



NEIGHBORHOOD
ASSOCIATION

Newsletter

REPRESENTING CLIFTON HEIGHTS • UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS • FAIRVIEW

November, 2013

Next monthly meeting:

November 19, 2013,
Deaconess Hospital Cafeteria,
Lower Level, Straight Street

Ars Gratia Artis: Art for Art's Sake

I hope that people allow enough time in their lives to stop and smell the roses. Due to the efforts of committed CUF neighbors, we certainly have enough fragrant flowers to smell. For me, smelling the roses means supporting the arts and attending as many performing arts events as possible.

I'm sure we've been to Playhouse in the Park or The Aronoff. The Bard's works (among others) are performed at Cincinnati Shakespeare Company. More contemporary and cutting edge works can be enjoyed at The Know Theatre and Ensemble Theatre in Over the Rhine. But were you aware that our own CUF neighborhood is home to one of the finest schools of music in the country? If you answered "Yes," good for you! If you answered "No," then come along with me for a little guidance.

The University of Cincinnati is home to the College Conservatory of Music or CCM. CCM's roots date back to 1867. In 1962, it became one of the colleges of UC. Generous benefactors such as Ralph and Patricia Corbett allowed CCM to grow and in 1999, CCM Village opened with renovated classrooms and performance spaces.

And talk about performances! You want opera? They got it. Drama? Ditto. Musical theatre, jazz, choral works, dance, symphonic works? In spades. The 2013-2014 season offers such works as *The Crucible*, *Singin' In The Rain*, *Les Miserables*, *Don Pasquale*, *Carrie*, the Musical and symphonic works by famous and not so famous composers. There will be performances of Beethoven's *Mass*, arrangements for wind instruments, brass instruments and classical

guitar. CCM has been celebrating the 100th anniversary of the birth of Benjamin Britten by featuring some of his works including the opera *Owen Wingrave*, and his famous *Young Person's Guide to the Orchestra*. My favorite performances are those involving singing and there are at least 15 such performances this season. One of the many benefits of attending CCM performances is the cost. Most are free and there are low prices for other events. We can stroll to CCM!

You can request printed brochures by calling the CCM box office at 556-4183. You can also get information about CCM performances by visiting its website: ccm.uc.edu where there are links to the calendar page and box office. I also put my money where my mouth is and became a "Friend of CCM" by making a donation starting at \$50. The money is used for scholarships.

Ken Jordan

HIP - property improvement program

The Hamilton County Home Improvement Program (HIP) is an initiative of the Hamilton County Commissioners and the Hamilton County Treasurer. The "HIP" loan allows homeowners in Hamilton County communities to borrow money to repair or remodel their homes or rental property at interest rates 3% below the lowest rate a bank would normally offer. Loans may be used for: Bathrooms, Decks, Kitchen Remodeling, Plumbing, Ceilings & Walls, Garages, Landscaping, Room Additions, Central Air & Furnaces, Gutters & Roofs, Paint & Carpeting, Siding, Windows & Doors

- Loans at 3% below market rate, 5 year term - only one outstanding loan at any given time
- Available in participating Hamilton County communities
- No Income Restrictions or limits (must be able to meet bank's credit requirements)
- Loans capped at \$50,000
- For one-family, or two-family, and commercial properties valued up to \$350,000 (based on Hamilton County Auditor's appraisal)

- Owner-occupied and investment dwellings
- No property value limit on multi-family dwellings (three or more units)
- Loans can be used for alteration, repair, maintenance, improvement & code violation compliance & property upgrades. http://www.hamiltoncountyohio.gov/hc/hc_hip_details.asp

Can also be used for code violation compliance and property upgrades.

NSP

The Neighborhood Support Program (NSP) was initiated by the City of Cincinnati to provide funds to community councils in support of neighborhood projects and activities. Many councils use these funds to assist with membership drives, publish newsletters, engage in beautification and clean-up activities, provide summer employment or cultural activities to neighborhood youth, and underwrite the cost of sending community leaders to workshops and other training and networking opportunities, among other things.

There are currently 51 neighborhood councils recognized in the City of Cincinnati. NSP is an annual process open only to these 51 neighborhood councils. Councils must submit an annual proposal that has been approved by residents living within that neighborhood.

At the November CUF meeting we will be voting on our 2014 NSP proposal.



All About Masonry

Saturday, November 16, 9 am – noon.
 Presented by Ken Hughes
 Hauck House, 812 Dayton Street, West End
 - \$5.00 CPA members and students, \$10.00 guests. Reservations required: 513-721-4506 or info@cincinnati-preservation.org.

City Of Cincinnati Open Budgeting

Do you want to help your city make budget decisions that reflect your community values?

Come share your thoughts at an Open Budgeting session.

This open discussion, sponsored by the City of Cincinnati, will focus on how the City's residents, employees, and businesses can better engage in a meaningful, collaborative dialogue around the next City budget.

WHAT

Cincinnati Open Budgeting discussion

WHEN

Tuesday, Nov. 19, 2013

6 to 8:30 p.m. (pizza will be provided)

WHERE

Public Services Building
 1115 Bates Ave. ([map](#))

RSVP by sending an email to:
PriorityBudget@cincinnati-oh.gov

DIRECTIONS TO PUBLIC SERVICES BUILDING

From I-75 (either direction) or going North on Central Parkway, take exit 3 for Hopple Street and turn right onto Hopple Street. Turn right at the traffic light onto Colerain Avenue.

Turn right onto Monmouth Avenue (approximately four blocks, passing Valley Park). Turn right at the traffic light onto Central Parkway.

The Public Services Administration Building driveway is located on the right-hand side of Central Parkway (no left turn from Central Parkway going North). Overflow parking is available at the nearby One-Stop Business Permit Center, located on 3300 Central Parkway.

Service Requests

“Stray couches, trash-filled recycle carts, or high weeds? For CUF to become a safe and clean community, we must report sightings that keep us from attaining that status. Before you report to CUFNA any litter or dumping, high weeds, improperly placed trash and recycle carts, or unsecure buildings, please take the time to file a Citizen Service Request with the City of Cincinnati. You may do this by calling 591-6000, visiting 591-6000.com, or using the City Hall app on your mobile device. CUFNA will be happy to follow up on any requests for which significant time has lapsed without fulfillment.”

I have also attached a screenshot from the 591-6000.com site, specifically highlighting furniture pickup.

Thanks,
Christian Huelsman

Recycling Assistant, City of Cincinnati Office of Environmental Quality
President, Spring in Our Steps
Vice President, CUF Neighborhood Association

Request a special collection of up to 3 metal items, including sofa beds, refrigerators, stoves, water heaters, large televisions, beds, barbecues, etc. Please do not schedule anything over 6 feet tall.

What is the first item?

What is the second item?

What is the third item?

Please provide any additional information that may help us serve you.

Select an item from the list. If the item is metal, but not on the list, enter a description of the item.

Location Information: Address
 Locate by Address Locate by Intersection

Enter and verify the address of where the service is needed. (You must click the Verify button.)
Exact Street Number: **Verify Address**
Street Name: (without suffix)
Please enter Street Number and Street Name Only (without 'ST', 'DR', 'CT' suffix or N, S, E or W direction). Partial address entries are allowed and recommended.

Enter your contact information: (helpful, but not required for most requests)
First Name: Daytime Phone: Like (513) 555-5555 or 555-5555
Last Name: Home Phone:
Address:
City: Check if you wish a City representative to call you back.
State: Zip:
Email:

- Abandoned Vehicles
- Bicyclist Incidents
- Bugs, Pests and Animals
- Building Problems
- Food Operations
- Graffiti
- Potholes
- Recycling
- Streets, Street Lights and Sidewalks
- Taxicabs and Vehicles-For-Hire
- Traffic Signals/Signs
- Trash and Litter**
 - Corner can overflowing
 - Dumping
 - Furniture, appliance, bulky item, special pickup**
 - Litter
 - Service complaint, trash removal
 - Tires, special pickup
 - Trash, request for collection
- Trash Carts - NEW**
- Trees, Grass and Weeds**
- Water Problems**
- Yard Waste**
- General Request**



DON'T FORGET TO...

register.

Straight Street Hill Climb

November 24, 2013

***shirt ordering deadline:
Nov. 11 @ midnight***

long sleeve



short sleeve



To register go to: <http://www.straightstreethillclimb.com/>



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2364 West McMicken Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio 45214

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 p.m., Deaconess Hospital Cafeteria, 311 Straight Street
- CUF Trustee meetings: 1st Tuesday of each month, 7:00 p.m, 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.

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