



NEIGHBORHOOD  
ASSOCIATION

# Newsletter

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October, 2018

## Next monthly meeting:

October 16, 2018

Hughes High School, Innovation Lab  
Second Floor, 2515 Clifton Ave., 7 p.m.

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This month we congratulate CUF members who have been recognized for their service to the community and the city of Cincinnati. This kind of continued dedication to making a difference is what makes our part of the city unique and livable. There are many others living here as well who remain involved in spite of continuing challenges that face us. We all have a vision of what can be and believe attending meetings, going to hearings, working in voting events, volunteering hours to clean up, plant and maintain our public spaces is worth the effort.

Autumn is a great time to become involved in your community whether through attending neighborhood association meetings or joining a volunteer project. CUF needs your talent, ideas and abilities!

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## CUF resident recognized with Enquirer award

Maureen France, CUF resident and board member, is one of 10 civically engaged women named to the 2018 *Cincinnati Enquirer* and *The Greater Cincinnati Foundation Women of the Year* awards. Maureen has been involved in our community for many years and has served as CUF board president. She was instrumental in saving the Brighton Street overpass and was part of a group of residents who joined together to revitalize West McMicken Avenue.

Some of her other neighborhood projects have included writing a grant for the repair of the

Fairview Park overlook stone walls, volunteering for Spring in Your Steps alley projects, member of Citizens on Patrol, coordinator for the McMicken Community Garden, member of the CUF tree board, fighting human trafficking, working with neighbors to stop the I-75 exit ramp through McMicken Avenue and participating in dozens of neighborhood cleanups.

She has also been involved in a number of city projects while involved with her family's activities and teaching in the college of DAAP at UC. For a more complete story on her recognition see the article in the Enquirer. <https://www.cincinnati.com/story/news/2018/10/10/france-volunteering-just-part-life/1277347002/>

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## Park Board recognizes long time CUF resident

During the September 2018 Park Board Meeting, the citizen volunteers of the Urban Forestry Advisory Board (UFAB) were recognized for contributing greatly to the success of the urban forestry program. The UFAB is a mix of volunteer and City of Cincinnati staff who advise the Park Director on planning, promotion, and guidance of the urban forestry program. CUF resident and former board member Paul Gallagher (second from left) was among them.



In 2018, the UFAB assisted with planning of the City's arbor day celebration, represented the City at the 2018 Arbor Day Awards, assisted with the completion of the 2018 Tree Management Plan, and is currently working on the Natural Resource Management Plan update. Additionally, UFAB volunteers helped the City achieve the Tree City USA and Tree City USA Growth awards for 2017, With their guidance, the City is on track for receiving these awards again for 2018.

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## **CUF Neighborhood Association General Membership Meeting**

Hughes High School Innovation Center  
18 September 2018 - The meeting was called to order at approximately 7:10 pm, by Nathan Hess.

### Guests:

- Captain Doug Wiesman – CPD 5
- Sgt Danika Gilmer – CPD 5
- Officer Nick Hageman – CPD 5
- Officer Jim Vestring - UCPD
- Cynthia Duvall – Preserve Burnet Woods
- Bill Fischer – UC Student Affairs
- Tom Reese - CRC
- Mark Becher – Trinitas

### Safety Updates:

Captain Wiesman reported that violent crime is down by 35 percent and that overall crime is also on a downward spike, which is very good considering that UC classes have started up again for the new school year. Captain Wiesman also spoke about the ongoing collaborative relationship between CPD, UCPD, UC Student Affairs, and UC Fraternities regarding expectations and responsibilities to community quality of life issues.

Officer Hageman introduced D5's newest Liaison Representative, Sgt Danika Gilmer. Sgt Gilmer spoke enthusiastically about her new appointment within D5 and that she also resides in the D5 neighborhood of Northside. Officer Hageman also reported improved progress of Armed Robbery Arrests in D5.

Officer Vestring expanded further on the newest collaborations between CPD, UCPD, UC Student Affairs, and UC Fraternities including new Greek Life by-laws pertaining to large concerts/parties of 250 people of

more requiring Police presence and alcoholic beverages regulation. Officer Vestring reported that there were only 4 calls for service (noise) during the entire Labor Day weekend, and also announced the dates/times of upcoming UC Football Games, UC Homecoming, and FC Cincinnati Games.

### Reports, Discussions & Announcements:

- CUFNA's new President, Nathan Hess introduced himself and the other Trustees. Nathan also thanked former Trustees, Linda Ziegler and Chip Kussmaul for their years of dedicated service to the CUF Community
- The Treasurer's Report was shared.
- Cynthia Duvall, Preserve Burnet Woods gave a brief presentation of this organization's efforts to date without recapping the original presentation of August 13, 2018 at the Corryville Rec Center. Cynthia also reported on the numerous nature-based activities planned for the rest of September and early October which are free and open to the public, and encouraged all CUF community members to participate and enjoy Burnet Woods in its current natural state.
- Mark Becher, Trinitas, gave a slide-presentation update of their development efforts to date, and reiterated their ongoing commitment to the community engagement process.
- Tom Reese, CRC gave a brief update on Fairview Park improvements and a list of upcoming classes at the Clifton Rec Center.
- Jules Rosen gave a brief update on branding efforts and a possible CUF neighborhood/organization name change in the future.
- Chip Kussmaul gave a brief update of progress on CHCURC's Block 1 development.
- Lyn Martin advised that there have been no LSDMC/CPS meetings so far, this new school year and that the first day of school Clap-In for returning students at Hughes Stem High School was a success.
- Nathan Hess reported on several ongoing and new initiatives being researched by the Trustees: (1) Residential Parking (Pilot) Program, (2) Cincinnati Observatory 52 Weeks of Astronomy, (3) Sweet Petit Deserts Baking Leadership Program, and (4) Neighborhood Flags.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 9:10 pm  
Next General Meeting: 16 October 2018, 7:00 pm at the Hughes High School Innovation Lab.

Minutes submitted by Carolyn Young.

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## CUF financial report, September, 2018

Balance on: Aug. 31, 2018	\$ 7,026.24
Income:	
Dues	\$ 84.00
Total income:	+ \$ 84.00
Expenses:	
CHCURC Sponsorship	\$100.00
Cincinnati Water Works	\$ 4.38
Total expenses:	- \$ 104.38
Balance on: Sep. 30, 2018	\$ 7,005.86

## Smart911

### WHAT IS SMART911?

- Private and secure website
- Residents create a Safety Profile of valuable information they want to provide 9-1-1 call takers and first responders
- Service is FREE to participating residents  
Plan Ahead For Any Emergency.

Once you've signed up for Smart911, first responders will be aware of important information you have provided that will help Police, Fire, and EMS locate and help you in an emergency.

Here's the link: [Smart911.com](http://Smart911.com)

Be Smart About Safety.

## The District

The complete plans for the 5.8 acre redevelopment plan for the former Deaconess Hospital site as currently configured can be viewed on their website:  
<https://courbanize.com/projects/trinitas-cuf/information>



## GCEA

The Greater Cincinnati Energy Alliance is a nonprofit organization with a mission to facilitate investment in energy efficiency and renewable-energy projects for the purpose of reducing carbon emissions throughout the Greater Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky region. Founded in 2009, the Energy Alliance has facilitated more than \$46 million in commercial and residential energy projects through its PACE, Solarize, and Get Efficient programs. For more information, visit [www.greatercea.org](http://www.greatercea.org) or contact GCEA at (513) 621-4232.

The City of Cincinnati is partnering with the Greater Cincinnati Energy Alliance (GCEA) to kick off the first-ever fall Solarize Cincy campaign. The goal is provide residents another opportunity to take advantage of a 30 percent federal income tax credit before it expires at the end of 2019.

This campaign, which runs through Oct. 31, assists homeowners in assessing the suitability of their homes for solar technology, provides bulk-purchasing discounts for these projects, connects homeowners with qualified contractors, and helps homeowners with financing options to make their solar installation a reality.

## Old Cincy Streetcar

For a look at some of the original Cincy streetcars see the YouTube video at:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ta0rBLFWaBo>





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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 \$10.00.

- CUF general meetings: 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month, except August and December, 7:00 p.m., Hughes High School, 2nd floor, 2515 Clifton Ave.
- CUF Trustee meetings: 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of each month, 7:00 p.m, Hughes High School, 2nd floor
- CUF annual meeting and election: 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday in July, 7:00 pm, Hughes High School, 2nd floor, 2515 Clifton Avenue

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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.

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