



Newsletter

NEIGHBORHOOD
ASSOCIATION

REPRESENTING CLIFTON HEIGHTS • UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS • FAIRVIEW

November, 2009

Next monthly meeting:

Tuesday, Nov. 17, 2009, 7:30 p.m.
Deaconess Hospital Cafeteria,
Lower Level
Straight Street

From the President's desk



Fellow CUFites:

As we approach the holidays and Thanksgiving, I am reminded of everything I have to be thankful for. It makes me think also of the things we should be thankful for in our community. I thought a short list of our collective accomplishments and feats for 2009 would be a nice way to bring us together for Thanksgiving:

Paul Gallagher planted over 40 trees again this year with the help of neighbors and the fall Re-Leaf program. Thank you, Paul.

The City's Department of Transportation and Engineering created no sidewalks, tree lawns, barrier walls, and street paving along West Clifton. Thank you, Transportation and Engineering.

Classen Park plans continue to grow and we will see a new park at the eastern entrance of CUF. Thank you, Empowerment Zone and Clifton Heights Business Association.

Fairview Park and Bellevue Park got much needed "facelifts." Thank you, UC's Center for Community Engagement and October 3rd's volunteers.

CUF participated in the Mayor's Soap Box Derby and took second place! Thanks Annika and Linda!

The police continue to work to make our community better. We are blessed to have a good working and cordial relationship with our police. Thanks, Lisa Johnson, Captain Bailey and the rest of our District 5 crew, and the Citizens on Patrol.

CUF now has a mural commemorating Clifton Heights in the middle of the Business

District that will be lit at night. Thank you, Muralworks, Debby and CHIA, The Tower Fund, and all those who gave time and money to bring art to the community.

Clean ups continue of our streets, parks, and sidewalks. Thanks to the Block Captains and Clifton Community Clean-up.

Block 1, the former PrimeTime and McDonalds, is now a grassy knoll. Thank you, Matt Bourgeois and CHCURC!

A Redevelopment Plan is underway to highlight the historic nature of our community. Thank you to Craig Lloyd for leading the charge on this and finding such an excellent speaker from South Park to encourage us on.

And thanks to the City for our NSP dollars, without which we would not be able to do the excellent clean ups, mulching, newsletters, and beautification projects we have done.

There are many other things to be thankful for in our community. Share what you are thankful for with your friends and neighbors and bring them to the next CUF meeting on November 17th! See you there!

Rob Neel

Minutes of the CUF general meeting, October 20, 2009

- Lisa Johnson is having meetings with landlords of problem party houses. An additional incentive toward good behavior are the UC policies already in place. After enough violations a student can be expelled.
- Updates were given on UC's homecoming
- Craig Lloyd introduced Karin Manovich from South Park in Dayton who gave a presentation on their revitalization efforts.
- Issues on the upcoming ballot issues were discussed; Mental Health Levy, the Water Works, Family Services.
- Captain Parker from the Fire Department explained the effect of the next round of budget cuts. In effect, 3 surrounding companies will be cut. He urged us to express our support by contacting City Council.
- The 100th anniversary of Hughes High School

is approaching.

- The “new” Rookwood Pottery owner, Chris Rose gave a short presentation.
- A short update of CHURC activities was given.
- The new president of the Business Association, J.D. Duboise was introduced. the old president, Doug Barkely was recognized.
- An update of the Pogue Center problem was discussed.
- John Walter talked about the over-concentration of services for the homeless in Over-the Rhine. This is an important issue for the new comprehensive plan now being formulated.
- November is NSP month. This is when we vote on allocating our funds for the year.
- The last Soap Box Derby was announced.
- The Ravine, I-75 meeting November 12th was announced.

CUF Financial Report, November, 2009

Balance on October 1: \$2,978.39

Income:

Soap Box Derby prize \$1,250.00
Dues 36.00

Total income: \$1,286.00

Expenses:

M. France-clean up \$74.61
R. Neel-clean up 714.70
CHIA-mural lighting 500.00
FedEx Office Sept 167.49
Soap Box Derby 90.00
K. Manovich, Southpark 50.00

Total expenses: \$1,596.80

Balance on: November 1 \$2,667.59

The U.S. Census is less than 5 months away

The U.S. Census will be conducted on April 1st, 2010. It's a one day snap shot of everyone living in the U.S. on that day, including non-citizens. The count is conducted once every ten years.

Mayor Mark Mallory has formed a Complete Count Committee to ensure that the count for Cincinnati will be as accurate as possible. He

believes that Cincinnati was undercounted by 46K in the last census and estimates that the city has lost \$104 million of census-based, allocated funds over the past ten years. An accurate count also affects the city's image since indices that measure crime and poverty use the census population as a base.

The only way to be included in the census is to complete and return the census form (it's available in six different languages) that will be sent out next year. The U.S. Census Bureau does not extract data from any other database. It also treats any returned information in complete confidence.

The Complete Count Committee is organizing a number of ways to get the word out to the entire population that they need to complete the census. It's also developing ways to help people who need it and to follow up with non-responders. More information about the Committee activities and general census information will be sent out in the future. You can also check out the website, www.cincinnati-counts.org for more specifics. In the meantime, please tell everyone to get counted.

Computer recycling event (Hamilton County, Ohio residents only)

Each year, the Hamilton County Solid Waste Management District provides a free computer recycling event for residents. This year, a television recycling component has been added to the computer recycling event. Click here for information.

Location: 2trg (formerly Technology Recycling Group) – 11085 Kenwood Road, Building 7, Blue Ash, Ohio 45242

Dates: May 1st through December 30th
– closed major holidays.

Time: 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Acceptable items: monitors, CPU's, hard drives, mice, keyboards, lap tops, docking stations, back up batteries, power cords, speakers, modems, external hard drives, memory chips, storage chips, cell phones, printers, scanners, desk top fax machines.

Bring proof of residency, such as a driver's license or utility bill. This program prohibits the acceptance of computer equipment/televisions from businesses, churches, schools, and non-profits.

Judge Mark Painter's 400th case published

Judge Mark Painter's 400th opinion was published in time to coincide with his leaving the appellate court bench. In March, the United Nations General Assembly elected Judge Painter as a judge on the new United Nations Appeals Tribunal. He is the only American on that seven-member court, which will sit in New York City, Geneva, and Nairobi. Judge Painter has served as a judge in Hamilton County since 1982.

As an Adjunct Professor of Law at the U.C. College of Law since 1990, Judge Painter taught agency and partnership for 13 years and now teaches advanced legal writing. He was named Chesley Distinguished Visiting Professor at UC for 2008.

Judge Painter also teaches legal writing, appellate practice, and legal ethics to judges and lawyers throughout the country. He has lectured at more than 220 seminars for the Ohio Judicial College, the Ohio State Bar Association, Professional Education Systems Institute, the National Institute for Trial Advocacy, and numerous firms and bar associations nationwide.

News from Invest in Neighborhoods

Hidden Treasures -

A Human Relations Summit

8:30 am-1 pm November 29

Forest Park Senior Center - 11555 Winton Rd.

Sessions on integrated communities will be offered during this morning-long program. There will be participant discussions about building cohesive communities. Twenty-five neighborhoods from the City and County will be recognized at the noon luncheon as stable, integrated neighborhoods. The summit and lunch are free, but pre-registration is required. Please RSVP to the CHRC at 352-3237.

Bikes and Wassail

3-6 pm December 05

McMicken Place, 24 West McMicken Ave.

Over-the-Rhine Community Council sponsored Neighborhood Party, open to all; bring a bike and learn how to repair, tune up, or help re-build a bike from donated parts. From the Soul food, Choice Café beverages including a wassail bowl. Donations benefit Community Council youth programs. For more info, call 513.381.2956

Lead awareness

Lead poisoning silently affects the development of children nationwide. Approximately 400,000 U.S. children aged 1-5 years have elevated blood lead levels. Lead poisoning affects brain development and can cause learning disabilities, behavior problems and, at very high levels, coma, seizures and death. Sources include deteriorated paint in older homes, lead contaminated dust and soil found in and around older, deteriorating buildings and items such as candy and toys. Children are at higher risk because they put their hands, toys and other items into their mouths.

The Cincinnati Health Department and the City of Cincinnati Department of Community Development is currently offering grant assistance for families to remediate their homes!!

The Cincinnati Health Department's clinics welcome walk-ins to test children for lead levels at no cost.

For more information on lead poisoning and grant assistance, please contact the Cincinnati Health Department (513) 357-7420 or the City of Cincinnati Department of Community Development (513) 352-4982. Also, check out the City's website at

[http://www.cincinnati-oh.gov/health/pages/-36357/-](http://www.cincinnati-oh.gov/health/pages/-36357/)

Change a light bulb to save

The incandescent light bulb could soon become a relic. Congress ordered that all light bulbs must be more efficient than today's incandescent varieties beginning in 2012. But using a more efficient light bulb does not have to be a waiting game. Compact fluorescent light bulbs (CFLs) are available now and they are saving people money on their electric bills every day.

CFLs come in a variety of shapes and brightness and use a fraction of electricity used by their incandescent equivalents. CFLs last five times longer and cost 75 percent less to run than incandescent light bulbs. If in every American home just one incandescent light bulb was changed to a CFL, it could collectively save more than \$8 billion in energy costs. When a light bulb in your home burns out, do not replace it with another incandescent light bulb, instead, change it to a CFL. For only a little more up-front, the electric savings can really start to add up. For more information about CFL bulbs and how to properly dispose of them, visit the Ohio Consumer Counsel (OCC) online at www.pickocc.org.



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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)

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