



▲ SCHOOL SUPPLIES JOHN R. GREEN STORE

Parents, meet John R. Green. Many of the supplies this Covington educational superstore are of the classroom-equipping variety, but there's no reason you can't stock up on math flashcards from Trend Enterprises, science workbooks from Classroom Complete Press, or wall maps from House of Doolittle. You'll also find binders, pencils, stickers, toys, games, and activity kits from the likes of Crayola and Scholastic. Who needs recess?

▼ REPURPOSED BUILDING MATERIALS

**HABITAT FOR HUMANITY'S RESTORE**

Looking to recycle while you remodel? Habitat for Humanity's ReStore will get you started. The Bond Hill location (also in Cheviot and Hamilton) is clean, bright, and well-organized, with plenty of flooring, light fixtures, ductwork, appliances, cabinets, furniture, fasteners, doodads, geegaws, and more. Lovers of pink bathrooms, head for the aisle of tile: replacement pieces—and quite possibly a pink toilet or two—are here! They're also happy to accept your donations, should you wish to remove that pink bathroom rather than refurbish it.

▼ DISC GOLF COURSE

**LINCOLN RIDGE PARK**

This Independence course is the most scenic disc golf course in the Cincin-

nati area, 24 holes set amid rolling Kentucky hills and creeks. Lincoln Ridge has enough short holes (like 4, 7, and 18) to give novices a sense of accomplishment, and plenty of longholes (12, 16) to challenge experts. You may not be able to match the pros, but you can't beat this scenery.

▼ PICNIC SPOT

**DEVOU PARK OVERLOOK**

Minutes from Interstate 75 and downtown Cincinnati, Covington's Devou Park overlook, adjacent to the Drees Pavilion, has what might be the tri-state's best view of the Cincinnati skyline and the Ohio River, and it's located in a free, public park. Lots of parking and plenty of grass to spread out on a blanket make it the perfect spot to steal away for a quiet lunch or a relaxed evening. The Pavilion is a popular wedding spot, so make way for bridesmaids.

▼ MOTHER-OF-THE-BRIDE GOWNS

**NORDSTROM**

Your kid's getting hitched, and just about the last thing you have time for is wandering from store to store putting together your MOB (or MOG) glad rags. Save yourself the schlep at Nordstrom. The store's range of styles and prices covers the spread, the savvy sales associates are generally happy to trot around locating the right accessories, and the terrific shoe department stands ready to finish off the ensemble. One and done.

▼ MAC-AND-CHEESE

**JEFF RUBY'S**

Every chef looks to reimagine the iconic childhood dish. Some add chicken. Some add salsa. But only Jeff Ruby's version (available at all Ruby restaurants) includes six dif-

► GLUTEN-FREE BAKED GOODS **BONBONERIE**

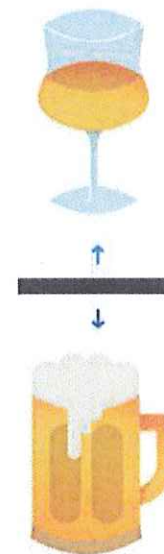
The thing most often missing from gluten-free baked goods is the "good." Dry, heavy, gummy, or overly sweet is what you often have to tolerate when you're sensitive or intolerant to gluten. At Bonbonerie, the likes of chewy almond macaroons, cheesecake cups, chocolate peanut butter oatmeal bars, French macarons, and bittersweet chocolate flourless cakes rival their more traditional sweet consorts, without a trace of the unpleasant aftertaste of deprivation.



**FIRESIDE DRINKING SPOT**

**BLAZE OF GLORY**

Pass through a narrow stone alley that looks like something out of an old German village, and you'll emerge into the warmth of the Blind Lemon Café's courtyard, crammed with wrought-iron chairs and benches encircling a cozy fire pit. There's even live acoustic music nightly.



**BRIGHT SPARK**

C&D Northside, a classic neighborhood bar, welcomes visitors to its outdoor fire pit with plastic lawn chairs, a view of the street—and good company.