



**NEIGHBORHOOD
ASSOCIATION**

Newsletter

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December, 2013

Next monthly meeting:

January 21, 2013,
Deaconess Hospital Cafeteria,
Lower Level, Straight Street

I am amazed at the gifts Cincinnati has, and that we have around us because of the community we live in. Decided I would share a few thoughts.

We have two great stadiums (one for the Reds and one for the Bengals). We have multiple other sports teams here, including roller derby (yes the Rollergirls play at Cincinnati Gardens: for full details check out: <http://cincinnatirollergirls.com/hockey>), hockey, and soccer. While I don't go to a great deal of sporting events or use them personally, I am grateful that they are there for my neighbors.

We have great access to roads. Roads that go east and west, like MLK. Large expressways like I-71 and I-75 that take us to other major cities and bring in products from other countries. We take for granted how close we are to these roads, but it truly is a boon. I can look beyond the cars and the traffic to see the benefit. I am glad my tax dollars pay for those roads.

We have great arts. With the Symphony, the Opera, and the Ballet with generous private endowments and good public support, we have the basis for a great arts scene. Events at CCM and the Know Theater and the Ensemble and the Cincinnati Shakespeare Company and the Playhouse in the Park! Recently we have seen such great local music festivals, like the Music-Now Festival. And who has not partaken in the Cincinnati Fringe Festival? (<http://www.cincy-fringe.com/>).

Have you seen the renovations at the Cincinnati Art Museum? Amazing. Great local galleries like the Weston Gallery and the Phyllis Weston Gallery and the Malton and the Pendleton and CoreClay. And now even Rookwood Gallery will have regular hours. So many great places to

enjoy and purchase beautiful work.

We have great parks. Bellevue and Fairview parks serve our community, as well as Burnet Woods. Three major parks within less than one mile of each other! And with the fabulous new Washington Park, with its children's area, and dog park. Luminosity this year was a sight to behold, and I was amazed with City Flea (<http://www.thecityflea.com/> for schedule of events) and AppleFest this year. With free music and yoga in the park, this space has truly become a haven for urban Cincinnati and all Cincinnatians.

There is a dog park at 630 Eggleston called Fido Field. You can find their space on Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Fido-Field/125369730902535>). It is a mellow space that used to be an on ramp to the expressway, that is now a haven for dogs. A group of volunteers, with raised funds from P&G and other dog lovers, has created a little space for dogs and their owners to love and run around and cavort with their fellow four legged friends. They even have a small dog area.

I will pray for a similar investment in permanent transportation systems and my optimism for the Streetcar remains high.

Robert W. Neel

CUF Neighborhood Association Minutes, General Meeting

Tuesday, November 19, 2013

7:30 PM, Deaconess Hospital Cafeteria
Board Members Present: Linda Ziegler, Cherie Wallpe, Craig Lloyd, Nathan Hess, Julie Zavon, Carolyn Young, Christian Huelsman, Rob Neel, Chip Kusssmaul, John Stork, Tony Walsh, John Ligon

Police Safety Update:
Officer Lisa Johnson, CPD District 5 – Reports recent Burglaries. Make sure buildings are se-

cured. In a recent case the lock was broken on the front door of a rental property. It was easy for thief to enter and steal property. Couch ordinances will be prioritized for 2014. Report addresses with couches on porches to Officer Johnson. After the first of January CPD and Board of Health will be driving through CUF and writing citations for indoor upholstered furniture being used outdoors.

15 graffiti arrests to date. Two convictions (tags HEIR and NOEP) one perpetrator received 5 yr probation with \$7000 restitution, the other received 4 yrs probation with \$4000 restitution. If you are a victim of graffiti, file report with district five, take photos and follow up with Officer Johnson. This will help to prosecute if they are caught. ***Reminder that CUFNA used Neighborhood Support Funds to purchase graffiti removal paint. Paint (not labor) is offered to all residents of the CUF community on a first come first serve basis (until it is gone). Contact Rob Neel at neelrt@uc.edu if you need paint to hide graffiti. Paint is available in gray and light brown colors.***

An arrest was made in student robbery and shooting on Warner St. New crime cameras recorded the crime and aided police in apprehending the suspects. 1 arrest and 2 warrants issued. New additional lighting also helped. UC paid for cameras and lighting.

Vacant building razes on McMicken & Halstead-police are following as this time of year homeless are getting in vacant buildings and try to use old fireplaces for warmth. This is a big fire hazard.

Member reports 2309 Chickasaw (issue was inaudible) Officer Johnson asks for an email stating the issue and the address for follow-up. Member asks about cars that are half parked in driveways and half parked blocking sidewalks forcing pedestrians to walk in street. Officer Johnson says to report by calling District 5 at 569-8500.

Presentation: Form Based Code (FBC)
Cameron Ross, City Planner, Cincinnati Planning Commission

Members received information about FBC in a 25 minute presentation followed by 30 minutes of q&a. Members actively participated. Many questions were asked about the future of FBC in CUF and the processes by which it can be accomplished. Watch for announcements of future meetings with community stakeholders and opportunities for public input. It was suggested that a new CUF Community Plan is an excellent idea. For more information see:

<http://www.cincinnati-oh.gov/planning/planning-projects-studies/form-based-codes/>

OLD BUSINESS/Reports:

Fairview Pool – The Board will write a letter requesting Council and CRC support a summer 2014 season. As of now, the pool is closed for 2014 (along with four other pools). The pool has not yet been removed. The Director of CRC wants to discuss options with the new council and mayor. We have worked as a community to successfully elevate pool attendance for the past five years. Pool attendance number from 2013 weren't bad given that it in residents were told it would be closed, but it actually opened for summer 2013. Attendance for 2013 was 2,889 guests compared to 3,503 guests in 2012. If pool can open for 2014 we will work as a community to aggressively increase these numbers.

CHCURC update - November meeting was attended by Trustee Chip Kussmaul.

NEW BUSINESS:

Neighborhood Support Program (NSP) Categories: President recommends the organization adopt the same NSP categories and amounts approved by membership in 2012. The same categories and amounts for the period November 2013 through July 2014 were unanimously approved by 32 attendees. Beautification and Safety \$3600 Newsletter \$800 Membership/Marketing \$600 Total \$5000

Pedestrian/Driver Issues, Vice-President Christian Huelsman: Dept of Transportation and Engineering issues regarding public safety. Refer to CMC Sec. 506-51. - Right of Way, Pedestrians. Sec.506-79. - Passing Vehicles Stopped at Crosswalk. Sec.506-40. - Traffic Control Signals, Vehicular.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Meet new Cincinnati Police Chief Jeffrey Blackwell Wednesday November 20, 2013 from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m. at the Kingsgate Marriott Conference Center, Concierge Lobby Level 1.

Open House Wednesday November 20, 2013. This meeting is the first in a series of community meetings regarding future changes to Liberty Street from Reading Road to Central Parkway. This meeting presents the history of the current and asks "What concerns do you have with today's Liberty Street?" The meeting will be from 5:30 to 7:30 in 115 City Hall. If you will attend, please RSVP to Diego Jordan, 513.352.4885, or diego.jordan@cincinnati-oh.gov

Straight Street Hill Climb November 24 at 9 a.m. for registration details see their facebook page.

ADJOURN

Recorded by: Cherie Wallpe

Corryville Catholic

Merry Christmas and Season's Greetings and from Corryville Catholic School! Our 2013 school year has been busy and exciting with new challenges to be achieved in 2014. Our students were thrilled with your recent donation of new recess balls and ball scoops! Thank you so much for your generosity!

Students in grades 7 and 8 are benefiting from weekly meetings with high school mentors in the Leadership Scholars Program. Corryville Catholic parents also had a sensational opportunity to participate in a Leadership Scholars Parent Academy which helped them with strategies to support their children's academic achievement and pre-college preparedness.

Our sixth, seventh, and eighth graders are participating in an elective program with



these offerings: Arts & Crafts, Student Government, Drawing, Film & Video, and Introductory Spanish. These additions to our curriculum provide our students with valuable learning experiences.

Our library is staffed with over 20 volunteers who work one-to-one with our students to enhance their academic skills. We are also blessed to have many additional volunteers like community members and students from St. Xavier High School,

Ursuline Academy, Summit Country Day, St. Ursula, and Moeller. Over 120 of our Moeller buddies visit our school each month. Our December activity is called Christmas on Campus and Moeller hosts the entire population of Corryville Catholic for a day of prayer and Christmas fun!

As you can see Corryville Catholic is alive and well in our spot on Calhoun Street. We extend best wishes to everyone in our community for a Merry Christmas and a healthy and happy new year!

Sincerely,
Linda Westendorf, Principal

Straight Street Hill Climb

The 37th running of the Straight Street Hill Climb occurred on Sunday, November 24th. This race is billed

as two minutes of self-inflicted torture, and yet 119 participants showed up in the frigid 20-degree weather – the largest field ever. Bike races were added in 2011, and this year a biathlon was introduced combining running and cycling in one event. The event was sponsored by the CUF Neighborhood Association and Campus Cyclery among other organizations and benefits the Cincinnati Soap Box Derby.



Because everybody runs marathons

Once again, no one was able to break the two-minute 0.36 mile time; the fastest times recorded were 2:23 minutes running and 2:12 minutes cycling. CUF neighbors, Suzanne

Happy Holidays!

Winterizing Your Home: Tips for the House

1. Check the furnace to make sure it is working and make sure it is not causing a lot of exhaust fumes in the house. If it is, please call a specialist. Also remember to change the air filters regularly. A dusty filter can slow air flow and in many newer furnaces, will trigger the furnace to go off! I do a yearly furnace check up, just like my oil change on my car.
2. Inspect duct work from the furnace when you can see it (around your furnace, exposed in crawl-spaces, attic). Leaks here can cause heat to not make it to desired spaces and keep your house cold. If you find loose fitting ductwork, pinched duct work, or leaking duct work, you can talk to your furnace company about ways to repair this (like metal-backed tape). You should also ask your furnace company to vacuum the duct work every few years to clear them.
3. Insulate your ceiling (a minimum of 12 inches is advised). This helps prevent heat from escaping your home.
4. Inspect your windows. If you have original windows that are single paned, consider storm windows or the insulator kits with the shrink wrap around the windows. We have also been gradually replacing old windows with new double or triple paned windows for window efficiency.
5. Look (feel) for air leaks in your home (doorframes, window frames, walls, etc). Use door sweeps and consider outdoor weather-resistant caulk or masonry sealer to fill leaks.
6. Keep your fireplace damper closed when you are not using it, and make sure it is inspected before using it. Most professionals do not recommend a yearly chimney sweeping, though.
7. Reverse any ceiling fans' direction to go clockwise to push warm air back down.
8. Check smoke detectors' batteries and functioning; some recommend even testing with smoke from a match or candle rather than just using the "test" button. These usually need to be replaced every 10 years. Carbon monoxide detectors are a great investment for you and your family. Carbon monoxide is a silent killer.
9. Turn the water off from outside spigots inside your house to prevent burst pipes from freezing. Some people even wrap these pipes that are more vulnerable with a rubber or fiberglass sleeve.
10. Clean your gutters so water may be carried safely away from your home. Water build up may go into the walls, especially if it freezes in the gutters.

UC Safe Housing Committee

Hello CUF Neighborhood Association members,

Are you familiar with the new City sponsored Safe Student Housing initiative? Owners and Landlords can be listed on the City website after their properties have passed a voluntary fire inspection. Here is the link to the City web site and contact information for those that want more information about the program. <http://cagismaps.hamilton-co.org/cincinnatiServices/cincinnatiSafeStudentHousing>

On January 15, 2014 there will be the first UC Safe Student Housing Fair.

The University of Cincinnati Safe Housing Committee will be hosting the 1st Annual Student Safe Housing Fair on WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15TH from 11AM-2PM in the TANGEMAN UNIVERSITY CENTER (TUC) ATRIUM. This fair will showcase both on-campus and off-campus housing options as well as provide information and resources related to the financial and safety aspects of independent living. The fair is intended to simplify the housing search for Fall 2014. Further details can be found at www.uc.edu/sas/commuter [2].

The objectives of the event include:

- Increase awareness for the importance of safe and acceptable housing
 - Increase awareness of university and community services and resources
 - Motivate students to consider all aspects of independent living and to make informed decisions
 - Teach self-care practices
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2014 University of Cincinnati

Student Safe Housing Fair

Reservation Form

Wednesday, January 15, 2014

11:00AM- 2:00PM

TUC Atrium, 3rd Floor

Hosted By: UC Safe Housing Committee

Sponsored By: MainStreet

Organization/ Department: _____

Contact Person: _____

Address or UC Mail Location: _____

Email Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Indicate if you will need the following: Chair Electricity Parking Voucher
Tablecloth

Each organization/department will receive one 6-foot table.

Please return this form by Wednesday, December 18th

If you are an off-campus organization, a reply envelope is enclosed for the return of your completed form or you can fax the form to (513) 556-4543. On-campus departments and organizations can either fax this form or send via interoffice mail to ML: 0366. If you have any questions please call Erica Forrest at (513)556-6124 or email Erica.Forrest@uc.edu.



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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 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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