



NEIGHBORHOOD
ASSOCIATION

Newsletter

REPRESENTING CLIFTON HEIGHTS • UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS • FAIRVIEW

October, 2010

Next monthly meeting:

Tuesday, October 19, 2010,
7:30 p.m., Deaconess Hospital
Cafeteria, Lower Level, Straight Street

From the President's desk



Hello to everyone in CUF!

Fall is here and we are seeing the beginning of the leaf color change. Such a dry end of the summer that our leaves may not be so pretty this year. Thank goodness for Paul and his gang of loyal tree warriors who keep our trees watered during this drought season.

I have been amazed at the number of family focused events. Shannon Sanker is having a play-date for adults and kids at University Christian Church/Rohs Street Cafe on the second Friday of every month. Cathy Rafeles organized the first CUF Family picnic at Bellevue Park on October 9th.

Classen Park is really taking shape, as are two new planting beds along St Monica and adjacent to the old Fairview Arts Center on McMillan. Continued streetscaping is occurring in the business district.

The community saw a successful Clifton Heights Music Festival again. Beth Nagy and Jason Masterson led clean up crews along the Business District with volunteers from UC's Center for Community Engagement. A large crew of neighbors and volunteers from UC's Law School cleaned up the entrance to Fairview Park and the brush along McMillan (sorry for the poison oak and poison ivy, gang!). People continue to come together to make a difference for our community.

Fairview Pool needs to remain on our radar. If anyone wants to take on this project to make sure we can have adequate funding for the pool for the kids, please let the Board know. If we do not use it, we will lose it.

Please everyone, participate in Make A Difference Day on October 23rd. We will meet at 8:30 am at Christy's for clean up of the neighborhood. Please bring your energy and your work gloves!!

See everyone at the October meeting on October 19th at 7:30 pm at Deaconess.

Rob Neel, President
CUF Neighborhood Association

Minutes of the CUF General Meeting 9-21-10

Officer Lisa Johnson spoke. Discussed new safety brochures that went out as collaboration between Citizens on Patrol and Pomidori's. Also discussed the new prostitution crackdowns. Officer Lance Long from UC spoke about UC and the new students. Gave information about the dual cars and the UC Disciplinary code. His contact info is Lance.Long@uc.edu and 513-556-4927.

Tony Hobson from North American Properties spoke about the benefits of the 65 West Project at the old Friar's Club site. He unfortunately did not have any new plans to show the community as far as the facades. They are still seeking TIF money from the City for undergrounding utilities and for streetscapes.

CHCURC discussion. The Old St. George roof is still pending repairs. Nothing new on the boutique hotel. Discussion about the politics of the streetcar decision and our continued advocacy for the business district loop. Streetscaping continues on Ohio and Calhoun.

University Heights is having their annual block party on September 25th. They have already had their neighborhood yard sale.

Rome Ntogoku spoke about the Clifton Heights Music Festival. The greenspace will not be needed. Rome also decided not to pursue the liquor license. Extensive discussion with the community about graffiti art work. Clarified as StreetArt. The word graffiti has such a negative connotation and there was significant concern about the possibility for echos of graffiti to litter the neighborhood. Rome has already submitted the ads for the newspaper. At the end of the discussion, he would not commit to cancelling the Street Art exhibit at the request of the community.

Make A Difference Day was announced by Suzanne Summer for 10-23-10. Sign up by talking to or emailing Suzanne. Also discussion about the September 11th law school clean up and the subsequent poison ivy outbreak. Thanks to all who clean in their neighborhood!

The community discussed candidate night and has agreed that we will not have a candidate night before the election. Candidates are welcome to come and may leave their info at the entrance table and meet and greet afterwards. The Board

will confirm this decision at next meeting.

Fire prevention week was announced for Oct 3-9th.

Janine Denlinger represented our community at the city's search for a new Police Chief and a new Fire Chief.

CUF Family Picnic was announced for Saturday October 9th at 11:30 am, Bellevue Park.

Zoning variance changes were discussed as they had just come up at the last Liveable Communities Meeting of City Council. The new zoning code changes allow one person in the Buildings Dept. to make decisions about variances without the normal Zoning Board hearing and then approval by Council. There was significant concern about abolishing the Zoning Code, which is viewed as one of the few protections neighborhoods have. A straw poll of the community found the majority of the community was not in favor of changing the process for zoning variances. The Board will discuss at the meeting October 5th.

Meeting adjourned.

Where to vote

It is a simple process to see where a citizen votes if you have internet access. Go to www.votehamiltoncounty.org and click on the "Where Do I Vote?" button under the header banner. Enter your zip code and street name click "next", Enter your house number and verify street name click "next". Your polling location will appear and you can even select to view a sample ballot.

CUF Picnic 10/9/10

Scenes from the CUF Family Picnic at Bellevue Park. Thanks to Cathy Raffles for organizing!



CUF Treasurer's report

Balance September 1, 2010 \$8,511.38

Income:
Dues \$12.00

Total Income: + \$12.00

Expenses:
Flowers for Hughes \$53.25
FedEx: Newsletter for July 40.00
FedEx: Newsletter for August 144.29
Labels 55.37

Total Expenses: -\$292.91

Balance October 1, 2010 \$8,230.47

Landlord training program letter

Dear Madam or Sir:

Our records indicate that you own or manage rental property in Cincinnati, Ohio. Because of the problems associated with chronic nuisance and drug activity in rental housing, we are writing to you and other rental owners to invite you to a seminar, the Landlord Training Program, on how landlords and property managers can keep illegal activity out of their units. To date, thousands of landlords and property managers have attended the Landlord Training Program in other areas of the country. Now that the program is being offered for landlords in your neighborhood, we urge you to take advantage of it.

This program is part of an effort to stop chronic nuisance and drug activity in residential neighborhoods. While we use the Chronic Nuisance Ordinance (Chapter 761 – Cincinnati Municipal Code) and Permitting Drug Abuse (Chapter 911.5 – Cincinnati Municipal Code) to fine owners and close property in cases where the landlord has allowed nuisance activity to occur and drug dealing, distribution, or manufacturing on the property, we would prefer to work with landlords to ensure that problems never reach this level. Landlords who use techniques from the Landlord Training Program tell us the rewards outweigh the costs, and include the following:

- A stabilized, more satisfied tenant base, with increased demand for rentals.
- Lower maintenance and repair costs.
- Improved property values.
- Improved level of personal safety for both tenants and neighbors.
- Peace of mind from spending less time on crisis control.

Reactions from people who have taken this course have been very positive. Landlords tell us that the course provided them with new screening

techniques and helped them deal successfully with tenants involved in illegal activity. A recent survey indicates that more than 90 % of landlords who attend the training make changes in the way they manage their property as a result of the program. The program is also an effective community policing tool. Your attendance is encouraged. Thank you,

Milton R. Dohoney, Jr.
City Manager, City of Cincinnati
Thomas H. Streicher, Jr.
Police Chief, City of Cincinnati

The Mayor's Green Lecture Series

When: 6 pm - 8 pm; Free, but limited seating.
Reservations Required – call 352-4080.
Living Our Green Life - Mayor's Lecture Series at Krohn Conservatory

- October 20, Why Trees Matter
- November 17, Ten Technologies that Will Change the World

Sponsored by a grant from Duke Energy, and in-kind support by Worm's Way, Park + Vine, Andy's Mediterranean Grille and the Ohio State University Extension.

Recycling enhancements are coming!

The City is transitioning from small bins to larger carts to allow for the collection of a greater number and a larger volume of recyclable materials. Recyclables will now be collected every other week (EOW), instead of weekly.

All residents should have their carts delivered by the end of January/February. Changing to every other week collection will save the City approximately \$700,000 a year.

One and two person households will receive a 64-gallon cart; all others will receive a 96-gallon cart. Any eligible resident that doesn't receive a cart may call 591-6000 to request one.

I like my bin. Can I keep it? Maybe. You need to use a cart to participate in the incentive program. The carts will be equipped with Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) tags. This tag, similar to the scanning equipment at the supermarket, will allow the incentive program to reward points based on how often and how much you recycle. If you wish to keep your bin for overflow or to collect materials in your house, put a sign on the bin when the program is being "rolled out" in your zone and it will be left behind. If you don't want the bin, leave it at the curb and it will be picked up. Usable bins will be reasigned as needed. Damaged and broken bins will be recycled.

In 2009 City of Cincinnati residents landfilled

94,000 tons and recycled 13,000 tons of material. For every 10,000 tons we landfill 2 jobs are created. For every 10,000 tons recycled about 35 jobs are created. The enhanced program is projected to divert an additional 13,000 tons away from the landfill. By 2011 the City of Cincinnati is expected to landfill 81,000 tons and recycle 26,000 tons. This program will allow the City to save money on avoided landfill fees and waste collection, create jobs, reduce pollution, save natural resources, and save landfill space.

For further information contact:
Sue Magness, Recycling Coordinator City of Cincinnati, Office of Environmental Quality 805 Central Avenue, Suite 320, Cincinnati, Oh 45202 Ph. 513-352-5332. Sue.Magness@cincinnati-oh.gov

Lizard study

We'd like to send a big THANK YOU for all for the lizard sightings that you reported to our web site! I thought this was a good time to send you an update.

1) We received more than 300 lizards reports! (including yours) which completely changed our picture of the extent of spread on the introduced common wall lizard, a.k.a. "Lazarus" lizards. A graduate student, Ninnia Lescano, is preparing a paper a publication based on these results. To see a map of most of the sightings (some are outside the map's area) go to:

<http://homepages.uc.edu/~petrenk/lizardmap.jpg>
2) Help us more! Go to the web site again (<http://www.uc.edu/lizards>) and tell us:

(a) Have you seen lizards this year where you reported them in a previous year? This is especially valuable if you live OUTSIDE the core range, which is between Downtown and Clifton and Red Bank Rd.; south of I-71 and north of the Ohio river.

(b) Do you know how the lizards got to your neighborhood (or the site you reported)? At least 15 told us how lizards were moved to the site they reported. Knowing the year of introduction, numbers of lizards and their source would be very valuable. We do not encourage you to move lizards because introduced species should not be helped along, and any information you provide will be kept confidential. (Please also note that we do not harm any of the lizards or try to eradicate them).

3) Come to the Natural History of Cincinnati Conference October 16th. Speakers will include Thayne Maynard, anthropologists and paleontologists and yours truly who will be talking about the wall lizard, invasive species and your lizard reports. There is an admission fee, optional field trips and registration is required. <http://www.artsci.uc.edu/biology/cfs/conference.aspx>

THANKS AGAIN!

Ken Petren & Ninnia Lescano



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CUF membership

Any person subscribing to the purpose of the CUF Neighborhood Association, Inc. and paying dues set by the Association may become a member. Election of Trustees is held at the annual meeting in July. Eligible voters are residents of the community who are at least 18 years of age and who are fully paid members of the Association and who have attended three general meetings after payment of dues during the year prior to the annual meeting. Non-resident members have voice but no vote in Association meetings and may not hold elective office. Annual CUF dues are \$6.00.

- CUF general meetings: 3rd Tuesday of each month, except August and December, 7:30 pm, Deaconess Hospital Cafeteria, 311 Straight Street
- CUF Trustee meetings: 1st Tuesday of each month, 7:00 pm, Deaconess Hospital Cafeteria, 311 Straight Street
- CUF annual meeting and election: 3rd Tuesday in July, 7:30 pm, Deaconess Hospital Cafeteria, 311 Straight Street



CUF Neighborhood Association
2364 West McMicken Avenue
Cincinnati, Ohio 45214

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: () _____

Email: _____

Membership Type:

Voting Membership: CUF resident _____

Non-voting Membership: _____

CUF organization: _____

CUF business owner: _____

Non-resident: _____

Non-resident property owner: _____

Membership fee: \$6.00 per year.
Make checks payable to CUFNA.

(please check the membership expiration date on your newsletter mailing label)