



**NEIGHBORHOOD  
ASSOCIATION**

# Newsletter

REPRESENTING CLIFTON HEIGHTS • UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS • FAIRVIEW

December, 2011

## **Next monthly meeting:**

January 17, 2012,  
7:30 p.m., Deaconess Hospital  
Cafeteria, Lower Level, Straight Street

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## **Minutes**

### **CUFNA general meeting**

Tuesday, November 16, 2011  
Deaconess Hospital Cafeteria  
Convened at 7:40 PM

### **Police Report**

Lisa Johnson and Captain Bailey gave the report and answered questions.

The following were noted:

- There is a High School game on the UC campus the weekend of Nov 19/20.
- Bike thefts continue to be a problem.
- There was an arrest of Harold Caldwell with respect to burglary on Flora.
- Juvenile arrests have been made for home invasions and robberies.
- District 5 is working to get neighborhood watch stickers for residences. Neighborhood Watch signs are also available for \$25. Putting up a sign requires the approval of 50% of a street's residents or the approval by the district police captain.
- There continues to be problems with individual(s) going door to door to sell magazines in order to check on whether or not someone is home. Call 911 to report any incidences. Do not open the door.
- Police have a individual suspected in the break-ins of sheds and garages.
- During the time the 8 officer task force was in place, crime in the area dropped significantly. The coverage involved uniformed officers, undercover officers and officers on bikes. The district has a grant for additional patrols. Captain Bailey is making a plea to the Police Chief regarding the need for a heavy police presence in the Uptown area.
- District 5 has been noting and reporting any street lights that are out. Residents

can help by also reporting lights that are not working.

- It has been determined that the explosion at the Jerusalem Cafe in the CUF business district was not a hate crime. Apparently the explosion occurred when "the gas was turned on." It was noted that the owner may have financial difficulties.

### **Guest Speaker -**

Charlie Norman, Regional Representative,  
Ohio Attorney General Office

Spoke about consumer protection issues especially fraudulent business schemes.

Schemes include:

- Foreclosure rescue/credit relief scams. There are free services available to help meet the need for help.
- Home improvement scams
- Sweepstakes scams
- Grandparent scams - there have been 700 so far in Ohio with victims losing an average amount of \$7,000.

Residents can report problems to the AG office at [www.OhioAttorneyGeneral.gov](http://www.OhioAttorneyGeneral.gov) or by calling the AG at 800/282-0515.

### **CHCURC Update**

Cherie Wallpe, interim rep to the CHCURC board reported. Cherie noted that the CUFNA board sent a second letter on 11/2 regarding our concerns and the importance of moving ahead on repairs to Old St. George.

CHCURC Report 11/15/11

Old St George

Roof Restoration Work:

- THP's engineering plans are complete and I have received the bids. Unfortunately, after reviewing those bids with the contractors and the engineer we noticed substantial errors in the bids for carpentry and scaffolding that would have increased costs by almost 50%. Everyone agreed that there were errors in the bids and they are resubmitting this week.
- As soon as bids are complete, I can sub-

mit to UC for a loan which they are anticipating. They fully understand the time sensitivity of this issue.

- I have confirmed with the contractors that they can work through the winter.

**Boutique Hotel Plans:**

- We have a complete budget prepared and are meeting with potential lenders and tax credit providers to gauge their interest in the project.

**University Square**

- The closing on all the financing is scheduled for November 16th. Off-site improvements (work in the street) would likely begin by the end of the year. On-site construction would likely begin in February.

- After the closing, we plan on scheduling the group that will meet and discuss the design / programming of the open space.

- Current retail tenants that have signed are Great Clips, DiBella's (restaurant), and Firehouse Subs (restaurant).

**University Park**

- In the next few months, Panera will be expanding their current location to include the vacant space they are renting between Panera and 5/3. The remodel will essentially expand the store to make room for a more efficient catering operation.

- Foot Locker opened the first week of October.

- We have signed a lease with House of Brows (other locations are in Kenwood Mall and Tower Place Mall) for a small space adjacent to T-Mobile. They will likely open Jan. 1. Old Town Streetscape

- Phase 1 complete (\$440k). Phase 2 was funded (\$450k) in 2010. Phase 3 (\$500k) was approved for funding last week. Phases 2 & 3 would go under construction in May 2012. PLEASE CALL OR EMAIL MATT BOURGEOIS IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS:

(564-0078 or matt.bourgeois@chcurc.org)

### **Block Captain announcements and clean ups**

The weekly Monday evening clean ups have been changed to Sunday at 4PM due to the time change. Meet at the home of Suzanne Summers on Emming near Stratford.

**Amicus Brief**

Michael Morgan will be refiling the Amicus Brief regarding the use of emergency actions by City Council.

### **Boundary Issues**

Boundaries claimed by both CUFNA and

the OTR Community Council are still under discussion. The CUFNA board has formally requested that they change the boundary of the area in question.

**Guest** - Nate Wessel, Parking Permit Update  
Nate Wessel handed out revised proposal updates and requested constructive feedback regarding the proposal. A lengthy discussion followed.

### **NSP funds**

Craig Lloyd presented a brief history of the NSP program pointing out that funding available to communities has decreased substantially in recent years. The city does require community council approval of projects to be funded. Sally Larson moved that the current NSP request fund the same categories as last year:

- Clean-up and beautification
- Newsletter
- Membership and Marketing
- Insurance (required)

Seconded by Cherie Wallpe. Motion carried with 28 votes for, 0 against, 4 abstentions.

### **Mohawk Honor Roll memorial**

The WW II Memorial is finished and was rededicated on 11/11/2011. The group sponsoring the memorial still needs about \$9,000. Meet and Greet Police Chief James Craig Thursday, 11/17 4:30 PM - 6PM  
Corryville, Hampton Inn

### **Straight Street Hill Climb**

Sunday, 11/20 AM

Registration is at the top of the hill.

Meeting adjourned at 9PM.

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### **CUF Treasurer's report**

Balance: November 1, 2011 \$8,464.92

Income:

Total Income: \$ 0.00

Expenses:

Straight St. Hill climb sponsorship \$100.00

Total Expenses: - \$100.00

Balance: December 1, 2011 \$8,364.92

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## Police Chief Craig meet and greet

A great turn out of citizens converged at the Corryville Hampton Inn & Suites Thursday, November 17 to welcome Police Chief James Craig to Uptown and to introduce our neighborhoods to him. There was great representation present from all five Uptown neighborhoods (CUF, Corryville, Clifton, Mt Auburn and Avondale).

Representatives from our own Board of Trustees were there to represent the neighborhood and to welcome Chief Craig to the City. We hope to see a continued emphasis on the safety of our community. Thanks to Uptown Consortium for planning and paying for this.



<http://www.uptownconsortium.org/news/articles/police-chief-reception-draws-crowd>

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## News from Invest in Neighborhoods

Over 60 representatives from community councils, business districts and the City attended Invest's Holiday Reception on Thursday, Dec. 1. Food and refreshments were provided by Cincinnati Neighborhood Business Districts United (CNBDU). Then we all saw a very informative presentation by Dan Parolek, a consultant who's working with the City to implement form based codes, and Rick Hall, a transportation engineer who's helping think through how to make our major traffic arteries more conducive to healthy neighborhoods.

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Great news for all neighborhoods and business districts! City Manager Milton Dohoney informed community representatives Friday morning, Dec. 2, that his proposed budget increases NSP and NBD funding to \$5000 each.

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## Give a cheer for Winter!

Fri, December 30, 9:30 am – 2:30 pm  
Trailside Nature Center - Burnet Woods  
Age appropriate for Grades K - 3.  
We're going to celebrate the quiet and calm of winter and ring in the New Year! Join in on the fun as we hike, play games, make crafts and simply relax with a story. Don't forget to bundle up, pack a lunch and drink, and be ready for an exciting time. Space is limited. Visit [www.cincinnatiiparks.com/explore-nature/registration-form-downloads](http://www.cincinnatiiparks.com/explore-nature/registration-form-downloads) or call 751-3679 for more information. Fee: \$20/child.

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*Happy Holidays!*

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## Old CUF

I found this map of the Clifton Heights-University Heights-Fairview area from 1912, just over 100 years ago. It is amazing to me to see the changes that have happened to or neighborhood during the last decades. It is a reminder to me of the constantly evolving nature of our neighborhood and that our neighborhood will continue to change.

Who ever heard of Guy Street? Not me. We know Guy Street as Stratford Avenue now. Not sure when and how that changed and wondered if it changed when so many streets changed after World War I in the period of anti-German sentiment. I live on what I thought Klotter Street always was. Not according to this map. Here they show what we call lower Klotter (500 to 700 blocks) and the 200 and 300 blocks of Klotter were called Conroy. What we call Conroy now, was actually an extension of Emming back then. Amazing.

Where has the connector street for North Elm Street gone? Where did Vernon Street go? Where is the intersection of McMillan and Ravine/McMicken? Such a major thoroughfare, and not there on the map in 1912. I was truly surprised by this. This meant that the upper parts of Fairview were much more isolated, more private. Almost like the cul de sac of CUF. A reminder that streets and street names change and will likely change again.

Where is our beloved Fairview Park? Where is the Scenic Drive that I love to run on? Where is the mount that the Millerites climbed in the Octobers of 1843 and 1844 and were unsuccessful in their attempt to meet the End of Days two consecutive years under the self proclaimed prophet, William Miller. Makes you wonder how they went up those hills in their Sunday best. And where is Bellevue Park, or Classen Park or Coy Field? They are not marked on the 1912 map as we know they are now. That means that they were organized in the last century. Reminds you how lucky we are to have so many parks.

And notice how small the University Building was in 1912 in Burnett Woods. Just a reminder about the growth of an institution over the last 100 years from its original position down on McMicken. Successful institutions have need for growth, but there is always a price to pay for that growth.

Deaconess had opened her doors in 1903. Hughes High School had just been built in 1910 in its current location at McMillan and Clifton. Good Samaritan was still under construction in 1912 at its current site.

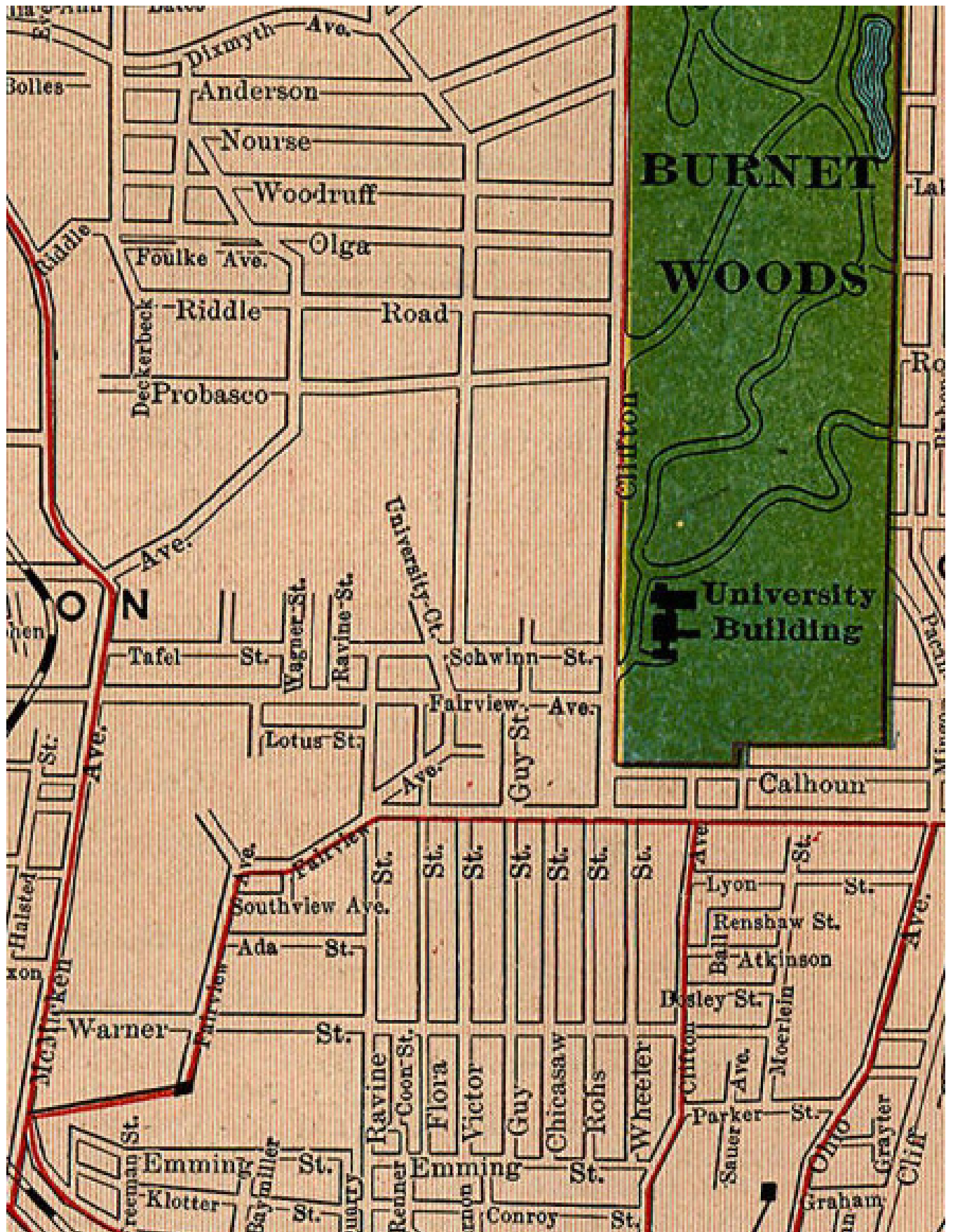
Notice the hatched line along the western border of the neighborhood. This was the Miami Erie Canal, which later turned into the subway track and Central Parkway (1928). Another reminder about how transportation systems change and how we adapt as humans. Cincinnati invested heavily in water traffic systems that were eventually replaced with train systems and automobile systems. What will the transit systems look like 100 years from now? Will there be a subway or light rail along this side of the neighborhood? What will become of the bus system? Will we have streetcar?

I hope we will continue to grow and change as we move to the future. CUF has the best parks, the best diversity, and the potential to grow into the next century. I hope my own grandchildren will enjoy seeing the maps from 1912 and 2012 someday in 2112!

Rob Neel

Visit the original full map of Cincinnati in 1912 at:

<http://www.google.com/imgres?q=Clifton+Heights-University+Heights+1912&hl=en&biw=979&bih=529&gbv=2&tbn=isch&tbnid=9oTQ-Av2EqY-LM:&imgrefurl=http://www.cincinnativiews.net/facts.htm&docid=FfRSn2rZ0KD8EM&imgurl=http://www.cincinnativiews.net/images-3/1912%252520%252520map.jpg&w=4642&h=3380&ei=wJDeTuOLDaiysALO1MSfBw&zoom=1&iact=hc&vpx=669&vpy=200&dur=937&hovh=191&hovw=263&tx=184&ty=59&sig=100988805979589232796&page=3&tbnh=149&tbnw=178&start=17&ndsp=9&ved=1t:429,r:8,s:17>





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



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2364 West McMicken 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.