner.

Totally enrich your life. Similar to Boston, Chicago, Pittsburgh and even European cities, the Over-the-Rhine area offers a lifestyle that residents embrace and hope to share. Come over...see for yourself the excitement and neighborhood pride that is alive in Over-the-Rhine. Having worked all over the city, Michael Sweeney says it best, "Over-the-Rhine is one of the best kept secrets." Michael loves the energy of the neighborhood and the community.

Did you know that there are six community gardens in Over-the-Rhine? Sponsored by the